

Special Issue

Genealogies of Place: Place (Re)naming and Heritage-Making in the Global East

Message from the Guest Editors

Critical place-name studies and critical heritage studies have both experienced spectacular developments in recent decades. Scholars working in critical place-name research (also known as “critical toponymies”) have departed from traditional approaches, rooted in historical linguistics focused on documenting etymological sources of place names, and have embraced social theory to reconceptualize place names as power-driven means of spatial inscription, memorial arenas, and vehicles for projecting upon the territory values, meanings, and symbols underpinned by particular ideological agendas (Azaryahu, 1996; Berg and Vuolteenaho, 2009; Rose-Redwood, Alderman, and Azaryahu, 2010).

During the period of post-socialist transformation, Central and Eastern Europe and post-Soviet Eurasia have been a “hot spot” for toponymic research (Rusu, 2021; Giraut and Houssay-Holzschuch, 2022).

However, in recent decades, the People’s Republic of China (PRC) has also experienced an upsurge in heritage (Blumenfield and Silverman, 2013; Zhu and Maags, 2020) that has remained under-explored,

This Special Issue is open to receiving interdisciplinary perspectives.

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