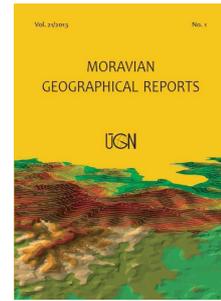


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announces the **Call for Papers** for a **Special Issue** on

Urban agriculture: New trends and challenges in the context of Europe



Background to the special issue

Urban agriculture has been generally perceived as an engagement in food production activities in or nearby cities and used to be practised by various stakeholders under different backgrounds, motivations and socio-economic conditions. Its role and position has been changing over time and also regionally. In some regions, the urban agriculture focuses rather on food production, subsistence and assurance of food security. Besides, a multi-functionality, an involvement in the green infrastructure, the urban resilience or the quality of life and other dimensions of the urban agriculture are being discussed at the European level. Several institutions focus on urban agriculture at an international level, e.g., Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) or Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF Foundation). Several projects and COST Actions dealing with the issue have been recently launched.

The planned Special Issue of MGR would like to resume the issue of urban agriculture and investigate and discuss it from a geographical perspective and in a wider context of the urban space transformation and renewal and the agricultural restructuring and multifunctionality. The aim of the Special Issue is to cover and evaluate the current state-of-the-art in the research conducted in many European countries in this field. Papers analysing the development of urban agriculture from a spatial perspective, mapping the current trends and challenges, and comparative studies covering more regions are welcome. A contribution of urban agriculture to the sustainable urban development, multifunctional or edible landscapes and green infrastructures, and to actual current societal challenges are especially welcome.

Suggested topics for the Special Issue include, e.g.,

- theoretical background and framing of the urban agriculture in the European perspective,
- mapping urban agriculture trends and current challenges in European countries or selected regions,
- relation between urban agriculture and city planning, especially green infrastructure, contribution to cultural heritage, biodiversity and climate change alleviation,
- urban-rural linkages of farming,
- urban agriculture case studies (regional analyses and spatial interactions),
- environmental, economic, social and functional aspects of urban agriculture: models, analysis, spatial visions, critical approaches.

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