<u>**Call for papers**</u>
Special Section for *Canadian Geographies*:
Spatial Approaches, Methods, and Technologies for Inclusive Cities and Societies

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Building upon the successful session "Mapping the Edges of Inclusivity" at the Canadian Association of Geographers 2024 Annual Meeting, this Special Section of Canadian Geographies aims to extend the conversation on the critical role of spatial approaches and methodologies in creating inclusive cities and societies.

The conference session explored the concept of "edges"—the intersections where spatial technologies meet societal needs, highlighting the potential of these technologies to deepen our understanding and engagement with diverse populations. The papers presented showcased innovative research using GIS, remote sensing, machine learning, and participatory mapping to analyze and address challenges, particularly those affecting marginalized groups.

This special section is designed to explore more deeply these evolving edges, pushing the boundaries of our understanding of inclusive spaces and places. Our goal is to collect a diverse range of contributions that embody innovation, inclusivity, and critical engagement with spatial technologies. By presenting approaches that range from data collection and spatial analysis to policy implementation, we aim to demonstrate the transformative potential of these technologies in shaping more inclusive cities and societies.

We invite contributions that showcase how spatial technologies can transcend traditional research boundaries by centering communities and addressing pressing societal challenges. Submissions reflecting a commitment to participatory, community-driven research and inclusive spatial methodologies, especially those embracing small "n" research, are particularly welcome.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Theoretical, methodological, and empirical advancements in geospatial approaches that drive inclusive urban transformations
- Accessible and inclusive mobilities
- Justice-oriented spatial research
- Crowdsourced and participatory GIS for engaging underrepresented communities and perspectives, including small "n" spatial research methodologies
- Retrospective and future-oriented geocritical cartographies

Papers to be considered for the special section are due **Monday January 6th,** and must be submitted directly to the journal via Manuscript Central for peer review. All submission must adhere to the Author Guidelines English and French.

For questions about the special section, please follow up directly with Drs. Fast and Deitz: victoria.fast@ucalgary.ca and shiloh.deitz@slu.edu.

Authors of papers will have the opportunity to present their research at a follow-up special session at the CAG 2025 Annual Meeting, hosted by Carleton University May 20-23 2025. This session will further explore the intersections of spatial technologies and inclusivity, fostering continued dialogue on these critical themes.