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Professor Ronald John Johnston OBE, FAcSS, FBA (1941–2020)

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We are sad to announce that Ron Johnston, a Professor of Geography at the University of Bristol for more than 20 years, has passed away at the age of 79 after a short illness.

An expert in the history of human geography, as well as extensive use of quantitative methods in urban social research, he was one of the most prolific and influential geographers of his time, having published more than 800 papers as well as 100 books (including his bestselling *Atlas of Bells*). He received a number of awards including an OBE for services to scholarship, the Murchison Award and Victoria Medal from the Royal Geographical Society and a lifetime achievement award from the Association of American Geographers, among others.

Ron's breadth of research meant that he published papers in all of the Environment and Planning series during his lifetime, and he was a co-editor of *Environment and Planning A* for many years. Ron contributed to *Environment and Planning B* in various forms over the last three decades including guest editorials, research papers on topics that include segregation and classification of household types as well as critical and timely book reviews. Reading these book reviews again, one realizes that his critical perspective stemmed from an honest love of geography, coupled with a vast knowledge of its history and an understanding of the actors who have shaped geography as a discipline.

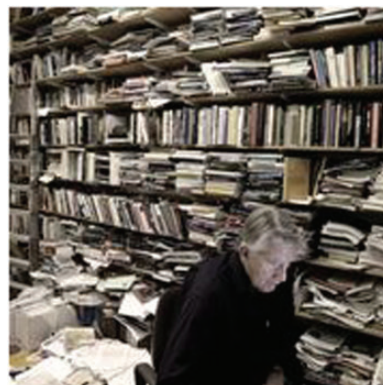


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Ron's last paper in *Environment and Planning B* appeared in November 2018 in a special issue organized with Professor Richard Harris on 'Conceptualizing, modelling, and visualizing residential segregation': <https://doi.org/10.1177/2399808318782703>. In memory of Ron's contributions to *Environment and Planning B* during his lifetime, this paper has been made open access for 2020.

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