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# Assessing the spatial and policy contribution of economic (e)valuation

## Impacts of economic valuation on policies and spatial planning

The wide range of economic valuation instruments and frameworks such as benefit-cost analysis (BCA), multicriteria analysis (MCDA), and regional impact analysis, as well as environmental valuation methods such as contingent valuation (CV), hedonic pricing and travel cost studies, provide a sound informational basis for public policies and spatial planning (e.g., infrastructure planning) from different perspectives and methodological backgrounds.

The economic perspectives, complemented with rich information on social and ecological dimensions of policies and projects, however, may often be ignored in actual decisions in land use planning and infrastructure policies.

The special issue of 'The Public Sector' therefore aims to shed more light on the importance and significance of the economic approach in concrete policies and programs:

- Significance of economics valuation instruments and frameworks in policy decisions;
- Importance of environmental valuation in infrastructure planning;
- Spatial planning and its linkages to economic valuation instruments, methods and frameworks;
- Economic aspects and assessments in urban development and infrastructure planning;
- The relevance of the spatial dimension in economic valuation instruments and methods;
- Consideration of spatially relevant social and ecological aspects in economic valuation methods.

Specifically, we are interested in papers dealing with projects and policies that both ignore as well account for economic valuation and impact assessment studies, and that show the relevance of economic information in planning and decision making.

Theoretical and empirical papers are equally welcome! Papers presenting case studies on the use of economic assessment and valuation results in planning can also be considered for publication.

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The timetable for this special issue is:

June 30, 2017	Deadline for the submission of abstracts
July 20, 2017	Notification of acceptance, invitation for full papers
Oct. 15, 2017	Deadline for submission of full papers ⇒ start of review process
Nov. 15, 2017	End of reviewing process ⇒ information for authors
Jan. 15, 2018	Final deadline for revised papers
March 2018	Publication of the special issue (open access und print)