

Organization & Environment

Special Issue Proposal Guide

Introduction

Consistent with its aspiration to publish rigorous and impactful research at the nexus of management and sustainability, *Organization & Environment* will occasionally publish special topical issues. Typically, the journal will publish one or perhaps two special issues in a given year, each consisting of an introduction and roughly 4-6 articles.

Topics

To provide a sense of the focus typical of special issues, the journal has published or will publish special issues on the topics of:

- Social Movements and Private Environmental Governance
- The State of Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Reporting Standards
- Field Experiments in Organizational Sustainable Development
- The Organizational Dynamics of Business Models for Sustainability

In general, special issue topics should not narrowly pinpoint individual industries or very particular theories or theoretical domains. As well, they should not be so broad as to lack coherence among the articles or clear boundaries around their intended research contributions.

Review Guidelines

The review process will be run through the journal's Manuscript Central platform. It will utilize members of the Editorial Review Board of the journal, as well as individuals with special expertise in the SI domain that are nominated by the special issue editors. The Editor-in-Chief will work with the special editors on these reviews, to ensure quality consistent with all manuscripts received by the journal.

Editorial Team

Given the nature and demands of editing a special issue, they are typically co-edited by multiple scholars. The makeup of the team is evaluated, with special attention to:

- Demonstrated expertise and visibility in the domain in which the special issue is proposed
- A record of publishing in the top journals in the management field, broadly defined
- The availability of financial resources to support workshops or other costs associated with assembling the special issue
- The makeup of the editorial team, including consideration of diversity in gender and geography

Proposal

Proposals should be structured as a Call for Papers, so that relevant text can be used directly. Examples of recent Calls for Papers appear on the *Organization & Environment* website. Proposals typically run 3-5 pages, single-spaced, including:

- An introduction to the special issue, outlining its timeliness, importance, and contributions
- Examples of research questions that submitted papers might address
- A timeline for the special issue, including when a workshop for authors might be held
- A plan for publicizing and otherwise disseminating the papers in the special issue
- Contact information for the editors
- A list of references (no more than a page)

We strongly encourage individuals interested in writing a proposal for a special issue to informally contact the Editor-in-Chief with their idea.