

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue: Urban freight, land use planning and public administration strategies

Well-being and economic growth are intertwined. Cities are the catalyst and engine of an innovation-based economy where new ideas represent the strategic input of production. It is no surprise that people tend to live in cities both in the developed and developing countries because this is where wealth is created, high quality services are available and life quality is comparatively higher with respect to other parts of the country. While this is true, one has also to acknowledge the negative impacts such a concentration produces in terms of congestion, accidents, polluting emissions and so on. To be attractive cities need to be well functioning and thus an adequate in flow of goods, intermediate and final, and outflow of exports and waste has to be guaranteed so much that modern lifestyle is heavily reliant on well-functioning supply chains and freight transportation systems.

Urbanisation is becoming more and more the manifestation of economic growth with rising percentages of city dwellers with respect to others living elsewhere.

Modern urban policies are trying to foster the implementation of a mobility paradigm prioritising non-motorised modes, public transport use and the regeneration of urban space. While these actions seem, prima facie, appropriate to increase city liveability, at the same time, the lack of integrated, passenger and freight, policies is evident. This makes even more strident the problems arising from the single level of intervention perspective often adopted by policy makers. When adopting a mid- to long-term view on urban freight distribution issues one cannot avoid acknowledging the strong impact city planning plays. Under this respect one could use, as a mere explanatory example, the discussion pertaining to the integration of warehousing and logistics activities into local and regional policies making and planning processes.

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Important Dates

Submission opens: October 1st, 2015

Deadline for submission of full paper: November 27th, 2015

Feedback from first-round reviews: March 11th, 2016

Deadline for re-submission of papers: July 1st, 2016

Feedback from second-round reviews (if required): September 12th, 2016

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Scope of the Special Issue

This Special Issue will foster the understanding of the role alternative planning approaches, sustainability perspectives and various priorities have in determining the type of policies implemented, the way they are discussed among the interested stakeholders and how they are likely to be accepted and impact on behaviour change.

This will be performed both by illustrating methodological innovations as well as presenting relevant case studies. Possible topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Sustainable Urban Logistics Plans
- 2) Urban freight transportation planning and rational decision-making processes
- 1) Planning practices and freight transport infrastructure and logistics sprawl
- 2) Project financing initiatives and infrastructure funding
- 3) Freight Planning and major urban infrastructure projects
- 4) Public space and land use planning
- 5) Freight demand uncertainty and planning
- 6) Logistic platforms and facility location planning
- 7) Integrated passenger and freight planning
- 8) Technology and business models

Submission Method

For this Special Issue, authors are encouraged to send their papers to: urbe2015_region@uniroma3.it. All submissions will go through standard double-blind peer-review process. For guidelines to prepare your manuscript, please visit: <http://openjournals.wu.ac.at/region/>

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