

Ageing & Society - Special Issue proposals

Ageing & Society is an interdisciplinary and international journal devoted to the understanding of human ageing and the circumstances of older people in their social and cultural contexts. Special Issues are published on an ad hoc basis and proposals are welcome for special issues that fall within the journal's remit and which have empirical, theoretical, methodological or policy relevance. *Ageing & Society* especially looks for proposals that show originality and which address topical themes. Proposals which involve authors from a range of disciplines and/or countries are particularly encouraged and the special issue must demonstrate clear added value in advancing an understanding of ageing and later life that is more than the sum of the individual papers.

Proposal submission

Proposals should be submitted by the co-ordinating Guest Editors by email to the Editor, Christina Victor at christina.victor@brunel.ac.uk

Proposal specification

Each special issue should comprise an introduction and normally between 6 and 8 substantive papers. These papers must include a range of international perspectives on the specified theme; where this is not possible justification must be given.

The proposal should contain the following elements:

1. Title of the special issue, and names, contact details and short biographical notes about the Guest Editors.
2. Justification of the proposed topic in terms of its academic merit and its distinctiveness in relation to existing edited collections or journal special issues on the theme.
3. Explanation of how the proposed topic fits within the scope of *Ageing & Society* and how the proposed special issue advances an understanding of ageing and later life as well as clearly articulating the 'added value' of the special issue.
4. The list of research papers that will form the special issue. For each paper, provide author's name, affiliation, correspondence address and short biographical note, title of the paper, an extended abstract (500-750 words), and details of any other papers published from the same data or on the same topic. Papers must contain between 3,000 and 9,000 words, excluding the abstract and references.
5. Details of the international nature of the special issue, in terms of contributing authors and/or subject of research articles; where this is not possible justification must be given.
6. A clear statement of the links (and contrasts) between the papers; this information should form the basis of the editorial/introduction if the proposal is accepted.

The proposal should be approximately 4,000 words, not including the details of the contributing authors and the titles and abstracts of the papers (i.e. point 4 above).

Please note that special issues which comprise multiple papers from a single research project will not be considered for publication.

Special issue articles

All papers for the special issue must be submitted within three months of the proposal being formally accepted.

It is *Ageing & Society* practice that all papers in special issues are subject to blind peer review, undergoing the same refereeing process as all other submissions, led by the *Ageing & Society* Editor and co-ordinated by the journal's Editorial Assistant. The final decision whether to publish individual papers submitted as part of a special issues remains with the Editor. Therefore, inclusion in an accepted special issue proposal does not guarantee publication for each of the papers listed in the proposal.

All papers within the special issue must conform to the submission guidelines set out in the Instructions for Contributors document, available at http://assets.cambridge.org/ASO/ASO_ifc.pdf

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