

## **SPECIAL ISSUE**

on

## **UNIVERSITIES AND INNOVATION**

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### **SCOPE**

In the 21st century, innovation is a key driver of economic development. Universities have the potential to play and do play a key part in this process. This special issue seeks to analyse this from both a theoretical and empirical perspective and one that encompasses all countries and areas of the world. In all models of innovation universities play an important role. In the linear model of innovation research often begins in the university. In the triple helix model the university is one of the key partners in the innovation process. Yet the role of the university is changing, with universities and individual academics becoming more entrepreneurial, and with university research becoming more interdisciplinary. In many cases too universities are becoming more closely aligned with industry. Yet in many areas of the world universities are not living up to their potential and in particular their impact on the economy of their region or country is limited. The nature of innovation is also changing and increasingly combines research from several scientific disciplines. The special issue seeks to cover all these issues and more.

## TOPICS

Specific topics include, but are not restricted to:

- Universities in regional innovation
  - University Industry links
- Theoretical and empirical models of innovation
  - Universities role in knowledge transfer
  - The changing nature of universities
  - The changing nature of innovation
  - Innovation and economic development
  - The role of institutions in innovation
- Specific examples or case studies of university inspired innovation
  - The role of universities in the developing world
    - Innovation policies
  - The impact of innovation on universities

### • KEYWORDS

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