We encourage teams interested in a special issue to prepare a proposal for submission by **31st October 2017**. Interested parties will be requested to send a proposal of no more than 1400 words. We will judge a proposal according to the following criteria.

- It should describe the scope of the proposed theme; teams should justify the dedication of a special issue to this theme and explain its topicality. They will also demonstrate coherence between the papers of the special issue.
- It should include brief abstracts of all proposed papers, making clear their question and method.
- The selection panel will check that papers are beyond the stage of first ideas; it is paramount for a successful proposal that the commitment of authors appears realistic and the chance to meet deadlines is high.
- Potential guest editors should highlight any editorial experience they already have.
- The proposal must contain an overview of the timetable.

The editorial board of the journal will decide by 30 November 2017 which, if any, of the proposals should be accepted. The final version of papers included in the special issue will have to be submitted no later than 15 June 2018.

The person/s submitting a successful proposal will act as guest editor for the special issue. They will communicate with the authors and the JESP editors. Guest editors will ensure that papers are of high quality, that the issue contains a strong and coherent collection of papers, that they are submitted on time and that appropriate revisions are carried out. The refereeing process remains in the hands of the JESP editors and of one member of the JESP editorial board. They will submit the papers for peer-review and ensure that the overall collection and the individual papers meet the normal quality standards of the journal. Papers falling short will not be published.

Proposals and any questions in advance should be sent electronically to the JESP administrator’s office at the University of Edinburgh (**jesp@ed.ac.uk**).