



# Sociology Special Issue

## Call for Proposals

BSA journal *Sociology* has a long history of publishing special issues and the Editorial board invites proposals from the sociological community for our next, innovative special issue.

The journal publishes one special issue per volume normally; special issues are chosen by the Editors and the Board from proposals. The proposed special issue should be exciting, engaging and offer new insights into the specific topic area, as well as to sociology as a discipline – this can be through theoretical, methodological, conceptual or empirical innovation. We also welcome innovation in terms of the format and style of contributions.

The Editorial Board welcomes proposals for special issues from prospective guest editors to be submitted by **26 September 2024, 17:00 BST** for consideration by the Editorial Board.

### Focus and rationale

- 1) Please clearly describe the focus of your proposed special issue and the reasons you think it is particularly timely, relevant, innovative, important, etc.
- 2) Please explain how the proposal fits with the remit of the journal. See the journal's statement of aims and scope: <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/soc>
- 3) Please identify which parts of the sociological community you expect to be interested in your special issue.
- 4) If you wish the special issue to consider papers that were originally presented at a specific conference, seminar or other event, you should provide details. (But please note that all Sociology special issues include an open call for submissions and these would be considered alongside any papers from an event.)
- 5) Please indicate any international dimension to your proposed special issue.
- 6) Indicate the mix, style and nature of the format of contributions.

### Proposed content

Please describe the types of content that you wish to see in the special issue. If there are any papers from recent events that you would like to encourage for the special issue, please include a description.

The journal and the BSA expect all special issues to include a diversity of voices and perspectives. The journal asks all special issues to use an open call for papers in order to open up opportunities for submission from a broad range of UK and international scholars. The BSA will support distribution of the Call for papers and guest editors are also expected to distribute the call for papers to a variety of networks. Please indicate how you will reach a broad range of networks to encourage diverse submissions.

We strongly encourage special issues from beyond UK boundaries.

As well as traditional research articles, special issues should include an editorial. Special issues may also include book reviews and symposia and other types of manuscripts such as interviews or think pieces. Please indicate the types of manuscripts that you would like to



see in the special issue. *Sociology* publishes around 12-14 articles in each special issue (editorial and book reviews are additional).

\*Please note that all submissions are subject to the normal peer review practices of the journal and acceptance is subject to satisfactory peer review reports. Peer reviewers will include members of the Editorial Board as well as additional subject-experts.

#### **Publication Schedule**

A timetable for peer review and publication will be drawn up by the journal and guest editors for any accepted proposal. A special issue resulting from this call will likely publish in 2027.

#### **Previous Editorial Experience**

Please include a short description of each Editorial Team member, indicating all previous experience of editing journals, special issues of journals, books and other types of content. Previous experience of providing peer review and working to publication deadlines is an important consideration for the Editorial Board.

We strongly encourage guest editorial teams that include early career scholars, diverse perspectives and that build capacity and opportunities for colleagues looking to build their experience of editing.

Guest Editorial Teams will work closely with the Chair of the Editorial Board and BSA Publications staff on any accepted special issue.

#### **Deadline for applications**

Thursday 26 September 2024, 17:00 BST

Proposals should adhere to the guidelines above and should not exceed three pages in total. Completed proposals should be sent as email attachments to Selina Hisir, BSA Publications Coordinator at [selina.hisir@britsoc.org.uk](mailto:selina.hisir@britsoc.org.uk)