

GEOGRAPHY OF RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

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Abstract:

We invite papers that address the geography of research collaborations and communities, for a session that aims to take stock of current research on the topic and improve common understanding of the geography of scientific work and its (inter)national relations. This topic is timely, as current societal challenges -such as the inter-related pandemic, biodiversity and climate crises- are global problems which require international collaboration. At the same time, political developments such as Brexit are influencing the dynamics of collaboration across Europe, while global inequalities are asking for more critical approaches to internationalisation of research (Liscovsky, 2021). As such, understanding the ways in which international research collaborations and communities emerge and are maintained over time is key, including the emergence and ‘placing’ of research fields: how are the practices and discourses of disciplines spatially/geographically grounded (Meyer and Hodgson 2016; Vermeulen, 2018)? Next to an international variety of case studies, we are also especially interested in a variety of methods to understand the geography of research, including interactions between STS and geography and the combination of qualitative and quantitative understandings of collaboration and field formation and the geographical spaces they inhabit and construct (Maisonobe, et. al., 2017).

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