



Work, employment and society

Guidance on Research Notes, Debates & Controversies and 'On the Front Line'

Please take five minutes to read the Notes for Contributors document as well as this document: It contains many useful points on formatting and style that apply to ALL types of WES manuscripts. Following the guidance will help to ensure that the submission process will be smooth and speedy. All submissions to WES should be prepared according to the Notes to Contributors and then submitted online through ScholarOne Manuscripts™. This applies to ALL manuscript types.

Work, Employment and Society publishes a variety of manuscript types. Currently we are particularly interested in receiving **Debates and Controversies, Research Notes and On the Front Line** pieces. These manuscript types are shorter than a full research article (normally 5000 words), but play a key role in stimulating new debate, questioning accepted wisdom and adding to the body of knowledge.

These pieces are subject to the same academic rigour and double-blind peer review of all WES articles.

A Debates and Controversies (D&C) contribution might consist of the following:

- A think-piece or reflection on key concepts or bodies of knowledge that aims to stimulate new debate.
- An engagement with a body of literature that produces a new interpretation or proposes a new theoretical or empirical direction.
- A polemical critique of accepted wisdom on a topic. This must be serious in intent and considered in tone.

A Research Note (RN) might consist of contributions on the following:

- Methodological issues and problems associated with particular research approaches or questions.
- An evaluation of the epistemological or ontological underpinnings of research agendas and arguments for how they could or should be changed.
- Reports of fieldwork that illuminate wider methodological and theoretical or policy issues.

On the Front Line contributions

- The purpose of 'On the Front Line' (OtFL) contributions is to let workers speak for themselves thereby enabling their voices to convey insight into the realities of work and employment.
- OtFL articles are co-authored with the worker participant(s) and ordinarily consist of first-person narratives or other forms of reportage that foreground worker voice and experience.
- OtFL contributions should include a short explanation that situates the narrative in its most appropriate contexts, whether organisational, sectoral or geographical, and briefly indicates how it engages with relevant sociological debates or developments. They should conclude with the first-person narrative. It



is especially important that you consult the journal for examples of the distinctive OtFL approach and format.

- OtFL articles, unlike other WES content, are free to download from the journal website (as of April 1st 2015).

Contributions will not be accepted if they are:

- Underdeveloped versions of a standard article (RN/D&C).
- Premature reports from early stages of research or notes on the research that don't raise substantive methodological and theoretical or policy issues (RN).
- Diatribes against people or perspectives (D&C)
- Poorly contextualised cut and paste extracts from interview or other empirical material (OtFL)

Word length

5000 including tables, endnotes and references. Submissions should be written in UK English.

The journal is international in content and contribution. Authors are strongly encouraged to read past issues of the journal to acquaint themselves with the journal's existing engagement with debates and themes relevant to their submissions, and for article style, structure and type.

Further information

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