

Call for Papers – *Social Networks* Special Issue

Topic – Integrating Social Networks and Spatial Analysis Methods

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Description - Social network and spatial analytic methods are two distinct but related approaches to formally incorporating context as a focal point of study within a variety of research fields. These two approaches to capturing "context" share several parallel concepts (e.g., distance, clustering, etc), and see the non-independence of actors as important factors to be explored, rather than simply analytic challenges to overcome. Building on the momentum for combining these two perspectives that was evident at a recent conference on the intersection of these approaches (www.capturingcontext.org), we have joined with the editors of *Social Networks* to assemble research that further advances their integration into a special issue.

We expect that the included papers will be selected based on their contributions to improving our understanding of the synergy between social networks and spatial settings, as well as an awareness and acknowledgement of the previously published work upon which each paper builds. Priority will be given to papers with a clearly articulated conceptualization of coupling these strategies, with the potential to inform either: (1) sound theoretically-driven empirical research or (2) new methodological or technical advances.

Specific Research Topics of interest include (but are not necessarily limited to):

- Effects of spatial proximity on the probability of social tie formation or the quality of social ties
- Networks of social ties among spatially defined area or groups
- Effects of local social networks on physical environments and vice versa
- Effects of social networks on spatial relocation and vice versa
- Interactions between social network position and spatial location for determining outcomes of interest (e.g. resource transfer, behavior, health)

Submission Requirements:

We encourage authors to **submit extended abstracts of 2 to 4 pages by October 1st** - via email to one of the special issue editors (addresses below). Extended abstracts should include a clear description of the question to be answered and the data to be used, along with key references to the relevant literature. Authors who prefer to send a full paper in place of an extended abstract may do so. Extended abstracts will be evaluated for overall strength and for their fit with the special issue topic. Authors invited to submit full papers will be asked to do so by the end of the year, with completed papers due early in 2010 for review by a Special Issue editor, two peer reviewers, and the Editors of *Social Networks*. Format requirements are available on the *Social Networks* webpage (http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/505596/authorinstructions).

Important Dates:

October 1, 2009 – Extended Abstract Due

November 1, 2009 – Invitations Issued for Full Paper Submissions

January 31, 2010 – Full Paper Submission Due

March 31, 2010 – Initial Review Decision

May 1, 2010 – Revised Papers Due

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