

## Letter from the Editor

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This special issue of the Canadian Journal of Regional Science is devoted to regional science and the environment. This represents a further exploration of the nature of, and of the perspectives that are appropriate within, the domain of regional science. The Canadian Journal of Regional Science has focused more and more on broader interpretations of what constitutes regional science, on the grounds that regional science can deal with the structure and dynamics of human phenomena within geographic space, at a variety of scales of analysis. This implies the need to explore the different issues that accompany the transformation of our economy and society, through a variety of methodologies all aimed at improving our understanding and appreciation of human phenomena in space. In the special issue, a selection of environmental considerations are developed, and all deal with aspects of environment associated with other themes that have been prominent in the Canadian Journal of Regional Science in the last few years, notably international trade and free trade zones, municipal reorganization and its costs and advantages and urban planning, as well as other themes that begin to emerge, such as greenhouse gas emission and climate change.

Given the Journal's increasing emphasis on policy implications of work in the regional science domain, it is worthwhile pointing out that all of the contributing authors to this special issue discuss the policy implications of their work. The contribution of several different disciplines is again evident, emphasizing the interdisciplinary nature of regional science issues. In this particular special issue, the authors come from geography, planning, political science and economics.

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