

City and Regional Food Systems
Planning and Design for Equity, Justice, and Power
Open Call for Submissions for a Special Issue of the *Built Environment* Journal

The journal *Built Environment* is pleased to announce a special issue and one-time award focused on scholarship on city and regional food systems in collaboration with the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York and Cardiff University.

Disciplines dealing with the built environment, including urban and regional planning, landscape architecture, and urban design, are rapidly engaging in scholarship and practice impacting city and regional food systems. City and regional food systems are networks that enable food to travel from source to plate across cities and regions. City and regional food systems involve a variety of actors that engage in diverse food-related practices, including the growing, processing, distribution, acquisition, preparation, and consumption of food, and the management of food-related waste. These practices unfold within the built environment of cities and regions in a variety of structures and spaces, and at varying scales. Urban and regional planning and design professionals are engaged in various efforts to strengthen city and regional food systems. For instance, a 2014 survey of members of the American Planning Association, the largest professional association of planners in the United States, illustrates that planning for urban agriculture is one of the main ways in which city governments are engaging in the food system. While this growing attention to city and regional food systems by planners and designers is critical, theoretical frameworks, strategies, and tools for the planning and design of food systems remain unclear and contested.

The *Built Environment* journal will publish a special issue to address how the growing engagement of the planning and design disciplines within city and regional food systems subverts, reinforces, or exacerbates inequities and injustices. Authors are invited to submit articles that explore how planning and design may be used to create and strengthen city and regional food systems, while explicitly considering imbalances in equity, justice, and power.

About the Special Issue

The guest editors, Samina Raja, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York and Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University, invite submissions from scholars from across the Global South and Global North. Manuscripts from early career scholars, including tenure-track faculty members, post-doctoral scholars, and doctoral students are highly encouraged. The special issue is expected to include 12 articles, not including the editorial. The issue is expected to be published by fall 2017.

Authors are welcome to write about one or more sectors of city and regional food systems. Articles may focus on scholarship that addresses food systems at varying scales, ranging from small towns to large cities and regions. Manuscripts must address the following:

- Concerns about inequities and injustices, including food, health, social, and economic inequities
- The interplay between city and regional food systems and the built environment
- Systemic and spatial exploration of city and regional food systems
- Concerns about those most marginalized stakeholders in the food system, including low-income populations, people of colour, marginalized workers in the food system, and/or refugees and migrants
- Ideas for change, including planning, policy, and design solutions

Prize for Early Career Scholar

Published papers by early career scholars will be considered for a Best Paper Prize. Early career scholars include tenure-track faculty (e.g. Assistant Professors), post-doctoral scholars, and doctoral students. The author of the winning manuscript will receive an honorarium of \$1000 (US), and the winning manuscript will be published as an Open Access article.

Submission of Abstract

To have a manuscript be considered for the special issue, interested authors must submit an abstract of no more than **300** words (not including references) to editors by November 14, 2016. The abstract must describe the thesis or research question, the research design and research methods, and report key findings and recommendations. The abstract must demonstrate the link between the article and the focus of the special issue on equity, justice,

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and power in food systems. References must be cited using the Harvard system. Abstracts must be submitted in a Word document by e-mail to foodsystems@ap.buffalo.edu. **The subject line of the e-mail must specify “[Author’s Last Name]: Built Environment Journal” and the abstract must be attached (in Word format).** Authors whose abstracts are judged to be a good fit for the special issue will be notified by November 21, 2016.

Submission of Manuscript

The full manuscript cannot exceed 5,000 words. Completed manuscripts will undergo a peer-review process prior to selection for publication. Complete manuscripts will follow the format and style of the *Built Environment* journal published by Alexandrine Press. Additional guidance will be provided to invited authors. Full manuscripts must be submitted no later than January 30, 2017.

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Questions

Send questions about *content* of the special issue to Samina Raja at sraja@buffalo.edu. Questions about the *submission process* should be directed to Enjoli Hall at foodsystems@ap.buffalo.edu. **Please use the subject line “Built Environment Journal” in all e-mail correspondence.**

Important Dates

November 14, 2016	Abstract due
November 21, 2016	Notification of abstract selection to authors
January 30, 2017	Full manuscript due
March 01, 2017	Notification of paper selection to authors
Fall 2017	Publication of issue