

Call for Papers

Special Issue of *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*

Disaster Planning and Logistics

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Under the incoming Editor-in-Chief, Vedat Verter, *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences* will publish a special issue on “disaster planning and logistics”.

In wake of the recent natural disasters, such as the Haiti earthquake and hurricane Katrina, disaster planning and logistics have become increasingly important. Quantitative techniques can be applied to a variety of problems that arise in this domain. A broad categorization of these problems is (i) pre-disaster planning, which deals with problems such as pre-positioning supplies so as to facilitate response once the disaster actually hits; (ii) decision making during disaster relief efforts, which deals with redeployment of relief resources in response to how the disaster is actually evolving; and (iii) humanitarian logistics, which deals with how different players interact with each other to coordinate a disaster relief effort. This special issue welcomes papers that contribute to these areas or any other aspect of disaster logistics. The aim is to publish a state-of-the-art collection of papers that showcase the application of quantitative techniques to a broad spectrum of problems in the area of disaster planning and logistics.

All manuscripts should be submitted electronically via the Elsevier Editorial System (EES) <http://ees.elsevier.com/seps>. You must select Article Type as **Disaster Planning and Logistics** to make sure that your paper will be considered for the special issue. The EES will open to submission on June 1st, and the deadline for the special issue is **November 1, 2010**. The plan is to publish the special issue in early 2012. Researchers from all relevant disciplines are invited to consider this special issue as an outlet to publish their quality work on this topic of increasing significance. Inquiries on the special issue can be directed to the guest editor, Rajan Batta, at batta@buffalo.edu.