

Swiss Journal of Educational Research

Call for Special Issue Proposals

The SJER is soliciting special issue proposals on timely and significant educational topics with broad interests, relevant for the Swiss educational context. The SJER runs special issues to create collections of papers on specific topics. The aim is to build a community of authors and readers to discuss the latest research and develop new ideas and research directions. Topics on emerging educational topics are encouraged.

Deadline: 10th June 2021

Guest editor requirements

- Guest Editors (GEs) need to be **leading scholars in the field** with a reasonable diversity of disciplines, geographical regions, gender, academic achievement, etc.
- One of the GEs (no more than 3) should serve as the **lead GE** to take the main responsibility.
- GEs are not encouraged to submit co-authored papers to their own Special Issue (SI). If have to, those papers need to be handled by the Editors in Chief (EiC).
- GEs are expected to collect **7-10 empirical or theoretical** papers; within which at least two linguistic regions of Switzerland should be represented.
- GEs invite papers from **3-4 distinguished scholars** (list expected, junior and/or senior researchers), these reviews will be coordinated by EiC via Editorial Board.
- Additional papers will be collected by an **open Call for Papers**. Selection is operated by GEs, presented to EiC, and notifications to authors are sent by the Editorial Board.
- After peer review, lead GE makes recommendations to EiC as a whole, and decision mails are sent by the Editorial Board.
- GEs provide an **editorial** in the published journal to highlight the SI.

Proposal Format

Proposals should not exceed four pages. The SJER prefers that proposals are prepared in Microsoft Word format and contain the following information:

- **Rationale:** the proposal should include a clear description of the background and motivation of the proposed issue.
- **Educational Scope of the Proposal:** educational scope of the proposed issue should be carefully identified with emphasis on explaining why the proposed topic is timely and has broad interests.
- **Significance and Relevance to this Journal:** it is important to describe why the proposed issue is relevant to and significant for the SJER.
- **A Plan for Attracting Quality Papers:** A plan for obtaining enough quality papers (7-10 papers) should be included in the proposal (e.g. how to advertise the call for papers, a list of potential authors, etc.).

- **Tentative Schedule:** a tentative schedule of the proposed issue should be given. Publication is planned in 2023.
- **A List of Guest Editors and Their Short Biographies:** The proposal should include a list of guest editors (GEs) and their short biographies, including a list of recent peer-reviewed journal publications. Each biography should stress experience in the proposed topic and relevant editorial experience. Lead GE should be highlighted.
- **One-Page Call-For-Papers:** One-page CFP for the proposed issue should be included.
- **Authorship for the Proposed Issue:** GEs should explicitly indicate if they plan to submit papers to the proposed issue and the number of papers if any. The SJER suggests that most papers of an issue should be from authors who are not the guest editors.

Proposal Submission and Review

Submission of a proposal should be made directly to the Editors in Chief of the SJER by June 10th 2021 (zoe.moody@hepvs.ch; caroline.villiger@phbern.ch). Timely review by the Editorial Board will be arranged to evaluate the submitted proposal and the proposers will be notified of the decision.

Paper Submission and Reviews

Submissions to an approved Special Issue should follow the same format and procedures as listed under the [Guidelines for Authors](#).