



Call for Papers

Environmental Conservation Themed Issue on *Biodiversity Governance in Central and Eastern Europe*

The transition to a market economy, democratisation and accession to the European Union have challenged countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) to undertake significant political and policy reforms, including in the governance of biodiversity. As many of these countries are substantially biodiverse, it is of wide interest to assess their success in establishing governance regimes that can protect biodiversity effectively and legitimately.

This thematic issue will explore the harmonisation of national legislation in the new member states with European Union policies and directives, considering also how European policies are influencing biodiversity governance in neighbouring CEE countries. It will aim to shed light on how the Europeanisation of environmental governance and emergence of multi-level governance structures has transformed environmental politics, conservation and environmental conflicts. In doing this, the thematic issue will strengthen the evidence-base on the functioning and performance of biodiversity governance in new EU member states and neighbouring countries.

The purpose of this thematic issue is to generate one of the first collections of articles on Central and Eastern European biodiversity governance. Papers can take the form of case studies, comparative studies, or thematic / geographical reviews but the editors will prioritize strong empirical contributions. Submitted papers must focus on Central and Eastern Europe. They may target, but are not limited to:

- The emergence of multi-level biodiversity governance frameworks and the implications for environmental politics in the region;
- Forms of and experiences with public participation in biodiversity and environmental governance;
- Implementation and effectiveness of biodiversity governance, including protected area designation and the implementation of management strategies or plans therein.

Guest Editor

Professor Jouni Paavola (University of Leeds)

Submission Guidelines

Only original and unpublished high-quality research papers are considered and manuscripts must be in English. Manuscripts must be submitted to the journal at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/envcon> in accordance with our Instructions for Authors, which are available at <http://tiny.cc/iv6kg>. **You must provide a cover letter indicating that the submission is for the issue on “Biodiversity Governance in Central and Eastern Europe”.** If this is not supplied, or if too many/insufficient papers are accepted for a particular theme, they will be published as regular submissions in the journal. All papers will undergo a rigorous peer-review process - that they are part of a themed issue (solicited or not) does not guarantee acceptance.

Important Dates

Manuscript submission deadline: 1st February 2012,

Publication of themed issue: around December 2012 (to be confirmed)