

Call for Special Issue [May 2025]

As one of the leading international journals on social work and social policy SW&S invites Guest Editors to propose a SW&S.Special Issue.

A proposal should be related to the general aim and key aspects of Social Work & Society: SW&S is dedicated to critical perspectives on the (inter-)relationships of social work, social policy, welfare state and economic forces: It focuses on current social and political transformations in all parts of the world that challenge social work, as the ongoing inequality in the distribution of wealth, resources and opportunities and the dissolving of the welfare regimes are strongly affecting the users of social services and raise new questions about social solidarity and the role of social work in these processes. To handle these new challenges, SW&S aims to provide critical analysis on exclusion, oppression, and poverty in the interest of justice and social solidarity (see also <https://ejournals.bib.uni-wuppertal.de/index.php/sws/mission>).

Submissions for special issues should contain:

- Title of the special issue.
- A Proposal (1-2 pages) for the special issue including the aims of the special issue, the current stage of research and a short placement in the general focus of the Journal.
- Name and affiliation of the Guest Editor(s) and a brief CV.
- A timetable.
- A list of potential contributions: There are **two options** for preparing a special issue:
 - a) You send us a list of authors that have agreed to submit a contribution to the special issue.
 - b) Or/and you prepare a draft call for papers (one page) and some potential invited contributions.

More information for accepted special issues:

- **Peer review policy:** The SW&S-Journal is a peer reviewed journal (double blind). It is published two times a year. Submissions need to be read by at least 2 external reviewers in the first instance.
- **Organization of the review process:** The Guest Editors propose two external reviewers per article to SW&S. The SW&S Co-Ordinating Office will manage the whole review process. You will be expected to check proofs and provide an editorial to be published in the special issue.
- **Technical Format:** The Guest Editors ensure that the authors use our basic style sheet (compatible with Libre/Open Office and Microsoft Word). You can find the guidelines and the template at <https://ejournals.bib.uni-wuppertal.de/index.php/sws/information/authors>
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Proposals have to be sent to the SW&S.Co-Ordinating Office: office@socwork.net (Prof Fabian Kessl, Dr Marie Fruehauf; University of Wuppertal/ Germany).