

CALL FOR PAPERS

Men in Care – Masculinity, Care Work and Gender Equality

The inclusion of men in unpaid and paid care work is important not only from a gender equality perspective, but also with respect to the worsening care crisis. Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, the question of who is willing to take on socially necessary care tasks, for what motives and under what conditions, gains significance. In fact, the proportion of male care workers in the traditionally women-dominated care professions is rising, and men are also taking on more domestic care responsibilities. Who are the men who engage in care professions or domestic care work and what conclusions can be drawn from this for the care debate?

This special issue of GENDER focuses on the changes that occur in the care sector and in domestic care work if men are more involved in care activities. What is the significance of the presence of men in social professions and how does it affect established job profiles and stereotypical attributions of competence? How do men frame care work and how do they integrate it into their self-concept? Does it lead to a change in hegemonic gender conceptions? Additionally, the question is raised as to what socio-structural conditions influence male care activities and what makes care work attractive to men? From an intersectional perspective, it is also of interest to find out which characteristics become apparent with regard to migration aspects, social class or age of male care workers. Furthermore, this issue will contain contributions that deal with masculinity and care from cultural, media and literary perspectives.

Possible questions/research topics in detail

- What factors influence male care work?
- How is the practice of care work experienced by men? What roles do physicality and emotionality play, such as feelings of shame or disgust?
- What factors increase the number of men in care professions?
- What access difficulties and challenges can be observed for men in the field of care?

- Which research desiderata are evident with regard to intersectional analysis?
- Do debates in the context of care work change if the gender ratio in care professions shifts or the gender care gap decreases?
- What political demands and perspectives can be formulated with regard to men and care work? Which approaches are suitable or require critical revision?

Procedure and timetable

Please submit a one- to two-page abstract by **24 January 2021**. Non-German speakers are welcome to submit their articles in English. The Editorial Department works with the online editing system OJS. We would therefore like to ask you to register as an author of the journal GENDER at www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/gender and to submit and upload your abstract there. A guideline for the use of OJS is available at www.gender-zeitschrift.de/en/manuscripts.

Once your abstract has been assessed and judged suitable for this issue, you will receive an invitation to submit. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **07 February 2021**. The deadline for submission of the final manuscript is **01 August 2021**. Manuscripts must not exceed 50,000 characters (including space characters). All submissions will be reviewed in our double-blind peer review process based on which the final selection of contributions to be published will be made. The editors may give instructions to revise the contribution, which is the rule rather than the exception. In case of a high number of positively peer-reviewed contributions, the Editorial Department reserves the right to make a final selection of articles and to publish some contributions in a later issue.

About GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society

GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society was founded in 2009 as a journal on women and gender studies. The journal aims to cover a wide range of topics and academic disciplines in which gender issues are reflected. Given the journal's multi-disciplinary setting, we welcome analyses from, for instance, sociology, educational science, political science, cultural science and history which correspond to the interdisciplinary nature of gender studies. GENDER is published in three issues a year. Contributions to the free section are always welcome, irrespective of the focus of the special issue.

Do you have any questions?

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