

CALL FOR PAPERS

Adolescent Health and Development in Southern Africa: Implications and Post- 2015 Development Agenda

The Demography and Population Studies (DPS) Programme at the University of the Witwatersrand and the National Research Foundation (NRF) Center for Excellence in Human Development are sponsoring a call for papers relating to **Adolescent Health and Development in Southern Africa**. The topic of adolescent health and development in South Africa is locally relevant as adolescents constitute 18,5% of the total population and in other parts of Southern Africa as much as 20%; and will transition into the country's future leaders and parents. Adolescents face a number of challenges including social, economic and health difficulties which prohibit their successful transition to adulthood. Also given the transitional nature of this age- group, there is need to understand a labyrinth of determinants, influences, and outcomes. For this reason, it is pivotal to address all possible challenges and inhibitors to their development.

The DPS Editorial Committee welcomes papers on any related topic. Suggested topics may include:

- **Education – attainment, progression, and related issues**
- **Work – labour related activities, time trade-offs, intensity and type of work**
- **Health – behaviours, disease, knowledge and attitudes**
- **Family – formation, composition and structure, households, fertility and pregnancy**
- **The interplay of any of the above- mentioned issue**

Call / Paper Timetable:

Timely submission of the papers is critical to the success of the program. The procedures and timetable enumerated below will apply.

1. *Deadline for Abstracts*

By **01 August 2017**, authors should submit a 250 word abstract including a title of the paper, full list of co-authors and affiliations, description of the topic(s) to be addressed, data, methods and approach that will be taken. Abstracts, along with authors' contact information, should be submitted via e-mail to the Nicole De Wet at **Nicole.dewet@wits.ac.za**. Please put "**SAJCH SI on Adolescents in South Africa**" in the subject line.

2. *Acceptance of Abstracts*

By **15 August 2017**, the DPS Editorial Committee will make a decision on all abstracts. The number of accepted proposals might be limited. The Committee will send emails to all authors notifying them of the outcome of their submissions.

3. *Completion Date*

By **31 December 2017**, completed papers, including a 250-word abstract should be submitted online via the SAJCH editorial manager system (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/sajch/default.aspx>)

4. *Peer Review Process*

Each paper will be screened by the Committee to assure its quality of exposition and relevance to the call. The Committee will send each paper out for peer-review.

By **15 March 2018**, authors will be sent the outcome from the peer-review process.

5. *Approving the Completed Paper*

By **30 April 2018**, all authors should resubmit their final corrected manuscripts online via the same SAJCH editorial manager system (see point 3 above). The Guest Editors will then review all final manuscripts and the Editorial Assistant of the journal will start to produce the final proofs for authors to comment on.

Note: Should your paper be accepted for publication, the publication costs will be covered by the Demography and Population Studies Programme and the NRF Center of Excellence in Human Development.

6. *Journal Publication Date*

The completed Special Issue will be published at the end of **July 2018**.

7. *Submission Guidelines*

Research articles should be no longer than 3,000 words (excluding abstract and bibliography), may include up to 6 illustrations or tables and should have a maximum of 20 – 25 references. The text should be single-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font.

Please see the South African Journal of Child Health website

(<http://www.sajch.org.za/index.php/SAJCH/index>) for **full Author Guidelines**.

8. *About the Journal*

The South African Journal of Child Health (SAJCH) is indexed in SCOPUS, ScieLO SA and DHET, and is an accredited journal in South Africa. The journal is also an open-access journal. More information on the journal can be found at www.sajch.org.za/

It is hoped that the authors who submit their abstracts and full papers for inclusion in the Special Issue will also serve as peer-reviewers. If you are unable to serve as a peer-reviewer, please indicate so in the email submission of your abstract.

We look forward to receiving abstracts in response to the call, and are happy to respond to inquiries from interested parties.

For any queries please contact **Nicole De Wet** via e-mail at nicole.dewet@wits.ac.za.