

## Call for expressions of interest in editing the journal *European Societies*

The present Editor of ESA's journal *European Societies* is completing his term of service. ESA therefore is seeking expressions of interest for this position. The new editor or up to three editors (Editor in the following) will take on responsibilities in the course of 2021 (month can be defined). The deadline for **expressions of interest is 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2020**.

*European Societies* is the well-established general sociological journal of ESA:

- It covers all relevant aspects of sociological theory and empirical research.
- It publishes research from every part of the planet on all aspects of social life either related to Europe or in a comparative perspective.
- It welcomes all sociological methods and approaches in sociological theory.
- It focuses on addressing the specific contribution of contemporary European society/societies to a global world, as well as on the serious socioeconomic and socio-political challenges that European societies face.
- It is strictly focused on high quality articles, and therefore prevents favoritism (e.g. editors, board members etc. cannot publish in the journal during their term; young researchers are welcome; 'Matthew effects' should be inhibited).

*European Societies* is a hybrid journal with a strong commitment to increase accessibility for its readers and authors. Given the complex and dynamic current situation of moving towards Open Access, the new Editor will have the opportunity to forge this process in strong cooperation with the Executive Committee of ESA and the publishing company Taylor & Francis. This process of redefining the publication strategy shall be fine-tuned until the end of 2022.

According to ESA's bylaws and custom and practices, the editorial work of *European Societies* could be organized either by one editor or a team of up to three editors. The post of Editor is assigned by ESA for a period of five years. The Editor is supported by an editorial assistant and responsible for (1) developing the general publication strategy jointly with the Executive Committee, especially the Publication Committee of ESA, for (2) organizing the review process of incoming papers and guarantee a regular publication of high quality issues, for (3) developing proposals and organizing special issues and (4) for bridging and bonding with the ESA office in Paris, the publisher and the Editorial Board (see <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/reus20/current>).

The new Editor should take on full responsibilities in the second half of 2021 (after a period of liaising and handing over with the current Editor). Regular activities are mainly:

- invite different types of papers such as full research articles, thematic field overviews, book reviews,

- follow and relate to activities of ESA's Research Networks and invite persons and groups for special issues,
- balance paper submissions and published articles according to different career stages, thematic fields, applied theoretical paradigms and methods, geographical regions,
- attend meetings of the Publications Committee, when invited, and report on the journals activities

Interested persons or teams must have a good command of English language.

Expressions of interest should

- contain up-to-date CVs;
- a summary of experiences and contacts relevant to the editorial work;
- strategic ideas for further developing the journal;
- as the work of Editors is unpaid, possible resources that occasionally could be brought in (e.g. office space, manpower);
- credentials of academic organizations the applicants are working in.

Expressions of interest should be sent to the ESA office ([esa@europeansociology.org](mailto:esa@europeansociology.org)). For any questions, don't hesitate to contact the current Editor of ES (Michalis Lianos, [eusoc@essex.ac.uk](mailto:eusoc@essex.ac.uk)) or the Chair of the ESA Publications Committee ([ludger.pries@rub.de](mailto:ludger.pries@rub.de)).