

## CALL FOR PAPERS

***Baltic Worlds'* Special Section on Economic conditions for inhabitants in the Baltic Sea Region:**

# Challenges and opportunities for livelihoods and businesses in coastal areas, archipelagos and islands in the Baltic Sea Region

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### CfP

Over the last decades, concerns about the special challenges faced by inhabitants and business owners in the Baltic Sea Region has accelerated as reports about depopulation, ageing population, increasing socio-economic gap between coastal rural areas and urban areas, and not the least, pollution of the marine environment in the Baltic Sea continue to raise the interest of the public and authorities at regional, national and European level.

In previous studies, contextual, spatial, geographic, institutional, political, technological, environmental and social pre-conditions for social cohesion, economic development and solutions to environmental challenges in rural and less favored areas, have thoroughly been highlighted. However, our understanding about the special conditions of coastal areas, archipelagos and islands, especially in the Baltic Sea Region is still scarce. We therefore openly invite scholars addressing social-technological, spatial, geographic, economic and environmental challenges and opportunities for living, working and conducting businesses in coastal areas, archipelagos and islands in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR). We like to encourage papers with empirical evidence and theoretical insights through original research and review articles addressing the following issues:

- Contextual/institutional challenges, opportunities and arrangements that are specific for living, working and conducting businesses in the BSR
- Risk, uncertainty and ambiguity concerning living, working and conducting businesses in the BSR
- Strategies (from below) to meet challenges and opportunities concerning living, working and conducting businesses in the BSR
- Case studies, comparative studies and theoretical contributions about living, working and conducting businesses in the BSR
- Spatial dimensions of living, working and conducting businesses in the BSR
- Institutional controversies and the role of policy in the BSR
- Population issues and debates in the BSR
- Challenges and opportunities surrounding the use of local natural resources in the BSR

- The construction of local identities
- Stakeholder analysis connected to living, working and conducting businesses in the BSR
- The interplay between living, working and conducting businesses in the BSR and environmental challenges
- Cases of, or grounded concepts for socio-technical systems that serve societal or environmental improvements in the BSR
- Historical aspects connected to living, working and conducting businesses in the BSR
- Epistemological, methodological and ethical aspects of studying livelihoods and businesses in the BSR

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#### Deadlines

Submission of abstracts:	15 <sup>th</sup> of June 2018
Note of acceptance of abstract:	21 <sup>st</sup> of June
Submission of full manuscripts:	1 <sup>st</sup> of October
Final revised manuscripts:	1 <sup>st</sup> of February
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