

Urban Planning

Open Access Journal | ISSN: 2183-7635

<https://www.cogitatiopress.com/urbanplanning>

2025, Volume 10, Volume 2

Editor(s):

Birgit Hoinle (University of Hohenheim), Alena Birnbaum (University of Kassel), and
Petra Lütke (University of Münster)

Submission of Abstracts: 1-15 June 2024

Submission of Full Papers: 15-31 October 2024

Publication of the Issue: April/June 2025

Special Issue: Perspectives on Food in the Sustainable City

Representative of the growing awareness of pressing social, political, planning, and environmental issues in the food context, such as sustainable and fair food system design, is the thematic boom around the research field of food geographies. They open a critical view on current food production, preparation, and consumption relations in urban contexts from a geographical perspective and integrate also decolonial, feminist, and intersectional approaches. The shift of food policy to the urban level forms one of many solutions to current debates on the negative impacts and social injustices of food production, consumption, and waste.

By signing the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact in 2015, hundreds of cities recognized the importance of food as a significant urban system and its necessary socio-ecological transition(s) for achieving urban sustainability goals. In this context, public catering (food provided in public municipal entities) can be seen as 'leverage point' for transitions toward sustainable food systems. Similarly, civil society initiatives, such as food policy councils, demand for democratic participation in the decision-making processes on local food systems. Also, they call for 'food justice' in the sense of overcoming postcolonial power relations in urban foodscapes that led to exclusions from access to fresh, healthy food for disadvantaged social groups due to interlinked factors, such as class, gender, race, and age.

The aim of this thematic issue is to discuss the importance of food geographies for the research of social-ecological transition processes of the food system for a sustainable city. Hereby, the field of food geographies with its methodological approaches at the interface of different disciplines is to be critically assessed and new interdisciplinary perspectives are to be opened up.

Instructions for Authors:

Authors interested in submitting a paper for this issue are asked to consult the journal's instructions for authors and submit their abstracts (maximum of 250 words, with a tentative title) through the abstracts system ([here](#)). When submitting their abstracts, authors are also asked to confirm that they are aware that Urban Planning is an open access journal with a publishing fee if the article is accepted for publication after peer-review (corresponding authors affiliated with our institutional members do not incur this fee).

Open Access:

The journal has an article publication fee to cover its costs and guarantee that the article can be accessed free of charge by any reader, anywhere in the world, regardless of affiliation. We defend that authors should not have to personally pay this fee and advise them to check with their institutions if funds are available to cover open access publication fees. Institutions can also join our Membership Program at a very affordable rate and enable all affiliated authors to publish without incurring any fees. Further information about the journal's open access charges and institutional members can be found [here](#).

Dr. Petra Lütke
Department of Geography
University of Münster
Heisenbergstr. 2
48149 Münster
Germany
petra.luetke@uni-muenster.de

Dr. Birgit Hoinle
Institute of Social Sciences in
Agriculture
University of Hohenheim
Schloss Museumsflügel
70599 Stuttgart
Germany
birgit.hoinle@uni-hohenheim.de

Alena Birnbaum, M.Sc. Human Geography
Department of Landscapeplanning
and Communication
University of Kassel
Gottschalkstr. 26
34127 Kassel
Germany
alena.birnbaum@asl.uni-kassel.de