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Call for Proposals Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly: 50th Anniversary Special Issue

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“Where Will We Be in the Next 50 Years?”

2022 marks the 50th anniversary of publication of *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* (NVSQ), the year following the 50th anniversary of its host association, ARNOVA. To celebrate this important occasion, ARNOVA is supporting the publication of a special issue of the journal.

The intent is that the 50th Anniversary Special Issue be a *tour de force* – an assessment of the state of research and future directions for the nonprofit/philanthropy/civil society field, broadly defined, that will be widely used for years to come. To obtain high quality, audacious papers, the NVSQ Editors-in-Chief are issuing this international open call for proposals. The proposals will be assessed by an Advisory Committee, working with the Editorial team, and the authors of up to 15 proposals will be invited to submit papers. The selected authors must be prepared to submit their papers for peer review by January 5, 2021. All papers are subject to the normal peer review process, which means some will be rejected.

The papers for the 50th Anniversary Issue:

The papers should provide: an overview of the evolution of an ‘important’ topic in the nonprofit/philanthropy/civil society field; discussion of key debates; critique of theory relevant to it; assessment of the state of empirical research; and directions for future research. Original new conceptual approaches or empirical contributions are welcome.

The papers should have international relevance, rather than be country or case specific.

The papers should be no more than 10,000 words.



Special Issue: 50th Anniversary of *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*

Criteria for Proposals:

A proposal should indicate:

- 1) Contact information and a brief (3 sentence) bio of the author(s).
- 2) A statement of no more than 750 words (excluding references) that provides:
 - The importance of the topic to the field and the special issue;
 - An overview of the approach of the paper, both conceptually and empirically;
 - A deep understanding of the central debates and state of research on the topic;
 - How the paper would make a distinctive contribution to the field;
 - Sources of data, where relevant;
 - A rationale for why the author(s) are well-suited to write on the topic;
 - Whether the paper has been published in whole or part elsewhere; and
 - An indication (and commitment) that the author(s) can produce the paper for submission for peer review by January 5, 2021

The *NVSQ* Editors-in-Chief plan to host a **one-day authors' workshop** at the 2020 ARNOVA Conference in Indianapolis; the date is tentatively set for November 11, the day prior to the conference. Please indicate if you are likely to attend. Some financial assistance for accommodation may be provided.

Preference will be given to papers by co-authors from more than one country who can provide an global or comparative perspective on the subject and to those involving both established and emerging scholars, when feasible and appropriate to producing an article of the highest quality. As always, *NVSQ* welcomes manuscripts from all disciplines and methodological traditions.

Please submit the proposal by May 1, 2020 to *NVSQ* Managing Editor, nvsq@sp2.upenn.edu. Proposals for papers for the 50th Anniversary issue will be selected by the end of May, 2020.

We would be pleased to provide additional information, and look forward to receiving high-quality proposals that cover a diversity of topics and approaches and that span the past, present and future of the nonprofit/philanthropy/civil society field.