

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Intergenerational Dialogue for Well-Being Futures: Theories, Practices, and Policy Pathways

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The *Journal of Dialogue Studies*, in partnership with Global Humanity for Peace Institute at the University of Wales Trinity St David, the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace and UNESCO Collective Healing Initiative, invites contributions for a special issue exploring the role of intergenerational dialogue in shaping collective well-being futures.

We recognise that despite global commitments to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), progress remains impeded by persistent barriers, including transgenerational trauma, structural injustice, gender inequality, limited youth engagement, and fragmented political responses. In the face of these obstacles, intergenerational dialogue is increasingly important as it creates facilitated spaces for the younger and older people to encounter and learn from each other. Such dialogue allows the community to draw insights from multiple generations, diverse cultural traditions, and rich cosmological worldviews towards building better futures.

This special issue is inspired by the power and potential of intergenerational dialogue. It is a response to the call of the United Nations *Pact for the Future*, which underscores the necessity of equitable intergenerational processes and collaborative approaches to multilateral governance to ensure sustainable peace, structural justice, and inclusive well-being.

Call for Abstracts

Against this backdrop, this special issue seeks to explore intergenerational dialogue's transformative potential in the following:

1. *Theories and Practices*: How might we understand intergenerational dialogue as an ethical imperative, an epistemological framework, a methodological process, or a transformative practice?
2. *Multilateral Governance*: In what ways does intergenerational dialogue foster global collaboration and help transcend political fragmentation?
3. *Knowledge Co-Creation*: How might intergenerational dialogue support the transmission of ancestral and traditional wisdom, preserve cultural resources, and strengthen communal resilience?
4. *Gender Equality*: In response to the UN Pact's call for gender-inclusive governance, how can intergenerational dialogue advance justice-oriented futures?
5. *Positive Peace*: What can be learned from global peacebuilding efforts that integrate traditional, indigenous, and community-based intergenerational dialogue mechanisms to support transformation and shared flourishing?
6. *Digital Spaces*: How might digital technologies facilitate, or hinder, ethical, inclusive, and meaningful intergenerational dialogue in the shaping of future societies?

We welcome contributions from scholars, practitioners, and policymakers that critically examine the role of intergenerational dialogue in futures-forming efforts. Submissions may include original research articles, theoretical or conceptual essays, case studies, and policy reflections.

The Workshop

Shortlisted abstracts will be developed into a full paper, which will be presented at an international workshop for peer-to-peer dialogue. The event will be extensively publicised with a special issue of

the **Journal of Dialogue Studies Vol: 13 (2025)** and a possibility of an edited book, which may follow in the next phase. We expect this issue to attract high-calibre papers that contribute to the field.

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Schedule for Submissions

Abstract	200–300 words max, with CVs (max 2-page), including personal statement, publications and work experience.	30 June 2025
Shortlisting	Abstracts to be shortlisted by the Editorial Board, and papers invited.	15 July 2025
Workshop	Selected abstracts will be invited to a one-day workshop at <i>Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford</i> .	19 Sept 2025
Full paper	4,000 words minimum – 8,000 words maximum, excluding bibliography.	27 Oct 2025
Review	Papers reviewed by the Editorial Board [classified as: Accepted – No Recommendations; Accepted – See Recommendations; Conditional Acceptance – See Recommendations; Not Accepted].	24 Nov 2025
Revision	Authors to take peer review feedback into account and resubmit articles. The outcome of the review (including any recommendations for revisions or improvements) communicated to the authors by 15th Dec 2025 .	8 Dec 2025
Final Paper	Any final amendments to papers to be submitted.	22 Dec 2025
The Special Issue will be published in December 2025/January 2026.		

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Full Paper Submission Procedure

Full Papers should be submitted in English only, as MS Word documents attached to an email to submission@dialoguestudies.org, no later than 17:00 UK time, 27th October 2025, in order to allow sufficient time for peer review.

Manuscripts should be approximately 4,000 to 8,000 words, excluding the bibliography. Longer manuscripts will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. Articles will be peer-reviewed by the members of the Editorial Board and external expert reviewers ([Referees | Journal of Dialogue Studies](#)). Manuscripts should be presented in a form that meets the requirements set out in the Journal's Article Submission Guidelines, provided [here](#), and Style Guide, provided [here](#).

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