

## Editorial

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It is my pleasure to introduce the September issue with the theme ‘Urban, Regional and Small Area Statistics.’ Associate editor, Asta Manninen is the guest editor. She compiled the issue in collaboration with Teodora Brandmuller and Klaus Trutzel on behalf of the Standing Committee on Regional and Urban Statistics (SCORUS). SCORUS is an important part of the IAOS and we are happy to have this opportunity to learn more about what goes on in the field of regional and urban official statistics.

Asta Manninen also did a tremendous job managing the review process for papers we received in response to a ‘Call for Papers.’ She hails from Finland. You will learn more about her background and professional career in the interview with Katherine Condon, our interview editor.

You will also find a conversation with David Wong and our interview editor, Nancy Torrieri. David Wong is a professor in the Department of Geography and GeoInformation Sciences at the George Mason University. The conversation explores the intersections of geography and statistics, two disciplines that share approaches, methods and technologies. The views and opinions expressed in the interviews and conversations are those of the interviewees and do not necessarily reflect the policy or position of the Journal, nor IAOS or IOS Press.

The issue has additional manuscripts on a range of topics. These include the challenges of using administrative data in the production of official statistics. Lagarto, Delgado, Paulin and Capelo focus on Portugal and Laurila, Eskelinen and Sisto bring us some insights from Finland. Related topics are covered such as imputation for missing values (Takahashi, Iwasaki, and Tsubaki) and methods for producing synthetic data (Nowok, Raab and Dibben). In 2016, we published several manuscripts on fabrication. We follow up here with a paper discussing civil liability fraud in academic publishing (Guerra-Pujol). We also have a paper related to data collection. The use of tablets to collect data in the sixth General Census of Population and Housing (RGPH) in 2018 in Algeria is discussed by Bourezgue.

Finally, the theme of the June issue (Counting the Youngest Among Us) is continued here with a manuscript by Ed Kissam. Kissam reviews a range of issues which arise in generating reliable estimates of the differential undercount of a large and important U.S. population: Mexican immigrants and their children. Kissam argues that children growing up in Mexican immigrant households in the U.S are disproportionately undercounted in the decennial census less as a result of being “forgotten” or left off a household’s census form as from the housing conditions in immigrant settlement neighborhoods of the communities where they live.

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