

JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY

Call for Papers: **Policy Responses to Megatrends in Regional Australia**

The *Journal of Economic and Social Policy* (JESP) is an interdisciplinary scholarly journal that publishes conceptual, theoretical and empirical research aimed to advance the understanding of economic and social policy.

Following the recent release of our special edition on [Research and Policy in Regional Australia](#), JESP is now calling for papers to be considered for a 2014 special edition, titled **Policy Responses to Megatrends in Regional Australia**. As for the 2013 Special Edition, this volume will be linked with the SEGRA National Conference, with the guest editors being Dr Susan Kinnear (CQUniversity) and Kate Charters (Chair, SEGRA National Steering Committee).

The focus of this year's Special Edition will be global and national megatrends, their impacts on regional Australia, and the policy responses that will be necessary to enable regions to respond appropriately. The interpretation of megatrends is broad, including but not limited to the topics of:

1. Growth in the community services and health sector
2. Food security and agribusiness
3. Markets in education, skills and training
4. Aging
5. Changing consumer preferences
6. Clean Energy
7. Personal wealth and Finance; and shifts in international economic power
8. Disaster management
9. Increased urbanization
10. Technological breakthroughs

The Editors will also consider other subject areas, where it can be clearly evidenced that the topic is worthy of the title 'megatrend'. JESP welcomes a cross-section of contributions from academics, students and practitioners from private and public organisations. Prospective authors should consider preparing a manuscript that can clearly:

- describe the megatrend of choice, providing evidence on both scope and scale
- demonstrate how the megatrend is, or might be, manifesting in regional Australia (including rural and remote communities)
- provide insight on the policy responses that will be necessary across different levels of government, in order that regions can respond to the megatrend whilst retaining or building resilience and sustainability.

Papers must be anchored by reference to data and other empirical evidence rather than be solely based on commentary. Case studies are also very welcome, so long

as these must demonstrate a strong connection with insights for new or changed policy.

About JESP

JESP is an online and open access journal, available at <http://epubs.scu.edu.au/jesp>. Articles published in JESP are HERDC reportable and are catalogued by APAIS, Informit and the EconLit databases.

All papers will undergo a double-blind peer review by a board of renowned academics tailored to this special issue. Final acceptance of approved papers will be contingent on incorporating reviewer's feedback to the satisfaction of the editors.

Deadlines and submission guidelines

Please note the following deadlines:

Call for papers open	4 April 2014
Final date for manuscript submission	8 August 2014
Authors advised of the outcome of review	1 October 2013
<i>SEGRA 2014</i>	<i>7-9 October 2014</i>
Final date for revised manuscripts	1 December 2014
Anticipated publication of the Special Issue	30 January 2015

Manuscripts should adhere to the submission guidelines available from the JESP website: <http://epubs.scu.edu.au/jesp>, and be submitted online at: <http://epubs.scu.edu.au/jesp>.

Authors are welcome (and encouraged) to submit abstracts for editorial feedback prior to preparing a full manuscript. However, prior submission of an abstract does not guarantee acceptance in the Special Edition.

Linkage with SEGRA 2014

Upon acceptance in the JESP special issue, it is expected that at least one author **registers to attend and present the paper** at the 19th National Conference of SEGRA, which is to be held on 7-9 October 2014 in Alice Springs.

More information on SEGRA is available at www.segra.com.au.

A limited number of scholarships for conference registrations will be made available to research higher degree students who are studying in the area of regional policy, and who have their paper accepted in the JESP special issue.

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