

Landscape Research Call for Commissioned Reviews on Landscape Futures



As part of a new series of Commissioned Review Papers (commenced in 2017), the Editorial Team of the journal *Landscape Research* is seeking expressions of interest for our second commissioned review, which this year will focus on the topic of 'landscape futures'.

This call follows the successful publication of our first commissioned review titled "Defining Landscape Justice: The role of landscape in supporting wellbeing of migrants, a literature review", authored by Shelley Egoz and Alessia De Nardi and published in Volume 42 of the journal. That Review responded directly to the first of the Landscape Research Group's (LRG) strategic priorities, "Landscape Justice", as outlined in the LRG's *Research Strategy*, launched in 2017.¹

This second call for a commissioned review connects with the second priority outlined in the LRG's *Research Strategy*, which seeks to tackle "rapid environmental change". This priority has emerged in response to "a pressing need to review human-nature relations, and to secure more sustainable ways of living in a radically changing environment" (LRG Research Strategy 2017: p.9). Moreover, it is committed to research that advances the field in the following ways (see p.10):

1. Identifies and understands the transformative landscape effects of environmental change;
2. Recognizes and develops the opportunities inherent in change for positive landscape development;
3. Helps to deliver paths to the future which are both environmentally and socially sound.

We therefore see this priority as one that asks big and influential questions about the futures of landscape and landscape futures. We anticipate that our call will allow us to identify key thinkers and leading scholarship in the field, as well as clarify the field of enquiry and establish important new directions for research. It will also enable us to continue to tackle, head-on, critical global challenges relating to landscape, as commenced by the agenda-setting review article penned by Egoz and De Nardi.

The Commissioned Review:

Landscape Research invites applications for a small research grant of up to £2,000 to support the production of a peer-reviewed paper that responds to the theme of 'landscape futures' and complies with the following criteria:

- Provides a comprehensive review of the literature on landscape futures or the futures of landscape (or on a clearly defined sub-field);
- Helps to further define 'landscape futures' and develops frameworks for understanding this area of scholarship;
- Critically assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the field (e.g. in terms of approaches, conceptual frameworks, methodologies and so forth); and
- Identifies research gaps and future research directions.

Timing

Deadline for submission of applications for funding: 1st November 2019

Decisions notification: 29th November 2019

First submission of paper: 30th April 2020

Peer review completed: 29th May 2020

Revised manuscript: 31st July 2020

The Commissioned Review should adopt a similar format to a Critical Review Article and adhere to the journal's word limit of no more than 7000 words, inclusive of tables, references, figure captions and endnotes.

How to apply

Please complete and submit the application form (see below) by email to Professor Emma Waterton (e.waterton@westernsydney.edu.au).

Please note: Commissioned reviews will be independently peer-reviewed in keeping with the journal's peer-review policy

¹ Please see the LRG's Research Strategy: <https://landscaperesearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/LRG-Research-Strategy-2015.pdf>.

Application form

Applicant's family name	
Applicant's given name(s)	
Applicant's title	
Affiliation	
Address for Correspondence	
Email	
Title of Proposed Review:	
Brief Summary of Proposed Review (300 words max.)	
How does the review fit the call and align with the research priority of 'rapid environmental change', as outlined in the LRG's research strategy?"? (500 words max.)	
What methods will you use to ensure that the review adequately captures and summarizes the relevant literature on your topic? (300 words maximum)	

In what ways is the review original? Please explain briefly how it builds on existing literature and why there is a need for this take on the topic (500 words maximum)

Please explain which academic communities/stakeholders are likely to find it useful (300 words maximum)

Please indicate how you will comply with the timetable specified in the call

Please sign your application to confirm that you understand, and will comply with, the terms and conditions set out in the call, and that you have read and understood the arrangements for payment below.

Signature:

Arrangements for payment:

Payment of the grant will be made in stages i.e. 25% on confirmation of the award, 50% on submission of the paper by the due date, and 25% on final acceptance of the paper for publication. Landscape Research reserves the right to withhold any part of the payment if the deadlines are not complied with, or if the paper is not recommended for acceptance by independent peer reviewers.