



Work, Employment and Society Special Issue

Call for Proposals

WES is seeking proposals for special issues bringing together and highlighting work on important topics for the sociology of work and employment.

Deadline for proposals: Tuesday 10 December 2024, 17:00 GMT

Proposed Content

We look for special issues proposals that aim to make a contribution to the sociology of work and employment, bring new insights to classic themes, address gaps in theory and/or highlight emerging topics.

We encourage special issues of research papers using a variety of methods and approaches that have a broad, international appeal both for authors and readers. The journal and the BSA expect all special issues to include a diversity of voices and perspectives. The successful proposal will open a call for abstracts in order to attract submissions 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. In the proposal, please indicate how you will reach a broad range of networks to encourage diverse submissions.

Proposals should outline the topic and the objectives of the special issue, including the rationale for its relevance; research questions that authors will be invited to address in the call for papers; its suitability for WES; and its intended contribution to the discipline, as well as any international appeal/dimension.

To demonstrate the breadth and variety of work in the proposed area, proposals should consider including an indicative list of individuals, centres of study and/or networks conducting relevant research and to whom the call for papers could be circulated.

Guest Editing and Experience

Special Issues will be led by a team of guest editors, including a member of the Editorial Board. *Teams must apply with an Editorial Board member named on the team.*

<https://journals.sagepub.com/editorial-board/WES>

Once a special issue has been selected, one of the Editors will join the guest editors to advise and support the special issue and ensure that WES norms of good practice are followed.

Proposals should include CVs for each proposed guest editors, indicating all previous experience of editing journals, journal special issues, books and other forms of editorial curation. Previous experience of providing peer review and working to publication deadlines is an important consideration.



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

Process

Special issue proposals will be reviewed by the journal. The successful proposal will be invited to open a call for abstracts. The journal will work with the guest editors to select promising abstracts, which will be invited as full submissions. These submissions will receive the fully anonymized peer review as all WES papers.*

*Please note that all submissions are subject to the normal peer review practices of the journal and acceptance of any manuscript 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.

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Proposals should not exceed three pages in total (excluding CVs).

Completed proposals should be sent as email attachments to the journal:
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