

Call for Applications  
**ARL International Summer School 2022**

“Exploring Spatial Justice in times of disruptions”  
WED 24 August - SAT 27 August 2022, Stockholm



The event is jointly organized by:

ARL - Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association

Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University

*The ARL – Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association in cooperation with Stockholm University is inviting applications for the ARL International Summer School 2022 on “Exploring Spatial Justice in times of disruptions”, which will take place from Wed. 24 August to Sat. 27 August 2022 in Stockholm (arrival is scheduled for 23 August 2022). Doctoral students from all relevant disciplines are invited to apply. The summer school will be held in English. The deadline for applications is 14 March 2022.*

## THE ISSUE

The concept of spatial justice encapsulates a number of diverse theoretical, political and normative strands. It sheds light on the way resources are allocated across different types of localities and how spatial patterns influence, enhance or confine people in their opportunities. Inevitably, space plays a crucial role in the reproduction of structural inequality, since the space in which we live limits or enhances individual or group-based opportunities and capacities. Scholarly work points not only to the mechanisms, limitations and implications of redistributive efforts focused on spatial justice, but also to the extent to which related planning and development work is based upon fair, democratic, collaborative and transparent processes.

The concept of spatial justice also provokes a re-think of contemporary substantial challenges of territorial development, such as the growing disparities between prosperous cities and regions and those that assumedly do not matter (anymore), or access to different types of infrastructures and services of general interest. We live in times with a number of fundamental disruptions and huge transformations, triggered by the ongoing pandemic, the search for effective and just climate change responses and the ongoing fourth industrial revolution – to name just a few. This renders the importance of the quest for understanding the implications for spatial justice greater than ever. Hence, with this Summer School we want to offer a forum for early career researchers to discuss issues related to the notion of spatial justice.

## POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The ARL is organizing its International Summer School 2022 in cooperation with the Department of Human Geography at Stockholm University. Doctoral students will have the opportunity to discuss conceptual, methodological and empirical contributions that explore the notion of spatial justice and related perspectives. We invite – but do not limit – contributions from early career researchers who have a particular interest in:

- theoretical, normative or philosophical discourses around the notion of spatial justice;
- historical, postcolonial or political economy perspectives in relation to spatial justice;
- explorations into the procedural and/or distributive dimension of spatial justice;
- implications of technological advancements (e.g. AI, smart city, smart mobility, digitalization) on spatial justice;
- implications of the Covid-19 pandemic (or other types of global (natural) hazards) for spatial justice;
- empowerment of (disadvantaged) social groups to achieve justness in urban and regional planning;
- (un-intended) reproduction of social inequality through spatial planning;

- critical feminist perspectives on gender, ethnicity and class and how they impact spatial justice;
- the quest for spatial justice in relation to e.g. a) migration and demographic issues, b) the strive for equal living conditions and accessible and affordable services of general interest, c) growth and shrinkage of different types of territories and urban-rural relations;
- the implications of recent policy initiatives by the EU and its Member States e.g. in the light of a 'Just and Green Europe', the Just Transition Fund or different strands of Cohesion Policy;
- climate justice and territorial development.

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS



The **ARL – Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association** (Akademie für Raumentwicklung in der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft) is an independent, non-partisan institution for the spatial sciences under public law and is based in Hanover (Germany). The ARL offers knowledge-based analysis and advice on current sustainable spatial development issues. The ARL's network of eminent experts from science and practice carries out research and knowledge transfer activities within the Academy's joint working

committees, thus offering important insights and findings for the future-oriented development of spatial structures and the political and planning measures necessary for shaping them. Moreover, with the [new interactive knowledge and communication platform](#), which is unique in this format, the ARL is making a significant contribution to the active shaping of the European Research Area in the field of spatial and planning science.

The ARL International Summer School 2022 will be held in cooperation with the **Department of Human Geography** at Stockholm University (Sweden). **Stockholm University (SU)** was founded in 1878. SU is one of the world's top 100 Higher Education Institutes (Shanghai Ranking), with about 34,000 students, 1,600 doctoral students and 5,000 employees. It is the region's centre for higher education and research within science, the humanities and the social sciences.



## THE VENUE: Stockholm University

The ARL International Summer School 2022 will take place at the campus of Stockholm University, situated within the Royal National City Park in the northeastern part of the City of Stockholm, Sweden.

## THE PROGRAMME

Our aim is to stimulate discussions, gain insights and develop new research questions around the subject of this year's summer school. Participants will have the opportunity to present their research and receive individual feedback from a number of participating international scholars. In addition, keynote speeches by distinguished academics in the field of spatial justice offer the opportunity to intensify the debate and develop further research ideas. The programme is complemented by a field trip and social activities.

## PARTICIPATION

The summer school takes a critical and interdisciplinary approach to the study of spatial justice. We invite doctoral students with a background in geography, urban and regional studies, European studies, political sciences, sociology, spatial planning, public administration, social design and related fields. We accept up to seven participants in a competitive application process. The ARL sponsors the accommodation and travel costs for all participants. A participation fee will not be charged. Selected participants are expected to submit an academic text (3000 to 4000 words) before the summer school (deadline: 25 July 2022). The text should synthesize the main aspects of the presentation that you are expected to give during the Summer School. As academic institutions, the organizers encourage academic publications and aim to compile a special issue in an international peer-reviewed journal on the theme of the summer school. Hence, participants are asked to afterwards develop their academic texts into an academic journal paper.

## CONTACT & APPLICATION

Your application should include a motivation letter (max. 1 page), a short CV (max. 1 page) and an abstract of the presentation that you intend to present (max. 400 words). Selection criteria are thematic relevance (in relation to the overall theme of the Summer School) and the quality of the abstract. Please submit your application **by 4 April 2022**.

Email applications are particularly welcome. Please send your application (compiled in one PDF file) to [greinke@arl-net.de](mailto:greinke@arl-net.de).

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You will receive notification of acceptance by the end of April 2022.

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**We look forward to receiving your application!**