

Transactions of the Association of European Schools of Planning

An open-access AESOP Journal

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Aims and scope of the Journal

Transactions of the Association of European Schools of Planning is an international peer-reviewed open-access journal, produced and owned by AESOP, Association of European Schools of Planning. The journal aims at promoting excellence in planning education and research, a key goal for AESOP. It will support and disseminate scholarly work of the highest quality, covering the whole spectrum of the discipline, particularly those produced by AESOP members or participants of AESOP events and activities. By expanding the already rich opportunities for networking and scholarly dialogue that AESOP offers via annual congresses, thematic group activities, and specialist meetings such as the Heads of Schools workshops, *Transactions* serves as a platform for the planning community to share research, innovative practices, and provocative thoughts among peers.

The journal follows a genuine open access publishing model: it is free of charge to submit a paper and to publish in *Transactions*. Accepted papers are accessible online, to everyone, for free.

Transactions intends to cover a combination of contributions from different AESOP events and activities. Invited papers by members of AESOP are featured in each issue to help stimulate discussions on education and research agenda as well as to contribute to the dissemination of our community's ongoing debates and efforts in promoting excellence in planning. Articles developed from AESOP congress papers, from AESOP prizes, such as Best Congress Paper Prize winners and nominees, Excellence in Teaching Prize winners, and from AESOP Thematic Group conferences, seminars and workshops are welcome in the journal. In addition, the journal is open to submissions from all scholars who would like to share their research in the planning discipline.

All manuscripts are subject to a double-blind peer-review process.

Editorial Team

Currently, the main editorial work for Transactions of the Association of European Schools of Planning is being carried out by the Working Group of Transactions. The Working Group consists of (in alphabetical order):

Ela Babalik-Sutcliffe, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

Andrea Frank, Cardiff University, UK.

Nikos Karadimitriou, University College London, UK.

Olivier Sykes, University of Liverpool, UK.

The Working Group is supported by an Editorial Board, consisting of (in alphabetical order):

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Beata Banachowicz, University of Lodz, Poland.

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Juliet Carpenter, Oxford Brookes University, UK.

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Alex Deffner, University of Thessaly, Greece.

Sebastian Dembski, University of Liverpool, UK.

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Ferhan Gezici, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey.
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Davide Ponzini, Politecnico di Milano, Italy.
Frédéric Santamaria, Université Paris Diderot, France.
Paulo Silva, University of Aveiro, Portugal.
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Content of the First Issue:

The first issue of the Transactions of the Association of European Schools of Planning is planned to be published in 2017 April. This inaugural issue contains an essay from Rachelle Alterman as well as five contributions on a wide range of topics. All the papers published in this issue had initially been nominated for the Best Congress Paper award by the AESOP Congress track chairs in 2014 and 2015. The content of the first issue is as follows:

Editorial

Working group of Transactions of the Association of European Schools of Planning (Ela Babalik-Sutcliffe, Andrea Frank, Nikos Karadimitriou, Olivier Sykes)

Introduction

Anna Geppert, the President of AESOP

From a Minor to a Major Profession: Can Planning and Planning Theory Meet the Challenges of Globalisation?

Rachelle Alterman

Co-Production of Knowledge: A Conceptual Approach for Integrative Knowledge Management in Planning

David Brian Kaiser, Thomas Weith, Nadin Gaasch

Limits of Localism: Four Dimensions of Power

Ali Madanipour

EU Governance and EU Cohesion Policy. Reflexive Adaptation or Inconsistent Coordination?

Stefan Telle

Challenges and obstacles in the production of cross-border territorial strategies – the example of the Greater Region

Antoine Decoville, Frederic Durand

Global Student Mobilities and the Making of Planning Cultures: A Conceptualisation Based on the Case of Bangladesh

Kirsten Hackenbroch

Tasks that have been carried out for the production of the Journal

Contacting Best Congress Prize nominees and review of papers received:

The working group for the Transactions of AESOP contacted the Best Congress Paper (BCP) nominees from the 2014 Utrecht and 2015 Prague Congresses to invite them to submit their papers for publication. All potential authors were informed that the Journal is a double-blind, peer-reviewed journal, and that their paper would be subject to peer-review and hence publication depended on the outcome of that review. All papers received were sent to referees, drawn from the Editorial Board members for review. Review and revision procedures continue for some papers which are planned to be incorporated in the second issue.

Language editing:

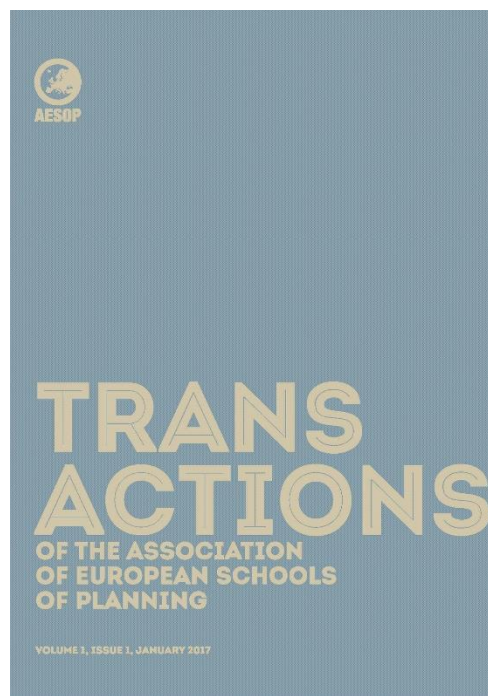
It has been decided and (provisioned for in the budget) to have all submitted articles proofread by a professional language editor, in order to ensure a high standard for the Journal. After gathering proposals and bids from two different language editors, Dr. Bertie Dockerill was chosen by the Working Group. Dr. Dockerill has made the language editing of the articles of the first issue, and the proofs have been sent to the authors for them to check and agree the corrections and edits.

DOI numbers for articles:

Digital object identifier (DOI) numbers are required for each article before publishing. For this purpose, CrossRef has been contacted as one of the platforms that provide DOI numbers. For obtaining DOI numbers, the institution that owns the publication must become a member of CrossRef and pay membership fee. Coordination and cooperation have been made with the Young Academics Network for their Journal PlaNext, and it has been found out through correspondence with CrossRef that one membership is enough for obtaining DOI numbers for both journals (Transactions and PlaNext). AESOP Secretary General and Treasurer have since applied for membership, and AESOP has obtained CrossRef membership, allowing the association to assign DOI numbers to its journal articles.

Journal cover / logo / identity:

Alternative design concepts have been developed by a designer (Cinzia Ferrara from Ferrarastudio Design) who works for the University of Palermo. This service was provided for free thanks to Professor Francesco Lo Piccolo, the vice-president of AESOP. The cover page of the Journal will be as follows:



Journal layout design:

Professional publishing and graphic design companies have been contacted for the design of the layout of the articles. This task includes the design of a template for articles (to be used in-house for later issues) (taking AESOP identity guidelines and cover page design into consideration), applying the template to all articles, bringing all tables and figures to a standardised format and style, and then compiling all elements as a complete issue to be published online. After taking quotes from three different companies, the Working Group decided to work with Kırmızı Tasarım based on the quotes and portfolio of previous work.

Online publishing:

While AESOP is in the process of deciding which platforms to use for hosting its online publications, it has been decided to create a page on the AESOP website for the Transactions of the Association of European Schools of Planning. Currently, there is a page under construction for AESOP Journals, to temporarily host them. The first issue of Transactions will be uploaded here, and it will be possible to download the complete issue as well as each article separately.

It should be noted that the original intention of AESOP was to have the majority of the publishing tasks (journal identity/concept development, cover page design, layout design and typesetting, obtaining and assigning DOI numbers, webpage design, etc.) as well as hosting the journal itself, carried out by InPlanning. However, the Working Group for Transactions has been asked to explore alternative means for publishing the Journal, and as a result, the above tasks are now being carried out by the Working Group. This has inevitably resulted in a delay in the publication. Nevertheless, the quotes obtained for all the above tasks do not point to any budget overruns as explained below.

Budget and financial report

In March 2016, the AESOP CoRep has approved a budget of **5390.00 EUR** for Transactions to be used from March 2016 to March 2017. This included:

2000.00 EUR of Start-Up investment (including development and discussion of concept; design of format and templates; and implementation)

3390.00 EUR for the publication of one issue (including publication cost for 6 articles, with DOI numbers for articles, copy-editing cost for 6 articles, and maintenance fee of the site/server).

No expenses have been paid as yet, since the publication was slightly delayed due to uncertainties regarding the company to provide the publication services.

Nevertheless, publication procedure is going ahead (with the Working Group carrying out the above tasks and contracting out services as needed); and **expenses are to be made within the next weeks** corresponding to the tasks described in this report. These are as follows:

Copyediting & Language editing: Copy-editing cost was estimated to be 1100.00 EUR for one issue (6 articles) in the original budget proposal. The actual cost of this task turned out to be 780.00 EUR for the first issue.

DOI numbers for articles: The annual fee for CrossRef membership is 229.17 USD. This is the lowest fee, which applies to institutions that make no revenues from their publication. This fee covers all AESOP publications (journals) that will need DOI numbers for articles. In other words it will cover both Transactions and the PlaNext Journal by the Young Academics. Therefore, AESOP agreed to pay this annual fee from its annual budget (i.e. it has not been met from the budget of either of the journals).

ISSN code for the journal: The ISSN code can be obtained for journals once they are published. This procedure will start once the first issue is published.

Journal cover / logo / identity: Journal cover has been designed by a team in the University of Palermo free of charge thanks to the contacts of Professor Lo Piccolo, the vice president of AESOP.

Journal layout design: This task is to be provided by a publishing and graphic design company that uses professional design software. Quotes have been received from three different companies for the design of a template for articles (which can be used in-house for later issues too), the application of the template to all articles, bringing all tables and figures to a standardised format and style, and compiling all elements as a complete issue to be published online. The Working Group made a choice based on the quotes and portfolio of the companies regarding their previous work. The task will be made by Kırmızı Tasarım for 944.00 EUR for the first issue.

Online publishing: The Journal will be launched and published online at the AESOP webpage, therefore not requiring an additional expense. No hardcopy publication is to be made since this is an open access online journal.

The above figures show that the publication of the first issue together with the launching of the journal will cost **1724.00 EUR**. Around 270.00 EUR is estimated for any unforeseen expenditures that may occur in the launching of the journal. This indicates that the journal will be launched and the first issue published for around 2000.00 EUR in total. This is below the estimated (and approved) budget of 5390.00 EUR, which was based on quotes available at the time. This outcome is partly due to the free service offered for the cover design, free webpage to be hosted by AESOP, and the tasks being carried by the Working Group.

Budget for 2017 March – 2018 March

This period is likely to include costs for two issues (Issue 2 and 3). There is an intention to set up and use an Open Journal System; which would be used by both Transactions and PlaNext. Notwithstanding that possibility, (and taking into consideration that the setting up of the OJS system may be done after the pilot phase is over), the following estimations are made for the upcoming two issues, based on the experience from the first issue:

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| - Copy-editing cost for 2 issues: | 1000.00 EUR* (per issue) | 2000.00 EUR for 2 issues |
| - Layout design of 2 issues: | 1000.00 EUR** (per issue) | 2000.00 EUR for 2 issues |

(*copy-editing costs depend on the length of papers and the quality of language, which may require revisions.)

(** the layout design will cost less for the upcoming issues, because template design will already have been made; however, the costs depend on the number and complexity of figures in each issue; and therefore an estimate of 1000.00 EUR per issue is made.)

In addition, it has been approved by CoRep in March 2016 that in order to set up a sustainable management infrastructure for the journal, editorial assistance would be crucial to oversee and manage contacts with authors, reviewers, publisher, etc. on a part-time basis. It was estimated as 2000.00 EUR annually (90 hours per annum @ 22.00 EUR per hour).

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| - Editorial assistance cost: | 2000.00 EUR annually |
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TOTAL for 2017 March – 2018 March

6000.00 EUR

For the first year, 5390.00 EUR was approved by CoRep in March 2016. Only 2000.00 EUR of this (and possibly even less) is likely to be spent over the next weeks for the completion of the first issue and the launching of the journal. Therefore, 3390.00 EUR will be saved from the first year budget proposed; and transferred to the second year. Hence the Working Group asks for an additional **2610.00 EUR** for the upcoming year to complete the second and third issues, i.e. to complete the pilot phase.

(See the attached project proposal for more details on the budget.)