

'ERDKUNDE – Archive for Scientific Geography'

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1. About ERDKUNDE

ERDKUNDE is an **international, peer-reviewed, open access journal** that welcomes submissions from across the **whole spectrum of physical geography, human geography or their intersections**. The journal publishes innovative research output in different formats such as full research articles, commentaries, data papers and critical reviews of new geographical publications.

Since foundation by Carl Troll in 1947, 'ERDKUNDE – Archive for Scientific Geography' has established as one of the very few international geographical journals that are **independent from commercial publishers** and offer **publication free of charge to authors**.

All manuscripts are subject to a rigorous double-blind peer-review procedure prior to publication. A timely review process is facilitated. All submissions are published online first, rapidly after acceptance. The journal is indexed in the ISI Journal Citation Report, Clarivate Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Clarivate Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Norwegian Social Science Data (NSD), Earth Science Database (GEOBASE), COS GeoREF.

2. Types of publications

ERDKUNDE considers publications covering the whole range of geography, but only research that presents original, not previously published work.

ERDKUNDE regularly publishes research in the following formats:

Full research articles are expected to make original and substantial theoretical-conceptual, empirical and/or methodological contributions to geographical research. They can vary in length from 5,500 to 10,000 words. In exceptions, longer articles may be submitted upon prior approval by the editorial management.

Commentaries are shorter pieces that can cover critical reflections on emerging geographical debates and perspectives or offer insights into emerging research. Commentaries are preferably 1,500 to 3,000 words long.

Individual data papers offer the possibility to archive data and statistical codes, preferably associated with a separate research article.

Critical reviews reflect upon new geographical publications – most commonly, but not restricted to, books.

The editorial board is **open to the submission of innovative and creative additional output formats**. Please contact the editorial management to discuss your ideas prior to submission.

3. Special issues

ERDKUNDE publishes special issues on themes across the whole spectrum of geography. Special issues should include at least five articles and an introduction by the guest editors. Double issues are an option. Please contact the editorial management to discuss your ideas prior to submission.

4. Preparing your manuscript

4.1 General considerations

All considered articles will be subject to a rigorous double-blind peer-review procedure.

Please suggest 4-6 potential reviewers.

Please submit a digital version of your manuscript including all figures and tables (preferably in pdf format) via email to the ERDKUNDE editorial management.

4.2 Order of presentation

Manuscripts should be arranged in the following order of presentation:

Title

With x figures, x tables and x photos

Author's name

English and (if possible) German summary

Keywords

The authors are requested to assign up to six keywords. To ensure crosslinks between the articles in our archive, at least one regional (if applicable) and one thematically keyword should be chosen from the [GEODOK Thesaurus](#).

Main part of the text including figures and tables and captures and containing consecutively numbered footnotes. However, footnotes should be avoided wherever possible. Where essential they must be designated in the text by superscript Arabic numerals in continuous sequence. Lines should be numbered consecutively.

Acknowledgement (where applicable)

List of references

Authors title, name, affiliation and address.

4.3 Style of presentation

Lines and pages should be numbered consecutively throughout the entire manuscript.

Authors would greatly assist the editorial staff by setting up their typescript, headings, abstract, acknowledgements, notes, references, etc., exactly in the manner of recent issues of the ERDKUNDE.

Font type: Garamond (11 pt)

Line spacing: 1.5

Chapter headings: Headings should be placed on the left-hand side of the text; all main headings and subsequent headings should be preceded by Arabic numerals (1, 1.1, 2, 2.1 etc.)

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- **Article in a collected edition:**

CONZEN MP (1978) *Analytical approaches to the urban landscape*. BUTZER KW (ed.) *Dimensions of human geography: Essays on some familiar and neglected themes*: 128–165. Chicago.

HARRIS CD (1992) *Areal patterns of cities through time and space: Technology and culture (the nature of cities further considered)*. *Colloquium Geographicum* 22: 41–53. Bonn.

HARTKE W (1959) Gedanken über die Bestimmung von Räumen gleichen sozialgeographischen Verhaltens. STORKEBAUM W (ed) (1969) *Sozialgeographie*: 162–186. Wege der Forschung 59. Darmstadt.

SCHULTZ H-D (2002) Großraumkonstruktionen versus Nationsbildung: Das Mitteleuropa Joseph Partschs. Kontext und Wirkung. BROGIATO HP; MAYR A. (eds): *JOSEPH PARTSCH - Wissenschaftliche Leistungen und Nachwirkungen in der deutschen und polnischen Geographie*: 85–127. Beiträge zur Regionalen Geographie 58. Leipzig.

- **Article in a journal:**

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BOHNERT JE, MATTINGLY PF (1964) Delimitation of the CBD through time. *Economic Geography* 40: 337–347.

- **Internet sources:**

RICHTER S (2003) Der Nachlass von Carl Troll im Archiv des Geographischen Instituts Bonn - Online-Findbuch. Bonn. <http://www.giub.uni-bonn.de/archiv/NLTroll/1NLCITitelbl.html>

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