

Focus of the Proposed Special Issue on *Home spaces and wellbeing: how one's living space and neighbourhood relate to wellbeing.*

Likely content of Special Issue and relevance for the journal of Wellbeing Space and Society:

This special issue will showcase research exploring the associations between wellbeing and various dimensions of 'home spaces', including the immediate surroundings in the local neighbourhood. These may include (but are not exclusively limited to):

- housing conditions and the physical environment;
- the social and cultural setting of home spaces;
- symbolic and cultural significance and experience of home spaces;
- home spaces as places of work;
- the significance of virtual spaces as part of the 'home space'
- disruption in the home space because of extreme weather, natural disasters, pandemics or conflict;
- home space across the life course;
- historical or future home spaces as determinants of wellbeing.

We expect that some papers may relate to research carried out during the global COVID-19 pandemic, some of which may explore the significance of home spaces for wellbeing under pandemic conditions. However, this call is not restricted to papers with this focus. We are hoping that this special issue will have a broader focus, for example, including papers exploring historical or future home spaces as determinants of wellbeing. We also hope to include papers reflecting the links between wellbeing and home spaces in diverse ethnic and cultural settings, and in different parts of the world. Consideration of how experience of home space relates to individuals' cultural, ethnic and gender identities would also be very relevant to this call. We anticipate that the special issue will reflect a wide range of empirical methods and theoretical approaches.

Wellbeing Space and Society is a recently established journal, edited by the Lead Editors of the well-established journals Social Science and Medicine and Health and Place.

The content of the proposed Special Issue will be relevant to aims of the journal (as outlined on the Journal website [Wellbeing, Space and Society - Journal - Elsevier](#)) including its focus on themes such as:

- the difference that space, place and location make to wellbeing;
- the wellbeing of places
- the shaping of wellbeing and wellbeing inequalities in places
- the relevance for policy of relationships between wellbeing, place and space.

Outline timetable for preparation of the Special Issue:

July 2021 – August 2021

- Special Issue Editors disseminate the call for papers via suitable networks
- potential contributors submit their paper proposals by 31st August 2021

September 2021 – Special Issue Editors finalise and submit the Special Issue proposal for consideration by the Journal Editors.

October 2021 – March 2022 (assuming agreement on our Special Issue plan by the Journal Editors and Publishers)

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- Liaise with authors over submission of papers (by 31st December 2021, although there may be some flexibility over submission dates for some papers) and with the WSS Editorial team to arrange peer reviews, author response to reviews etc;
- Editors decide re acceptance of papers for publication, based on the outcome of peer review;
- Special Issue editors to provide an overview as an introduction to the special issue, in light of the content of accepted papers;
- Liaise with WSS editorial office over publication of the Special Issue during 2022.