

Call for papers

Special issue on Diversity and Tensions in Social Work

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The Journal of Comparative Social Work invites you to submit a paper for a special issue on the following topic: Diversity and Tensions in Social Work.

Social work develops within local, national and global contexts. Reflectivity is to see and understand oneself within a context. It is a challenge for social workers to reflect and theorize understandings of themselves and their practices and thus reveal their subjectivity related to their background and their professional positions.

It is imperative that social workers respect cultural diversities. Social workers are required to maintain a fine balance and serve as cultural mediators when abuse occurs in the name of culture. An understanding of cultural sensitivity and responsiveness is therefore vital to the well-being of the community and the service users.

This special issue will highlight social work that explores ethical and cultural diversity and identifies discrepancies between theory and practice, between or within different institutional and empirical fields, or between theoretical ideals and practical realities. People across the world are increasingly involved in socio-cultural, political and economic transnational practices. This has implications for social work practice. We invite papers contextualising social work and social work ethics within specific institutions, welfare system and within diverse cultures.

Contributions to the special issue should address one or more of the questions indicated above. Historical, contemporary or future-oriented perspective may be applied. The focus may be local, national or international. Quantitative and qualitative studies are 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 process of peer review. Articles should have a maximum length of 7,000 words.

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- Abstracts by email to guest editor by **10th December 2019**
- Submission of full paper (in English): **1st May 2020**