

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK



**SAGE is pleased to invite expressions of interest for the editorship of [International Social Work](#).
Deadline for expressions of interest: 15th April 2018**

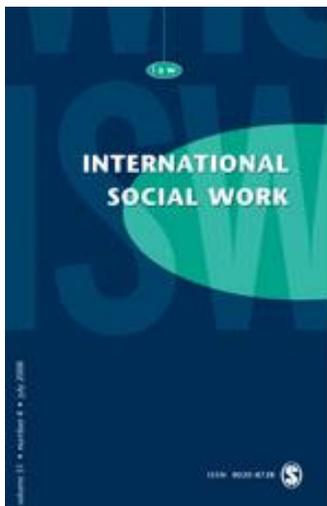
International Social Work is the official journal of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) and the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). The Editor-in-Chief, Professor Vasilios Ioakimidis, finishes his term of office at the end July 2018. The sponsoring organisations – IASSW, ICSW and IFSW – are now seeking a successor for this honorary position.

The position will be for a four year term with the possibility of a renewal for a maximum of a further four years. The current Editor-in-Chief looks forward to working with the new Editor and/or Co-Editors elect for a period to facilitate a smooth handover of the Journal.

An annual fund is provided for secretarial assistance and expenses. Full editorial support services are provided by SAGE Publishing.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **15th April 2018**. Interviews either in person or by Skype/video link will be held in May 2018 and the successful editorial team will be expected to start work on the Journal in July 2018, with the first edition of 2019 being the first for the new team.

About the Journal:



ISW was begun in 1958 as a joint publication of IASSW, ICSW and IFSW. Today, it is a highly successful Journal and is strengthening its commitment in terms of coverage of contemporary issues, a greater inclusivity of different voices, and a broader relevance to the social work profession including its components in education, policy and practice and related professions.

ISW is a scholarly refereed journal designed to extend knowledge and promote international exchange in the fields of social work, social welfare, and community development. Its major focus is on the interaction between processes of globalisation and the development of social welfare at national level, as well as social work and community development locally. It aims at examining the meaning of international social work in practice and theory, and exploring how those concerned with social work and community development can engage with international issues. The Journal also wants to encourage publication of comparative studies and cross-national research. *ISW* provides information on current international developments in education and training relevant to social work, social welfare and community development.

In addition to full-length articles, the journal features shorter "brief notes" contributions, as well as news and views from the owner associations. Abstracts of articles are translated into French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic.

Additionally, *ISW* has recently introduced a section aimed specifically at practitioners, called 'Voices from Practice', which consists of short pieces of about 2000 words, highlighting practice issues, dilemmas, innovations, and shared insights that might have resonance for practitioners in all parts of the world.

Periodically, special issues of *ISW* focus on specific topics or regions. In the past these have included special issues on Migration, Older People, Child Rights in Africa, and Religion and Spirituality.

ISW publishes six times a year in print and online, offers Online First publication and has an international circulation.

ISW is indexed in the Web of Knowledge and the Social Science Citation Index. Its current Impact Factor is 0.573 (2017). The Journal is currently ranked 35/42 in Social Work (SSCI JCR).

The following criteria may be fulfilled by one Editor or between an Editor and Co-Editor.

The successful applicant(s) must have:

- ✓ A social work qualification
- ✓ A higher degree and significant publication record
- ✓ Fluency in English, bilingualism encouraged
- ✓ Edited publications at international levels
- ✓ Substantial editorial experience and demonstrated capacity to nurture and support new authors to publication
- ✓ Experience and understanding of global social work and a commitment to the social work values of inclusivity, human rights and social justice
- ✓ The ability to understand social work from a diverse range of cultural, national and international perspectives
- ✓ Knowledge of the role of social work in community development and social development expertise
- ✓ Ability to provide a comprehensive assessment of social policy issues

General responsibilities of the editorship include:

- Soliciting and encouraging submissions and, when necessary, supporting the co-ordination of special issues for the Journal.
- Leading on the strategic development of the Journal with a particular focus on maintaining and improving quality and impact.
- Managing the receipt and peer review of scholarly submissions, liaising with authors, and responsibility for the selection and revision of articles.
- Delivering copy to the publisher upon acceptance and according to agreed production schedules.
- Putting together, managing and working with the international editorial board, with a view to expanding the board to reflect the global reach of the journal.

- Representing the Journal in your position as Editor, and promoting the Journal when possible, and with the support of the SAGE marketing team.
- Liaising with and reporting to the sponsoring organisations (IASSW, ICSW, IFSW) annually.
- Attending the annual Owners' meeting to discuss Journal performance and development, usually held in February each year, at the SAGE London office.
- The new Editor(s) does not have to be a native English speaker. However, they will need to demonstrate how the competent English editing of the journal can be assured.

Please note that throughout the editorship, the Editor(s) will work closely with the journal team at SAGE Publishing, and will benefit from the online SAGE Track manuscript submission and peer review system (fully supported and powered by ScholarOne Manuscripts™) that is available for the journal. The new Editor(s) will inherit this online system and the database of authors and reviewers currently held by the editorial office.

Expressions of Interest:

SAGE invites expressions of interest by **15th April 2018**. Applications from individuals or teams of editors and co-editors (from within one institution or across different locations) are all welcomed.

Those interested in applying should send a **brief CV (2-3 pages)**, supported by a **letter** that outlines their **experience and ability** to perform the role. Applicants should also include a **vision statement** of how to move ISW into the future with ideas about editorial team structure, editorial directions and contents, identity and demarcation of the journal, and challenges to be faced by a journal such as ISW over the term of editorship. We would particularly like to see ideas on how to revise and innovate the editorial board, to promote higher levels of engagement and involvement with ISW.

Final submissions should be sent by **15th April 2018** directed via email to Caroline Moors, Publishing Editor, SAGE Publications, 1 Oliver's Yard, 55 City Road, London EC1Y 1SP, UK;

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