



European Social Work Research

Special Issue Call for Papers

Social Work and Interdisciplinary Research: researching and facilitating evidence informed practice and policy

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 May 2026

This special issue will showcase stimulating, quality papers presented at the European Conference on Social Work Research held from 15-17 April 2026 in Aberdeen, Scotland

Proposals are invited from all who presented at the conference.

The *European Social Work Research* journal provides an international forum for the publication of high-quality contributions relating to all aspects of social work research and drawing on diverse research methodologies, ideas and knowledge. This peer-reviewed journal is published through a partnership between the European Social Work Research Association and Policy Press.

This special issue will focus on one or more of the eight conference subthemes with a connection to the main conference theme: *'Social Work and Interdisciplinary Research: researching and facilitating evidence informed practice and policy'*

The eight subthemes are:

- Challenges and opportunities for social work research, practice, policy or education in contemporary contexts
- Social work research, policy, practice or education across national, social, cultural, disciplinary and professional boundaries
- Exploring the impact and effectiveness of social work practice
- Social work history and identity as a profession and discipline

- Linking the industry 4.0 and digital welfare state
- Theorizing social work and/or social work research
- Linking social work research and practice, including the co-creation of knowledge
- Methodological development, innovation, technologies and capacity building in social work research

Please see the conference website for further description of the conference themes <https://www.ecswr2026.org/call-for-abstracts> .We welcome in particular research that uses innovative methods or applies theory in new ways.

The special issue, like all issues of the journal, includes a *'Reflection, Exchange and Dialogue'* section, which provides a dedicated space for shorter contributions that focus on issues that are important and topical for social work research. These contributions will be critical and discursive and are intended to stimulate further inclusive discussion and debate. Further details are available here

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Abstracts should be submitted by email to eswr-journal@bristol.ac.uk no later than **15 May 2026** with a maximum length of 500 words.

Please note that papers must not be submitted to, or under consideration with, another journal. All research articles will undergo the journal's standard double-anonymous peer review process, and accepted papers will be published in the journal, either in the special issue or in subsequent issues.

Authors will be notified of acceptance of their abstract **19 June 2026**, and the deadline for submission of the full paper online via Editorial Manager is **1 September 2026**. Publication date of the special issue is scheduled for June 2027.

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