

Call for Papers

“New challenges for integrative urban development”

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The regionally very varied structural transformation of the economy and labour market, demographic changes and, last but not least, global developments that have caused people from a vast range of cultures to come to us as refugees, present cities and municipalities with new challenges. In the social spaces of the cities and municipalities these societal developments, which also influence urban development, cause changed conditions and new dynamics regarding opportunities for social integration and the risk of social disintegration. International, national and small-scale research projects have repeatedly demonstrated that these opportunities and risks are context-dependent and are influenced by developments on very different levels. This Call for Papers for the special issue “New Challenges for integrative urban development” is intended to attract papers that focus on these newly emerging challenges and their consequences for the groups active in various socio-spatial contexts.

In order to understand the challenges facing integrative urban development, a concept of integration is required that includes socio-spatial context. This is particularly clear in classical comparisons of urban and rural regions and growing and shrinking cities. Papers for the special issue are thus requested to discuss the integration concept they are using. The *integrative* urban development addressed by this special issue refers to more than the *integrated* development discussed in the context of administrative reform that aims to tackle “problems” in “problem areas” in a cross-sectoral fashion. From the very moment of defining the challenges, integrative urban development attempts to draw together the various perspectives from civil society, politics and the administration so as to capture the differentiated views of the groups involved in the design and development of the individual urban and social spaces. Further thoughts on integrative urban development are presented in an introductory paper in the special issue.

A scientific contribution to integrative urban development can be made by researching the individual conditions and processes and the factors that determine them. This requires consideration of the current challenges and the practices of the various actors involved, which influence urban and socio-spatial developments.

Possible issues and themes for the papers from current research may include:

- What effects do changing population ratios (in terms of age, ethnic background and social position) have on social cohesion in cities and in individual social spaces, and how are these effects being addressed?
- How do place of residence and residential environment influence the opportunities for social integration and the risk of failed integration for different population groups?
- Is it possible to identify changes resulting from the immigration of new groups, for instance changes in perceptions on both sides, in attitudes, and in behaviour in public spaces and in residential areas? If so, what changes?

- Are there particular factors that determine the integrative potential of a social space/neighbourhood facing the challenges presented by growing differentiation (local civil society, infrastructure, local economy, institutional frameworks, opportunity structures)?
- Are there recommendations arising from research findings concerning the improvement of existing education and labour market policy instruments on the neighbourhood scale and/or the strengthening of local bodies responsible for resources?
- What possible measures may be undertaken to promote local interactions and the transfer of resources in disadvantaged neighbourhoods through different actors?

Important information

This Call for Papers for a special issue of the journal "Raumforschung und Raumordnung | Spatial Research and Planning" invites interested researchers and practitioners to submit a paper within the presented framework. All contributions follow the usual review procedure; the date of publication is planned for early 2019.

Submission of all papers by 31 May 2018 online via the journal's website:
(<https://www.editorialmanager.com/rara/default.aspx>)

Please look at the instructions for authors:

http://www.springer.com/earth+sciences+and+geography/geography/journal/13147?detailsPage=pltcj_2632443

The review procedure should be completed by the end of 2018, publication is planned in the first half of 2019.

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