

The Geographical Journal

Call for Papers

Special Issue on *High Mountains – Environment and Development*

1953 witnessed the first ascent of Everest. The report of this expedition was reported in *The Geographical Journal* – it is a much sought after volume of this journal amongst booksellers, explorers and collectors alike. It seems fitting therefore that we publish a special issue in 2003 to mark this occasion and to reflect on various aspects of the environment and development in high mountain environments the world over.

We are in the process of signing up a guest editor for this issue of the journal. In the meantime we encourage authors to submit papers on any aspect of environment or development in high mountain environments. What do we mean by the 'high mountains' rather than simply 'mountains'? We would really like to focus on mountain environments over 3000 metres above sea level. This means the focus will partly reflect:

- the achievement of scaling Everest;
- that communities above 3000 metres are ecologically and (often) economically marginal; and
- these environments are very vulnerable to climate change.

We will not stick rigidly to the altitudinal limit, but provide it for guidance. We are particularly interested in links between high mountain environments and lower altitudes – be they environmental, economical and demographic links.

How to submit a paper

You can either e-mail a short précis of a paper (simply a structure and an aim for the paper would be sufficient) or submit a full paper. In the case of a précis we will provide a decision within two weeks if this is the type of paper we are looking for.

Papers should be no more than 6,500 words in length for this special issue. Artwork etc is in addition to this limit. (This will allow us to publish more papers than normal in the special issue.)

All papers will, as normal, be referred by at least two internationally recognised experts in the field.

All papers should be submitted through the Editorial Office at the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) by **July 31st 2002**.

For more detailed submission guidelines visit:
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