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Call for Contributions

Aims and Scope of the Periodical

The 'Yearbooks of the Institute of Spatial Planning' were initiated in 2013 at TU Wien to publish academic contributions on current topics in spatial research and practice. The general aim of the periodical is to promote knowledge exchange within planning and across related disciplines, as well as dialogue between the spatial sciences and planning practice. Each volume is organized around a focal theme. The periodical's scope is to encourage inter- and transdisciplinary exchange, locally and internationally. Early career researchers are particularly welcome to submit contributions, as the editors provide close mentoring and guidance throughout the process. This happens alongside a peer review procedure that meets international standards. Contributions can be submitted in English or German.

Focus and Themes of Volume 12

Resistance and Conflicts in Spatial Transformation

Keywords: transformation conflicts, spatial conflicts, planning, city, countryside, region, overcoming path dependencies, political economy, instruments, new planning approaches

Contributions to volume 12 of the Yearbooks will examine resistance and conflicts in various areas of spatial transformation (e.g. existing building stock development, housing, energy, transport, village renewal) from an empirical and/or conceptual perspective. They will discuss existing conflicts as well as strategies and instruments for overcoming them, propose new instruments, and present examples from the diverse fields of urban, municipal, and regional planning. Small-scale and regional conflicts are no less of interest than European or global forms of resistance and fault lines. Asymmetric power relations — for example, between urban development logics and the local needs of rural areas — may also be explored.

Open Topics

In addition to the focal theme, contributions on other pressing topics in current spatial research and planning science may also be submitted.

Submission of Contributions & Review

Possible formats include theoretical and empirical papers, practice-oriented work, and practice or research reports that are embedded in a scientific context that engage critically and reflexively with either the focal theme or an open topic. The length of the contributions ranges from 4,000 (minimum) and 8,000 (maximum) word; English- and German contributions are welcome; and visual supplements supporting the text (such as maps, plans, graphics or charts) are explicitly encouraged.

As above already mentioned, we particularly encourage early-career researchers and planners to submit contributions, as the editors will provide extra support in their publication endeavors.

The review process encompasses various stages: the review of and a decision on abstract submissions; feedback on the accepted abstracts; the review of and feedback on the submitted papers by external reviewers (double blind) combined with feedback by the editors. Where necessary or desired, comments and review results will also be discussed directly and in depth with the authors.

TU Wien Academic Press and the editors are committed to ensuring the highest quality of the publication. All quality management steps (e.g., academic integrity, plagiarism checks, peer review) can be found at this page: https://www.tuwien.at/academicpress/qualitaetssicherung/. All submissions (abstracts, papers) are subject to these standards.

Timeline

Abstracts (max. 300 words) may be submitted **until 15 June 2026**. Decisions on the acceptance of abstracts will be communicated by mid-July 2026.

Full papers may then be submitted **until 30 September 2026**. Review comments from the editors and results from external double-blind peer reviewers will be provided by mid-December 2026 at the latest. **Final revisions** are due **by 31 January 2027**.

The complete, copy-edited manuscript of volume 12 of the Yearsbooks will be submitted to the publisher by the end of March 2027. Expected publication date of the Yearbook: **May 2027.**

Please send your submissions and inquiries to: Michael Getzner (Michael.Getzner@tuwien.ac.at)

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