

Current Sociology: Special Sub-sections

The Editors of Current Sociology welcome proposals for special sub-sections of the journal, particularly from ISA Research Committees.

Special Sub-sections (SSS) organize 3-4 papers of up to 6,000 words each, alongside an introduction. The Organizer is in close contact with the editors, helps authors to meet deadlines and Current Sociology standards. We also invite the Organizer(s) to send us a list of potential reviewers (between 1-3 for each article), who should be independent of the author(s) and organizer(s).

These special sub-sections are separate from CS Monographs – for these contact Chaime Marcuello Servós, csmonographs@gmail.com.

To submit an expression of interest in a SSS of Current Sociology, please read and follow these guidelines:

1. *Focus and rationale*

Please describe clearly the focus of your proposed special section and state why you think it is particularly timely, relevant, etc.

Please explain how the proposal fits with the remit of the journal. See the journal's statement of aims and scope: <http://journals.sagepub.com/home/csi>

Your statement should include why you think Current Sociology is the best journal for this section.

Your list of authors should be geographically diverse – Current Sociology is an international journal and it is not appropriate to have authors mainly from one country.

Please identify which parts of the sociological community you expect to be interested in your special section

If the idea arose from a specific conference, seminar or other event, you should provide details. Abstracts of papers, where available, can be submitted as additional information.

2. *Schedule*

The expected date should be provided to indicate when the papers would be submitted to the journal. Papers need to be submitted together in the same month.

3. *The organizer of the forum*

Please provide brief details of the organizer(s) of the section, including editing experience. Working knowledge of languages others than English should also be noted here.

Use these headings to submit a proposal, which should be about 2-3 pages and sent to currentsociology@gmail.com

Please note that there are often more proposals than space in the journal and even strong proposals may be declined.

If we accept your proposal then:

Each author should submit their own paper through the MS Central <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cso>, indicating that it is submitted for this specific SSS.

All papers undergo double-blind peer review: submitting an article for a SSS does not imply any automatic acceptance.

Any SSS needs at least 3 accepted papers to be published as such. In case some or most of the papers are rejected (it is rare, but possible) and it is not possible to find and approve replacements in a reasonable time frame, the accepted paper(s) would be published within the regular flux.

Make sure that your authors are aware that papers can only be sent for review if they are:

- 1) Up to 6,000 words, including everything (title, author's name, references, abstract, etc). It is extremely important that you shorten your papers as much as you can at the beginning of the review process, as you will need to address referees' suggestions.
- 2) Completely anonymous, that is, without your name & affiliation and with no references to yourself, both as self-citations of previous work, or in interview transcripts, etc.
- 3) An original and unpublished work. That means that the article must not be previously published (in any language) and must not be under consideration by another journal

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