



Work, Employment and Society Editor Call for Applications

Invitation to Edit International Journal WES

The British Sociological Association (BSA) and WES invite applications to join the journal as Associate Editors. [Work, Employment and Society](#) is a highly respected journal with an international profile. It is strongly centred in the sociological tradition, drawing upon adjacent disciplines to make an original contribution to debates in the sociology of work and employment. It receives over 1000 submissions a year, has an Impact Factor of 3.8 and is ranked 4 in the Chartered Association of Business Schools Academic Journal Guide. WES is a journal of the [British Sociological Association](#) and the current publishing partner is [Sage](#).

The appointed editors will join the current team in editing papers and developing the intellectual agenda and international reach of the journal. In recent years there have been significant, community-led changes within the journal: editorial and Board structure changes; and the introduction of new initiatives – like the incredibly popular PhD Showcase. Editors, working closely with the Editorial Board, initiate and support such changes during their terms of office.

Editorial responsibilities include the following:

- Making editorial decisions on submissions, selecting peer reviewers and overseeing the peer review process;
- Working collectively as a team to develop the content of the journal;
- Reporting to/attending the biannual Editorial Board meetings;
- Contributing to the journal's international and strategic objectives;
- Working with the BSA and SAGE to publicise journal content and activities;
- Understanding current and future trends in the journal's fields;
- Representing WES at relevant events and conferences;
- Representing WES within the BSA.

The editors work in a highly collaborative way, meeting online monthly. New editors will be integrated into the existing team through mentoring and peer support. Typically, editors work a full day a week on WES activities.

Editor Applications

WES is looking for 6 new editors - scholars who demonstrate an understanding of WES, offering a range of methodological and sociological expertise matching the WES remit, and who are keen to work closely with a team of colleagues to advance the journal. Although WES has its roots within British Sociology and the BSA, it is interested in a wider range of international voices. We are looking for editors from a broad international arena.

Applicants with expertise in quantitative methods are required given the current submissions. We are also interested in expertise in informal work, platformisation, gender, family, feminism and Global South contexts. The journal needs a broad range of expertise across the editorial team so applicants with any and all sociology of work-related expertise may apply.

In line with our commitment to diversity, we particularly welcome applications from potential editors who will help the journal reflect the diversity of BSA membership and wider society and to increase the variety of voices and perspectives within the sociology of



work and employment, particularly those who are frequently underrepresented in academic publishing.

Essential

- Demonstrable experience of research and writing in the sociology of work and employment;
- A significant record of publications in WES or other peer reviewed publications of similar standing (including books);
- Experience of reviewing for journals of similar standing and subject;
- Ability and willingness to work in a highly collaborative team and contribute to monthly team discussions;
- Ability to communicate constructively when exercising editorial judgments;
- Interest in developing good collaborative relationships within the WES editorial boards, community and the BSA office staff and Trustees;
- Interest in contributing to the development of the journal in a changing environment.

Desirable

- Previous experience of journal editing;
- Previous experience on a WES Board;
- Previous interaction with the BSA;
- Expertise in quantitative methods;
- Expertise in the following areas: informal work, platformisation, gender, family, feminism and Global South contexts.

WES is a journal of the British Sociological Association. The BSA is essential infrastructure underpinning the WES ways of working and editorial roles are open to members of the BSA. Applicants do not need to be BSA members at the time of application but are expected to be members on appointment and throughout their term of office.

Applications should include the following:

- A statement of interest and suitability for the role;
- A 2-page CV highlighting relevant editorial experience, sociology of work and employment publications, qualities and academic standing, and details of methodological and sociological/disciplinary expertise;
- A piece of writing (up to 12k words) which best demonstrates the applicant's strengths as a sociologist of work and employment. The applicant should be sole or first author. If the piece is joint authored, please append a note outlining the applicant's contribution.

Open Call for applications: June 2026

Deadline for applications: 17 September 2026

Online interviews: early October 2026

Start of role: January 2027

Editors in Chief

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If you would like to speak informally to either of the Editors in Chief, please feel free to contact them using the email links above.

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