



### Call for Proposals – Special Issues for 2018

The Editors for the journal Nordic Journal of Migration Research invite proposals for Special Issues with deadline July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Decisions will be taken by mid-August 2016.

NJMR special issue proposals should be sent to the editors-in-chief Synnøve Bendixsen ([synnove.bendixsen\(at\)juib.no](mailto:synnove.bendixsen@juib.no)) or Lena Näre ([lena.nare\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:lena.nare@helsinki.fi)). The proposal should include:

- The title and description of the theme, including a statement of what kind of a significant contribution the proposed issue will make to the field of migration research more broadly. (A Special Issue cannot be a mere collection of articles on the same topic.)
- Short bios of guest editors as well as contact details
- Abstracts of the articles to be included in the issue, contact details and bios of all the authors
- Suggested timetable

In order to discuss the relevance of their topic for *NJMR*, potential special issue editors may want to contact the editors-in-chief before submitting a special issue proposal. A preliminary approval of the topic by the editors-in-chief is, however, not a decision of acceptance, and all articles are subject to peer review. Normally, Special Issues consists of maximum 6 articles (8,000 words) as well as a shorter Introduction (4,000 words). Potential special issue editors may want to collect special issue articles in different ways. Those who want to announce an open call for abstracts should not mention NJMR in the call. However, if the call is sent to a selected, closed group of potential authors, NJMR can be mentioned as the intended journal to propose a submission, *making it also clear that the call is not made on behalf of NJMR*. In all cases, it is important to inform the potential authors that all articles will go through a blind referee process, which will determine the eventual outlook of the issue. Only papers that pass the review process and are revised accordingly can be published.

The peer-review process in NJMR special issues works on three levels: (1) The guest editors pre-review the articles, after which (2) each article will be sent to two external referees. (Normally, articles submitted to NJMR are sent to 2-3 external referees, but with special issues we place additional responsibility on the pre-screening to the guest editors.) (3) After this referee process, the editors-in-chief will also comment on the coherence of the whole issue in addition to commenting on individual papers.

The first available slot for the Special Issues accepted in this competition is Spring 2018 (March-April), for which the manuscripts should be submitted by early October 2016. (For Special Issues, the entire process from first submissions to revision(s) to acceptance to copyediting to publication takes 15-18 months.)