

Call for Abstracts

Special issue on “Social Work in China - Histories, Opportunities and Challenges”

Journal of Comparative Social Work

You are invited to submit an abstract to the *Journal of Comparative Social Work* on the following topic: “Social Work in China – Histories, Opportunities and Challenges”.

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Social work is a contextual practice, framed by different social and cultural institutions, shaped with different practice purposes and enacted upon formal and informal professional bases (Healy, 2005). This special issue invites scholarly papers that focus on the Chinese context, where social work is a relatively new subject and research field. Though not being institutionalized before the late 1980s (Leung et al., 2012), social work has developed into a well-established discipline along with the rapid economic and social developments during the last two to three decades. The question is then how social work is constructed to be part of the social system in China, and how it is shaped to adapt to the ongoing social changes? What are, or have been, the dominant discourses? Which social problems is social work dealing with? What are the opportunities and challenges social work is facing? The special issue aims to shed light on these questions. We will collect both papers based on empirical studies and papers on theoretical discussions.

Although the journal is profiled with ‘comparative social work’, we will *not* limit our publication merely to comparative studies. Papers based on studies of a single case or a single context are also welcome.

Submission details and deadlines

Articles should meet the standard of original scholarly research and commentary. They will be anonymized and reviewed through a double blind peer review process by two members of our advisory board. For more information about the journal, see:

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The deadline for submitting proposals (or abstracts) is **Oct. 30, 2017**. Please send proposals to yan.zhao@nord.no or yangbaoruc@163.com.

Proposals shall contain a maximum of 500 words, and include the following information:

Title

Purpose statement/Research question

Approach and method

Main finding or argument

Authors of the selected proposals will be notified before Nov. 30, 2017. The deadline for submitting complete papers is **Feb. 15, 2018**, and the maximum length for the paper is 7000 words. Please also refer to the Author Guidelines of the journal:

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