

CALL FOR PAPERS

Intersectionality and Social Work

The paradigm of intersectionality, as it was coined by the US legal scholar Kimberlé Crenshaw more than 30 years ago, has become an integral part of academic, educational and socio-pedagogical debates in German-speaking countries as well. Originating in Black Feminism, it has been adopted as a travelling concept in various contexts, including social work. Here, the potential of intersectional perspectives is seen, among other things, in considering the relevance of different social power and dominance structures and how they are intertwined, e. g. for the life situation of addressees. Furthermore, based on intersectional analyses, social work is reconstructed and considered as a factor of normalization as well as a part of (welfare) state regulations that govern social relations of inequality. This reception is also associated with various challenges, e. g. regarding the conceptualization of relations of difference and discrimination, with a view to the operationalization of their interrelation, or with regard to the risk of a depoliticization of the approach.

This special issue welcomes *theoretical*, *methodological* and *empirical* contributions that make the multifaceted and critical potential of intersectional perspectives useful for the discipline, profession and practice of social work, considering that social work is involved in power and dominance structures. We are also interested in historical aspects as well as questions of professionalism and professional practice, also in relation to studies, training and continuing education.

Possible questions/research topics in detail

- How do social relations of difference and power become effective in the field of social work and to what extent do profession-related fields of conflict become apparent in the context of their threefold mandate?
- How can empirical (practice) research methodologically address the interaction of categories of difference, and what challenges and results appear in this regard? How, for example, can the realities of the lives of different addressees be understood in a discrimination-sensitive way without simplifying or homogenizing social reality at the same time?
- How can racialized relations and "race" as a category be appropriately conceptualized in the context of intersectional practice and research projects? How can these be linked to approaches of postcolonial studies, disability studies, trans* and queer studies, as well as the critique of capitalism?
- What contribution do activists and members of political movements make to the debates presented?

Procedure and timetable

- Please submit a one- to two-page abstract by **12 March 2023**. Non-German speakers are welcome to submit their articles in English.
- Please send your proposal as well as your manuscript as Word file to: manuskripte@gender-zeitschrift.de (subject: Special issue „Intersectionality“).
- 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 **31 March 2023**. The deadline for submission of the final manuscript is **27 August 2023**.
- Manuscripts must not exceed **50,000 characters** (including space characters). A style sheet for authors is available at www.gender-zeitschrift.de/en/manuscripts.

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.

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Do you have any questions?

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