



Sociological Research Online Call for Editors 2023-2025

The BSA and SAGE are seeking new Editors for the journal *Sociological Research Online* (SRO), for a 3-year period from January 2023 to December 2025.

SRO was launched as the first online-only peer-reviewed sociology journal in 1996. As one of the first journals to make electronic publishing a reality, it innovated new ways of publishing and communicating.

'We are sad to be stepping down from Sociological Research Online at the end of our three year tenure, and do so with reluctance due to pressure from other institutional responsibilities. This has been a fantastic experience, resulting in two pioneering publication formats – Sociology in Action and Beyond the Text –, a rise in quality submissions and an increase in interdisciplinary papers that demonstrate the relevance of sociological research and thinking across the broader spectrum of scholastic engagement.'

Working with the BSA and SAGE has been a real pleasure and reaffirmed our conviction that journals have the potential to foster new and creative communities that respond to a changing world informed by our discipline. We are keen to support the incoming editorial team and look forward to seeing their own journey with this wonderful Journal.'

Kahryn Hughes, Editor in Chief

Ned Coleman-Fountain, Greg Hollin, Jason Hughes, Lucie Middlemiss and Anna Tarrant, Editors

SRO is poised to again take on major change and development with the opportunities of open access publishing, rapid technological development, and significant social change and uncertainty. The BSA and SAGE are looking for editors who are interested in exploring and tackling change and innovation with SRO.

The journal publishes high-quality applied sociology, focusing on theoretical, empirical and methodological discussions that engage with current political, cultural and intellectual topics and debates. Articles are concerned with the application of sociological forms of analysis to a wide range of public issues and private concerns, thereby demonstrating the wide social relevance of sociological research and theory to understanding contemporary social issues.

Recently the journal has launched a number of new initiatives aimed at publishing sociological research in new ways. We are looking for editors who will support, promote and develop the Sociology in Action and the Beyond the Text sections of the journal. More detail about both of these can be found below.

The editors will shape the future intellectual profile of the journal and will drive its development. In so doing, they will make an important contribution to the work of the BSA in promoting sociological research, to SAGE's profile in sociology journal publishing, and to the wider discipline of sociology.

About the role

We are looking an Editor in Chief and 5-6 Associate Editors.

The Editor in Chief (could also be a team to 2 EiCs) role takes on the leadership of the team – leading on the vision, managing the editorial team, representing the journal, and weighing in on ethical issues or disputes.



Editorial responsibilities include the following:

- Developing the national and international profiles of SRO
- Overseeing the peer review process and making editorial judgments on what is to be published
- Working with the Editorial and Associate Boards
- Reporting to the annual Editorial Board meetings
- Understanding and helping to shape relevant current and future trends in the fields catered to by the journal
- Augmenting the journal's social media presence, working with the BSA to publicize content, and enhancing the reach, standing and significance of the journal
- Representing SRO at national and international conferences and other relevant events
- Representing SRO within the BSA

The BSA provides financial support to the Editorial Team to offset the expenses incurred in journal business. The BSA does not provide buy out.

All Editors will be members of the BSA throughout their term of office and have a commitment to the Association and to sociology.

All BSA journals, SRO included, are supported by BSA and SAGE staff for publishing expertise and administrative support with the Manuscript Central/ScholarOne system.

To Apply

Contact [Alison Danforth](#), BSA Publications Manager, for a pro forma and to discuss the role.

Deadline for applications: Tuesday 8 November 2022



Sociology in Action

We are publishing a new article type for Sociological Research Online, titled 'Sociology in Action'. Sociology in Action papers are an opportunity for researchers to publish shorter, peer-reviewed pieces which present emerging evidence in embryonic or experimental research – research which is too early in its process for a full research article, but which nevertheless presents interesting data and discussion.

This publishing area will be a space wherein emergent research approaches can be presented, new themes identified, and embryonic data can be discussed. We are particularly keen to diversify our international submissions. This area is intended to facilitate *introducing* rather than *concluding* research. We also welcome contributions from Early Career Researchers.

Submissions for this area

- Undergo a double blind peer review process and authors will have the opportunity to engage in further dialogue post-publication
- Be suitable for CVs, satisfy funding requirements, and support promotion prospects
- Stimulate sociological debate and dialogue

Pieces may address the following:

- New sociological agendas, questions and projects
- A commentary on existing work
- Emergent and possibly speculative data and findings
- Identify new sociological themes and debates

Submission and Format

- Sociology in Action pieces should be between 2000 - 4000 words
- Submissions should be submitted as a Word document and include a title, abstract, main text and bibliography. The piece should present a clear argument.
- Figures and tables may be included, either as separate files or as part of the Word document.

Above all, we would like submissions that provoke conversation. This will address one of the aims of the Journal which is to foster sociological communities and engagement, and stimulate debate.

Chinese Square-Dancing: A Description of Group Cultural Life

Jun Yang, Tianli Qin

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/13607804221096687>

The Extent of Résumé Whitening

Didier Ruedin, Eva Van Belle

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/13607804221094625>

How the First COVID-19 Lockdown Worsened Younger Generations' Mental Health: Insights from Network Theory

Mattia Vacchiano

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/13607804221084723>

Exploring the Promise and Limitations of Autonomous Online Timelines to Understand Experiences of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Jaime Garcia-Iglesias, Nigel Lloyd, Imogen Freethy, Nigel Smeeton, Amander Wellings, Julia Jones, Wendy Wills, Katherine Brown

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/13607804221084341>

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Normal Island: COVID-19, Border Control, and Viral Nationalism in UK Public Health Discourse

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Beyond the Text

We are excited to launch a new article type for Sociological Research Online, titled *Beyond the Text*. *Beyond the Text* submissions will provide an opportunity to publish innovative and creative work which is often generated as a product of social science research, or produced as an expression of research participation, collaboration and output. This new publishing area will provide a unique space for such creative research outputs and a platform wherein research participants, artists and producers can be acknowledged for their work in a formal context. As a free to use area in Sociological Research Online, these creative outputs will be accessible to people and organisations beyond traditional Higher Education contexts, often those with whom the research output has been produced. This new publication area provides a sustainable, accessible space for work which is often only shared with the key stakeholders of research, yet which has tremendous potential for impacts beyond those contexts.

The new article type was proposed by the journal Editors at an Editorial Board meeting in November 2020, and shortly afterwards a working group was formed to take the project forward. The BSA, SAGE, and the journal Editors would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of the group members in seeing *Beyond the Text* through to launch. We extend our sincere thanks to those who helped to bring this special issue and new section together:

Kahryn Hughes, SRO Editor-in-Chief
Geraldine Brown, SRO Editorial Board Member
Tim Butcher, SRO Editorial Board Member
Edmund Coleman-Fountain, SRO Editorial Board member
Ian Lamond, SRO Editorial Board Member
Helen Lomax, SRO Editorial Board Member
Sophie Belfield, BSA Publications and Social Media Coordinator

This article type will launch with a special issue available from the journal website shortly:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/SRO>