

## Featured articles

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The *Journal of Social Intervention: Theory and Practice* publishes a variety of articles, which are categorized as:

- Theoretically-oriented contributions
- Research-based contributions
- Practice-based contributions
- Policy papers

The following section describes the main differences between articles published in these categories. When submitting an article, it is important to indicate which category the article comes under as referees take account of the nature of articles in their evaluation. The review forms therefore correspond with the category.

**Theoretically-oriented contributions** aim to explore the theoretical background to, or the theoretical implications of, social intervention practices. More specifically, this means:

- Theoretically-oriented contributions present a substantiated and critical-reflexive analysis of social interventions, social policy and/or social intervention practices. The basis of the contribution can lie in research, or just as easily in a review of the literature, often combined with practical experience.
- Theoretically-oriented contributions present relevant and up-to-date insight and literature relating to the interventions, policy and/or intervention practices under discussion, putting the insight into the correct position and context.
- The contribution adds new insight to currently existing insight.
- The analysis should be augmented by critical reflection on the standard basic principles of the theoretical insight under discussion and the personal insight of the author.

**Research-based contributions** aim to present the findings of empirical research into (the effectiveness of) social interventions, social policy and implementation practices, and/or provide a critical reflection on the question of which research methods are suitable for research into (the effectiveness of) social interventions, social policy and implementation practices.

- Research-based contributions comprise a theoretical component in that they focus attention on the background to the issues being researched and on the relevant insight in that specific area.
- It goes without saying that research-based contributions give an extensive and critical account of the research strategies and methods used.
- Research-based contributions report substantive findings. For the journal, it is also particularly interesting to learn about any methodology-based learning experiences relating to research into interventions and implementation practices, which comes to light during the research concerned.

**Practice-based contributions** aim to make a reflexive report of practices in the field of intervention, policy and/or implementation. More specifically, this means:

- A practice-based contribution is a report of professional experiences in day-to-day practices in the field of intervention, policy and/or implementation.
- A practice-based contribution is a reflexive way of reporting on the benefits, the use

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and/or the success of these practices in the field of intervention, policy and/or implementation.

- Authors should preferably place the practices under discussion in the broader context of the social issues to which they relate, and demonstrate how the practice concerned compares with other practices in the field of policy, intervention and/or implementation.
- A practice-based contribution focuses attention on the question of which new and relevant insights the practices examined throw up for the professional field and/or science, and comprises a critical reflection on the practice concerned.

**Policy papers** describe and analyze policy developments, which are, from an international perspective relevant for social intervention theory and practice. They should add new insights and ideas for scholars and professionals in the field of Social Work.

- Policy papers deal with developments in policy, be it governmental, organizational, or any other, which affects social intervention practices.
- Authors should address the intended results, as well as (expected) advantages and disadvantages of the described policy developments for social intervention practices. The reasons for success or failure should be discussed.
- Authors should address the interests of stakeholders in the (formulation or implementation of) policy under discussion.
- Authors should take account of the broader context of social issues to which the policy developments relate and examine the relationship between the policy under discussion and other policy, interventions and implementation practices
- Policy papers comprise a critical reflection on the (explicit and implicit) premises concerned in the policy development.