

Call for proposals for the 18th Sociology of Health and Illness monograph

Proposals are invited for the eighteenth volume in the monograph series to be published by Sociology of Health and Illness in conjunction with Wiley-Blackwell Publishers. The Editorial Board of the journal will consider all proposals for the 18th monograph when it meets in September 2009.

The monograph will be between 70,000 and 72,000 words in length comprising 8 to 10 peer-reviewed papers and will appear both as a special issue of the journal and in book form. The planned publication date is February 2012 and agreed proofs will appear online prior to the print issue. Financial support (up to £3,000) is available to support a day meeting to launch the published monograph.

The proposal should contain the following elements.

1. Justification of the proposed topic in terms of its academic merit, how it fits into the monograph series and how links between medical sociology and other substantive areas will be established.
2. A statement of three or four themes that might be addressed and how these can be broken down into sub-themes.
3. Consideration of the proposal's appeal to:
 - regular readers of the journal and to readers who might buy it as a book;
 - medical sociologists and to readers from sister disciplines;
 - sociologists from Europe, the Americas, Australia and New Zealand and other parts of the world where the sociology of health and illness is developing as a discipline.
4. Competitor publications should be noted and the distinctiveness of the proposal explained in relation to any such competition.
5. An account of how the call for papers would be advertised to reach a range of contributors to include junior and well established authors and an international range of contributors.
6. A list of potential contributors who might be approached.
7. Brief indication of a proposed publication launch event.
8. A short biographical note about the proposed editors.

The proposal, including the short biographies, should be no more than 2,000 words in total.

Proposals can be discussed informally with the Monograph Editor (Hannah Bradby of the University of Warwick, UK: email: H.Bradby@warwick.ac.uk) before submitting the final document.

Finalised proposals should be sent to H.Bradby@warwick.ac.uk by **14 August 2009** and will be reviewed and the outcome notified by 30 September 2009.

See http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/shil_enhanced/ for further details of the series.