

European Journal of Developmental Psychology Special Issues: Guidelines for Guest Editors

Aims and Scope of the Journal

The *European Journal of Developmental Psychology* is an official publication of the European Society for Developmental Psychology. It publishes innovative original theoretical, empirical, methodological and review papers dealing with psychological development and developmental psychopathology during infancy, childhood and adolescence. It also publishes papers on social policy based on developmental science and which are relevant to education, health or well-being in infancy, childhood and adolescence. It is keen to receive papers relevant to European developmental psychology in that they take account of topics such as European history, European policy or cultural diversity and their relevance to developmental matters. The journal aims to cover the areas of cognitive and social development and the development of the person (self, identity and personality) and to do so from a disciplinary and/or an interdisciplinary perspective.

Selection of Papers

The guest editor should invite submissions which address the issue from a relevant viewpoint and encourage exchange of data and ideas. The final selection should describe the issue and review concepts and research findings associated with it. The final selection should also form a coherent set of papers.

Peer Review

The guest editor is responsible for ensuring that all articles are subject to rigorous peer review, based on initial guest editor screening and refereeing by independent expert referees. Authors should understand that their paper will not automatically be accepted, and should be encouraged to make revisions where necessary. Submissions that are not of high quality, or those that do not meet the objectives of the issue, should be rejected.

The journal editor has ultimate responsibility for the content of all issues of the journal including special issues, and should be provided with regular progress reports by the guest editor.

Length of issue and number of submissions

The special issue should fill 1 regular issue (128 journal pages) of *European Journal of Developmental Psychology*. The guest editors should agree the length with the journal editor(s) and must ensure that sufficient submissions are received to complete the special issue.

Each printed page carries approximately 450 words, but it is essential when working out how much material to commission to remember that figures, tables and references all take up page space. So, if an article contains 10,000 words of text (approx. 23 pages) for example, but has 4 half-page figures, 4 half-page tables and 50 references, the final printed length of the article should be estimated as 29 pages, not 23.

Manuscript presentation

When final manuscripts are sent to Psychology Press for publication, the Guest Editors should ensure that each manuscript fulfils the journals style and format criteria. All final papers should be sent electronically in Word or WordPerfect format (not Acrobat .pdf).

Typescripts should be double spaced, with adequate margins, and numbered throughout. They should conform to the specifications given in the Publication Manual of the *American Psychological Association* (5th edition).

For full information on manuscript presentation and formatting please see the [Instructions for Authors](#) on the European Journal of Developmental Psychology's webpage.

Issue Timing

The guest editor should deliver complete manuscripts to the publisher by the date agreed with the journal editor(s). This is typically 12 – 18 months after the proposal is accepted by the journal editor(s).

From receipt of manuscripts, the production department require approximately 4-5 months to work on a special issue before it can be published. However, the exact timing of the publication of an issue is a matter for the journal editors to decide.

Correspondence with the Editor

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