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The agenda of Geographica Helvetica is related to the specificity of Swiss geography as a meeting ground for different geographical traditions and languages (German, French, Italian and, more recently, a type of transnational, mainly English-speaking geography). The journal aims to become an ideal platform for the development of an informed, creative, and truly cosmopolitan geography. The journal will therefore provide space for cross-border theoretical debates around major thinkers – past and present – and the circulation of geographical ideas and concepts across Europe and beyond. The journal seeks to be a platform of debate also through innovative publication formats in its section “Interfaces”, which publishes shorter interventions: reflection pieces on major thinkers as well as position papers.

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These special editions assemble contributions with strong theoretical orientations that represent state-of-the-art discussion on approaches to social geographic matters. Special account is taken of the theoretical interfaces of the related scholarly fields, including their respective philosophies of science. “Special Edition Social Geography” is international in scope and aims in particular at enhancing scholarly discourse between different thought traditions. Antje Schlottmann and Matthew Hannah act as guest chief editors for the annual “Special Edition Social Geography”. The editors welcome suggestions for thematic issues.

