

Call for abstracts for a proposed special issue of the *Journal of European Social Policy*:

## Inclusive inclusion: Promoting sustainable participation in a turbulent Europe

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Recent times have seen dramatic political, economic and social changes throughout Europe (the European commission, 2014). The convergence between growing social diversities, increasing social inequalities, widening divisive social discourses and the constant erosion of Welfare State mechanisms, has produced growing social margins and is consistently deepening what has long since been defined as the European "social crisis" (Castells et al., 2017; Kjaer & Olsen, 2016). Alongside these perturbing processes, and possibly as a reaction to them, there is growing evidence of civilian, professional and even institutionalized initiatives, aimed at resisting these trends, and actively promoting more inclusive ways of responding to the challenges European countries are facing, individually and in the international and global arenas (Beresford, 2016; Omeni, Barnes, MacDonald, Crawford & Rose, 2014; Sloam, 2014). However, not enough is known about *the actual impact of such initiatives*, and *the extent to which they themselves are carried out in a way that enables the participation of diverse and marginalized social groups*, especially in terms of interdisciplinary and strongly theorized knowledge.

The editorial team of the proposed special issue invites the submission of abstracts of papers that may take what is currently known about inclusive approaches a large step forward, in a way that can:

Enhance the understating of ways to broaden the scope of inclusion of marginalized social groups in participatory initiatives (including government, professional or grassroots initiatives).



Up-to-date conceptualizations of participation in light of recent theoretical developments on power dynamics.

Recent typologies and definitions of participation, on various levels.

Creative approaches to research that challenge power dynamics, stem from an awareness of such dynamics within the research process, and progress a participatory, context-aware, research agenda.

What constitutes "good" participation? How can "good" participation be identified and evaluated? What are the "best practices" in this area, and how can they be uncovered?

Collaborations between academia, civil society, government and the public for promoting sustainable participation.

The intricate relationship between state/law and civilian bottom-top processes voicing needs/demanding participation, in diverse political contexts.

The role of emotions, personal and interpersonal processes affecting participation and its influences.

Processes service provision in state agencies is going through in terms of participation, the motivations behind such processes, the outcomes they produce, their impact and the powers they reflect; as well as the disempowerment of staffs within/alongside the demand for increased participation in certain situations.

The development of new ways for protest, and increasing people's ability to actually be heard and make an influence.

Abstracts of proposed papers should be submitted to the editorial team by e-mail to Dr. Lia Levin ([levinlia@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:levinlia@tauex.tau.ac.il)) no later than October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Abstracts should be 300-400 words long, and include: the title of the proposed paper, names and affiliations of the author(s) (not included in the word count), a short background and rationale/aims of the paper, the methodology it will be based on, initial results (if obtained) and its added contribution to what is currently known on the topic addressed in the paper.

