



Work, Employment and Society

Guidance on Main Research Articles

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Main articles, fully anonymised and up to 8000 words, can be of three types:

- Articles in which theoretical propositions, generated in part from a literature review, are explored through empirical examination to advance understanding of perspectives, practices and policy.
- Articles that review or map existing literature to form ‘position pieces’ that expound the ‘state of the art’ on a particular topic and also provide original insights into this literature.
- Articles that are wholly theoretical or conceptual and seek to develop new theoretical and conceptual understandings.

Articles published in the main section of the journal can:

- utilise any theoretical, methodological or empirical approach,
- can draw upon disciplines adjacent to sociology.

However, all articles to the journal, of whatever type, must make an original contribution to sociological understanding of work and employment. Contributions informed by adjacent disciplines are encouraged but must be of sociological interest and ensure that they contribute to sociological understanding.

Articles that offer empirical examinations must be theoretically informed and must include sufficient information about the research methodology/methods used to enable reviewers to evaluate the robustness of the findings.

The journal is international in content and contribution. It welcomes contributions from authors of any country and the content of submissions likewise can focus on any national – or international or comparative - empirical and/or theoretical issue, development and debate.



Authors are strongly encouraged to read past issues of the journal in order to acquaint themselves with the journal's existing engagement with debates and themes relevant to their submission.

Articles in the main section of the journal should be no longer than 8000 words in length and be written in UK English. The 8000 word limit includes the title, abstract, keywords, text, references and notes and tables and figures. Tables and figures are counted by literal word count. Papers that are over-length or not anonymised properly will be returned to the author.

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