CALL FOR PAPERS: DISABILITY AND SOCIETY

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DISABILITY: SHIFTING FRONTIERS AND BOUNDARIES

In this Special Issue we wish to consider concepts of ‘frontiers’ and ‘boundaries’ in relation to contemporary debates about disability and society. We are interested in ideas about frontiers and boundaries as these relate to spaces and places, and to ways in which disability is being experienced locally, nationally and transnationally. We also have in mind shifting frontiers and boundaries in disability theory making, research methodology and professional practice including changing ethical dilemmas and policy challenges. This Special Issue provides the opportunity to share research and critical thinking on a wide range of topics, which will increase our knowledge and understanding of the changing landscape of discussions about disability and society. We would welcome submissions on:

- New transnational policy agenda
- Migration, asylum, displacement
- Changing frontiers of social care
- New boundaries in research practice
- Disability and ageing
- Community and identity
- Disability and sports
- Disability and economic change
- New frontiers in medicine, health and activism
- Disability in an increasingly globalised world

The above list is not meant to be exhaustive and we encourage contributors to be creative in their interpretation of topics which fit with an exploration of shifting frontiers and boundaries which impact on contemporary debates about disability and society.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

*Three hard copies* of the paper (including an abstract of 100 – 150 words on a separate sheet) should be submitted to The Editor, Disability and Society, c/o Mrs Helen Oliver, School of Education, University of Sheffield, 388 Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2JA, United Kingdom, on or before the 1st August 2010. Please see the inside back cover of the Journal and website for submission details and please keep within the maximum length of 7,000 words (including bibliography). This Special Issue will be published in 2011.
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Interview with the Founding Editor - Listen to Len Barton talk about Disability & Society

Disability & Society is an international journal providing a focus for debate about such issues as human rights, discrimination, definitions, policy and practices. It appears against a background of change in the ways in which disability is viewed and responded to.
Definitions of disability are more readily acknowledged to be relative; segregated approaches are seen as inadequate and unacceptable - placing greater emphasis on community care and inclusion. However, policy intentions may not have the desired effects on the realities of everyday practice and policy changes themselves may be merely cosmetic, or appropriate but unfounded.

The Journal publishes articles that represent a wide range of perspectives including the importance of the voices of disabled people.

As well as main articles there is a Current Issues section that is intended to give people the opportunity to write about things that concern them in a less formal and academic way. The pieces should be interesting, controversial or even polemical and may encourage others to respond. They do not need to meet the conventional academic criteria but they should not be personal attacks or libellous. The word limit is 2000. If you are interested in writing a piece or know someone who is, please contact: Professor Alan Roulstone, faculty of Health and Life Sciences, De Montfort University, Portland Building 0.12, Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH, UK. Tel: 0116 207 8632 or 0191 516 9744 (home). Email: aroulstone@dmu.ac.uk

We have established a section within the Journal, entitled Student Perspectives, in which student papers will be published. Papers will be refereed and can explore any topic related to disability issues and questions. The papers must be authored by students undertaking undergraduate, postgraduate or research degrees. The papers need to be between 3000 and 7000 words (maximum). The papers should:

- Provide an adequate review of disability studies literature.
- Have clearly acknowledged sources.
- Be specifically written for the Journal taking into account its ethos and audience.
- Conform to the academic requirements of the Journal
- Where necessary adequately discuss the methods used.
- Have particular attention paid to the presentation and analysis of empirical data.
- Pay attention to the Journal's policy on language.

The paper should not be a straight reproduction of work produced for academic assessment. Submission details are the same as for main articles. See link to Instructions for Authors.

**Book Reviews**

Every edition of the journal contains up to four book reviews. These cover a wide range of issues on the social, political and cultural aspects of disability from a national and international perspective. The Book Reviews Editor, Alison Sheldon welcomes suggestions both for books to be reviewed and suitable reviewers.

**Letters and Doctoral Theses**
Special Issues

The Journal also publishes Special Issues which address a chosen theme central to disability studies. The issues are open to submission of papers by any interested parties and they seek to include contributions from authors in a range of countries. All papers are refereed in line with the normal refereeing procedures of the Journal. The most recent Special Issue published in 2009 Vol 24, Number 5 is on the theme: 'Brave New World?': Disability and the 21st Century: Challenges and Solutions.' Future Special Issues, procedures and dates for submission, will be advertised at least 9 months in advance of the deadline.

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