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The present working paper was researched and written mainly by Daniel Clegg and Alexander Goerne.

Abstract

This paper collates information on the top English-language publishing outlets in the field of work and welfare, including peer-reviewed journals and book series with large academic publishers. It is intended as a bookshelf resource for scholars seeking to be active in scholarly publication in this field.

Keywords

Work; Welfare; Publication; Journals; Book Series

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Preamble – aims and coverage

Publishing is an important part of the academic endeavour. In addition to its benefits for career development, publication is central to getting the results of your research known and ensuring that it makes the academic - and eventually also the social - impact it deserves to. But publication is reputed to be difficult. The best journals receive many outstanding submissions, and competition is high. It can be down-heartening to have submissions rejected, particularly early on in your academic career.

As scholars in the field of work and welfare, we however have an advantage over others. The field of work and welfare is a broad and interdisciplinary one, and the number of journals to which we can target our research is therefore relatively high. Many researchers in the field appear not to recognise this comparative advantage, however. We suspect that this may be because of inadequate knowledge of the wealth of journals that are actually out there, and regularly publish work in this area.

This working paper aims in a small way to rectify this situation. In what follows (section 2), some key information – name, scope of the publication, word limits for articles, and addresses for further information – is provided on what we see as being the top 45 journals in the field of work and welfare, subdivided into three broad disciplinary areas: Political and Policy Science, Social Policy and Welfare and Socio-Economics and Industrial Relations. The coverage of journals is in no way comprehensive, and the choice is in some way arbitrary – but these 45 already represent a good place to start when thinking about the range of possible ‘homes’ for the article you are planning.

An increasing emphasis is placed these days – by recruitment and promotion committees, for example - on the impact factor of different journals. In recognition of this, this paper also provides information on the impact factors of all of the 45 journals listed that have them. You will also find a brief explanatory note on how impact factors work and how they should be interpreted (section 3).

Finally, if you have a major piece of work underway or are working in a project with colleagues, you may be thinking about a monograph or an edited collection or volume rather than a series of journal articles as the most appropriate way of disseminating your research findings. Here, book series that are dedicated to work and welfare issues represent a particularly promising avenue. In the final part of this paper (section 4) you’ll find a listing of the 15 best-known – with the same disclaimers as for the journals - book series in our field.

Particularly if you are new to academic publication, this paper can be usefully read in conjunction with another REC-WP, entitled ‘How to Get Read’. This provides some useful tips and hints on planning and writing academic work.

Work and Welfare Journals

Political / Policy Science

Acta Politica

Acta Politica is the official journal of the Dutch Political Science Association. The prime objective of Acta Politica is to publish outstanding work reflecting research and developments of both a theoretical and empirical nature in all sub-areas of the discipline, including Dutch and comparative politics, international relations, political theory, public administration, and political communication. Acta Politica is one of the few truly international political science journals with a broad scope across the discipline. In the past we have published theoretical and empirical articles, comparative and single-country studies and even some methodological notes. In times of an ever-increasing specialisation in political science, we however strongly believe a broad-ranging political science journal is as important as ever for the international scientific community. The editors have a strong preference for articles that will attract a wide audience within the broader field of political science, no matter what the precise topic of the article might be.

Word limit: Articles should not normally exceed 8,000 words in length

<http://www.palgrave-journals.com/ap/index.html>

British Journal of Political Science

The British Journal of Political Science is a broadly based journal aiming to cover developments across a wide range of countries and specialisms. Contributions are drawn from all fields of political science (including political theory, political behaviour, public policy and international relations), and articles from scholars in related disciplines (sociology, social psychology, economics and philosophy) appear frequently. With a reputation established over 30 years of publication, the British Journal of Political Science is widely recognised as one of the premier journals in its field.

Word limit: 5,000 – 12,000 words

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=JPS>

Comparative Political Studies

Comparative Political Studies is a forum for the exchange of ideas between scholars and students of comparative politics. Journal articles discuss innovative work on comparative methodology, theory, and research from around the world. Previous contributions have included exhaustive research to ensure that readers get the fullest picture on a global scale—from democracy in the Third World to civil-military relations in the Middle East, from electoral systems and party politics in Eastern Europe to economic performance in Latin America, from comparisons of political asylum in North America and Western Europe to national conflicts in Asian

countries. Whatever the topic, Comparative Political Studies is always at the forefront of the field, providing valuable analyses with important implications for the formation of domestic and foreign policies.

Word limit: 25 to 35 pages

<http://cps.sagepub.com/>

Comparative Politics

Comparative Politics is an international journal that publishes scholarly articles devoted to the comparative analysis of political institutions and behavior. Comparative Politics communicates new ideas and research findings to social scientists, scholars, and students. The journal is indispensable to experts, in research organizations, foundations, consulates, and embassies throughout the world. Comparative Politics is sponsored, edited, and published by the Ph.D. Program in Political Science of the City University of New York. Opinions, findings, or conclusions expressed in the journal are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editors or the City University of New York.

Word length: Articles 10,000 words in length, research notes of 6,000 words

<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/jcp/>

European Journal of Political Research

The European Journal of Political Research is published on behalf of the European Consortium for Political Research. The journal specialises in articles articulating theoretical and comparative perspectives in political science, and welcomes both quantitative and qualitative approaches. EJPR also publishes short research notes outlining ongoing research in more specific areas of research. European Journal of Political Research is a refereed journal publishing high quality academic articles of interest to European political scientists and practitioners. The EJPR welcomes submissions which develop and report significant new research from across the entire range of political science, theoretical and empirical, and especially those which address issues of cross-national importance. It is not in any way limited to work on Europe or by Europeans, but draws upon material about and from all parts of the globe.

Word limit: 8,000 words in length

www.blackwellpublishing.com/ejpr

Governance

Governance provides a forum for the theoretical and practical discussion of executive politics, public policy, administration, and the organization of the state. Published in association with the International Political Science Association's Research Committee on the Structure & Organization of Government (SOG), it emphasizes peer-reviewed articles that take an international or comparative approach to public policy and administration. All papers, regardless of empirical focus, should have wider theoretical, comparative, or practical significance .

Word limit: 10,000 words in length

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0952-1895&site=1>

Journal of Common Market Studies

Journal of Common Market Studies is the leading journal in the field, publishing high quality, and accessible articles on the latest European Integration issues. For 40 years it has been the forum for the development and evaluation of theoretical and empirical issues in the politics and economics of European integration, focusing principally on developments within the EU. JCMS is committed to deepening the theoretical understanding of European integration and aims to achieve a disciplinary balance between political science, economics and international relations, including the various sub disciplines such as international political economy. Each year a special book issue is devoted to a comprehensive review of the activities of the European Union in the previous year

Word limit: 8,500 words in length

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0021-9886&site=1>

Journal of European Public Policy

The primary aim of the Journal of European Public Policy is to provide a comprehensive and definitive source of analytical, theoretical and methodological articles in the field of European public policy. Focusing on the dynamics of public policy in Europe, the journal encourages a wide range of social science approaches, both qualitative and quantitative. JEPP defines European public policy widely. Authors are welcome to e-mail an abstract to the Editor, prior to formal submission, if they need guidance on the appropriateness of their proposed article, as JEPP welcomes innovative ideas and approaches.

Word limit: 8,500 words in length

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13501763.asp>

Journal of Public Policy

The Journal of Public Policy applies social science theories and concepts to significant political, economic and social issues and to the ways in which public policies are made. Its articles deal with topics of concern to public policy scholars in America, Europe, Japan and other advanced industrial nations. The journal often publishes articles that cut across disciplines, such as environmental issues, international political economy, regulatory policy and European Union processes. Its peer reviewers come from up to a dozen social science disciplines and countries across three continents, thus ensuring both analytic rigour and accuracy in reference to national and policy context.

Word limit: Articles should not exceed 8,000 words in length including notes, references, table, figures and diagrams.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=PUP>

Policy and Politics

Policy & Politics is a leading journal in the field of public policy with a reputation for publishing peer-reviewed papers of the highest quality. It explores the match between theory and empirical applications and links macro-scale political economy debates with micro-scale policy studies.

Word limit: 5,000 - 8,000 words in length

https://www.policypress.org.uk/journals/policy_politics/

Policy Studies

The world of public policy has become an increasingly small one as a consequence of dramatic changes to global political and economic institutional structures and to nation states themselves. These changes at the structural level of the global system have impacted upon the work of public organizations either directly or indirectly and have broadened the field of action in policy studies. Policy Studies explores the implications of these changes for both the study and the practice of policy-making. We encourage the submission of articles to provide a forum for the theoretical and practical discussion of public policy-making. Policy Studies is a multi-disciplinary journal which attempts to strike an important balance in the production of descriptive, explanatory and evaluative policy oriented research.

Word limit: 3,500 - 10,000 words in length

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/journal.asp?issn=0144-2872&linktype=1>

Political Studies

Political Studies publishes rigorous and original work in all fields of politics and international relations. The editors encourage a pluralistic approach to political science and debate among these different approaches. This leading international journal is committed to the very highest standards of peer reviewing; to developing the most promising new work available and to facilitating professional communication in political science.

Word limit: 9,000 words in length

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0032-3217&site=1>

Politics and Society

In today's rapidly changing political and social climate, it's more important than ever for political and social scientists to keep on the cutting edge of critical and analytical thinking on issues vital to society. Politics & Society, a distinguished and respected quarterly publication, is your best source for such perspectives. Politics & Society was established in the late 1960s as an alternative, critical voice of the social sciences. The journal's editorial mission is to encourage a tradition of critical analysis through the development of Marxist, post-Marxist and other radical perspectives. It presents rational and engaged discourse, and reconstructs social inquiry through scholarship that addresses fundamental questions of politics, theory and policy.

Today, the journal remains committed to its founding purposes and continues to publish well-researched articles that raise questions about the way the world is organized politically, economically, and socially. *Politics & Society* regularly debates such topics as the theory of the state, class analysis, politics of gender, methodological individualism and rational choice, and the future of capitalism and socialism.

Word limit: approximately 10,000 words in most cases.

<http://pas.sagepub.com/>

Public Administration

Public Administration is a major refereed journal with global circulation and global coverage. The journal publishes articles on public administration, public policy and public management. The journal's reach is both inclusive and international and much of the work published is comparative in nature. A high percentage of articles are sourced from the enlarging Europe and cover all aspects of West and East European public administration.

Word limit: 'Main Articles'/'European Forum': 6,000-8,000 words, 'Public Management'/'Review Articles': 4,000 words, 'Notes': no more than 2,000 words.

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0033-3298&site=1>

Scandinavian Political Studies

Scandinavian Political Studies is the only English language political science journal from Scandinavia. The journal publishes widely on policy and electoral issues affecting the Scandinavian countries, and sets those issues in European and global context. Highly ranked by the ISI, *Scandinavian Political Studies* is an indispensable source for all those researching and teaching in Scandinavian political science, public policy and electoral analysis.

Word limit: Articles should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words

<http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0080-6757&site=1>

West European Politics

West European Politics has established itself as one of the most authoritative journals covering political and social issues in Western Europe. It has a substantial reviews section and coverage of all national elections in Western Europe. Its comprehensive scope, embracing all the major political and social developments in all West European countries, including the European Union, makes it essential reading for both political practitioners and academics.

Word limit: 6,000 - 8,000 words in length

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/journal.asp?issn=0140-2382&linktype=1>

Social Policy and Welfare

Ageing and Society

The official journal of the Centre for Policy on Ageing and the British Society of Gerontology. Ageing & Society is an international, scholarly journal that aims to promote the understanding of human ageing, particularly from the social and behavioural sciences and humanities. In addition to original articles the journal also carries a review section comprising book reviews and shorter notes, review articles and symposia, progress reports on lively areas of current research, and an abstracts service to draw readers' attention to relevant articles in other journals. The journal is issued six times a year.

Word limit: Articles should generally contain between 3,000 and 9,000 words.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=ASO>

Critical Social Policy

Critical Social Policy provides an international forum for advocacy, analysis and debate on social policy issues. It aims to develop an understanding of welfare from socialist, feminist, anti-racist and radical perspectives. Encouraging contributions from a variety of perspectives and experiences, the journal is tailored to those who are actively involved in welfare issues through pressure groups, consumer groups and community action, practitioners and workers in statutory and voluntary agencies, as well as teachers and researchers in social welfare issues and social policy.

Word length: The maximum length for articles should be 8,000 words, and for Commentary & Issues 4,000 words

<http://csp.sagepub.com/>

European Journal of Social Security

The European Journal of Social Security is a highly respected, peer-reviewed quarterly dealing with social security law and policy. Written by specialist lawyers and social scientists, the journal sheds light on important issues relating to income maintenance, demography, inequality, poverty, disability, health and social care, employment, migration, taxation and public expenditure.

Word length: articles max. 9000 words, book reviews max. 900 words

<http://www.ejss.eu/>

Global Social Policy

Global Social Policy advances the understanding of the impact of globalization processes upon social policy and social development on the one hand, and the impact of social policy upon globalization processes on the other hand. The journal analyses the contributions of a range of national and international actors, both governmental and non-governmental, to global social policy and social development discourse and practice. Global Social Policy is multidisciplinary, publishing work

from all disciplines - anthropology - economics - history - law - political science - sociology. It is important to stress that the journal serves both academic policy-makers and policy advocacy audiences.

Word limit: No absolute limit on length, but 8,500 words is considered a useful maximum

<http://gsp.sagepub.com>

International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family

The subject matter of the International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family comprises the following: analyses of the law relating to the family which carry an interest beyond the jurisdiction dealt with, or which are of a comparative nature; theoretical analyses of family law; sociological literature concerning the family which is of special interest to law and legal policy; social policy literature of special interest to law and the family; literature in related disciplines (such as medicine, psychology, demography) which is of special relevance to law and the family; research findings in the above areas; reviews of books and relevant reports.

Word limit: The journal has a flexible policy as to length of contributions, so that substantial research reports can be included.

<http://lawfam.oxfordjournals.org/>

International Journal of Social Welfare

It has become evident that major social forces of a global nature - such as demographic trends, migration patterns and the globalization of the economy - are reshaping social welfare policies and social work practices the world over. There is much to be learned from the careful analysis of experiences in the various countries that are struggling with the emerging challenges to social welfare in the post-modern world.

Word limit; 6,000 words in length

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=1369-6866>

International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy

The International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy provide an interdisciplinary forum for research and debate in all branches of sociology and social policy. The journal reflects current thought and practice, presenting comprehensive coverage of issues of international importance, in a lively and informative way. The journal publishes peer-reviewed, academic articles and applied case study materials in all areas of sociology and social policy, but predominantly with an international and/or comparative perspective.

Word limit: 3,000 - 6,000 words in length

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/info/journals/ijssp/ijssp.jsp>

International Social Security Review

First published in 1948, the International Social Security Review is the only international quarterly publication in the field of social security. Articles by leading social security experts around the world present international comparisons and in-depth discussions of topical questions as well as studies of social security systems in different countries, and there is a regular, comprehensive round-up of all the latest publications in its field

Word limit: The preferred length of manuscripts is 5,000 to 7,500 words.

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0020-871X&site=1>

Journal of European Social Policy

The Journal of European Social Policy provides unrivalled coverage of key European social policy issues and developments. It regularly features shorter Research Notes, Book Reviews, review essays, and every issue includes a Digest section which offers an invaluable guide to the latest European legislation and research. The journal is an interdisciplinary forum for research and debate on developments in the European Union, as well as providing invaluable comparative research on all countries in the EU and beyond. Articles range from explanations of policy developments to evaluations of policy outcomes, and include analyses of the role of international organizations, and the voluntary and private sectors in social policy. The journal provides comprehensive coverage of a wide range of social policy issues, including: ageing, pensions and social security, poverty and social exclusion, education, training and labour market policies, family policies, health and social care services, gender, migration, privatisation, and Europeanisation.

Word limit: 8,000 words in length

<http://esp.sagepub.com>

Journal of Poverty and Social Justice

Benefits: The Journal of Poverty and Social Justice provides a unique blend of research, policy and practice from leading authors that is essential to academics, practitioners and policy makers. Focusing on poverty and social exclusion, the journal explores links with social security (including pensions and tax credits), employment, area regeneration, housing, health, education and criminal justice, as well as issues of ethnicity, gender, disability and other social inequalities as they relate to social justice.

Word limit: Papers should be between 2,500 and 5,000 words, Viewpoint articles between 700 and 1,400 words.

<https://www.policypress.org.uk/journals/benefits/default.php?pl=index>

Journal of Social Policy

The Journal of Social Policy carries high quality articles on all aspects of social policy in an international context. It places particular emphasis upon articles which seek to contribute to debates on the future direction of social policy, to present new

empirical data, to advance theories, or to analyse issues in the making and implementation of social policies. The Journal of Social Policy is part of the 'Social Policy Package', which also includes Social Policy and Society and the Social Policy Digest. An online resource, the Social Policy Digest, was launched in 2003. The Digest provides a regularly up-dated, fully searchable, summary of policy developments and research findings across the whole range of social policy.

Word limit: 5,000 - 8,000 words in length

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=JSP>

Social Policy and Administration

Social Policy & Administration is the longest established journal in its field. Whilst remaining faithful to its tradition in academic excellence, the journal also seeks to engender debate about topical and controversial issues. Typical numbers contain papers clustered around a theme. The journal is international in scope. Quality contributions are received from scholars world-wide and cover social policy issues not only in Europe but in the USA, Canada, Australia and Asia Pacific.

Word limit: 8,000 words in length

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0144-5596&site=1>

Social Policy and Society

Social Policy and Society is an international academic journal sponsored by the UK Social Policy Association. The journal welcomes stimulating original articles that draw upon contemporary policy-related research and associated developments in the social sciences. Each issue contains peer reviewed articles reflecting topical debates and issues within social policy and uniquely, a themed section, edited by a Guest Editor(s). Every themed section includes an introductory piece, a set of peer reviewed articles, a selected review of the key literature, plus a guide to key sources in the area. All articles need to be of a high academic quality and should also be accessible to a wide readership which includes policymakers, academic staff and students within and beyond the United Kingdom.

Word limit: 5,000 words in length

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=SPS>

Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society

Social Politics examines political systems and cultural institutions through the lens of gender. It addresses changes in family, state, market, and civil society, employing several disciplines and drawing from a variety of cultures to illuminate these areas of research.

Word limit: 8,000 - 10,000 words in length

<http://sp.oxfordjournals.org/>

Socio-Economics and Industrial Relations

Acta Sociologica

Acta Sociologica publishes papers on high-quality innovative sociology, carried out from different theoretical and methodological starting points, in the form of full-length original articles and review essays, as well as book reviews and commentaries. Articles that present Nordic sociology or help mediate between Nordic and international scholarly discussions are encouraged.

Word limit: 5,000-8,000 words in length (articles), 1,000-3,000 words (review articles and debates)

<http://asj.sagepub.com>

British Journal of Industrial Relations

The recent pace of change within the subject of employment relations has been significant. New forms of management, new methods of pay determination and government policies have led to a move away from the traditional focus of collective bargaining and trade unions and have broadened the scope of the subject. The British Journal of Industrial Relations has acknowledged these changes. It aims to provide content that reflects the growth and development of the subject, so that it can be at the centre of the controversies surrounding work and employment relations in the 21st Century. Its four main objectives are to: A) Continue to reflect upon the process of internationalization and encourage more articles on trans-national, comparative matters. BJIR aims to present the latest research on developments on employment and work from across the globe that appeal to an international readership. B) Extend the range of disciplines from which contributions are drawn. We welcome submissions from employment relations/labour studies, management, sociology, economics, law, political science, psychology, history, anthropology, social policy and related social science disciplines. C) Welcome contributions with a strong theoretical component. Empirical work can be of quantitative and qualitative nature. D) Broaden the issues covered and present overview of topics that are sometimes neglected in single discipline based journals. Contributions deal with a broad range of topics related to work and employment and express a wide range of viewpoints. BJIR particularly welcomes authoritative contributions on: Equality and diversity at work; Immigration and migrant workers; The (im)balance between life and work; Gender and race relations; High performance management; Internal labour markets; Work attitudes and behaviour; Work group dynamics; Organisational cultures and networks; Union revitalisation; Labour management relations; New public policies and labour regulations; Corporate governance, employee participation and voice; The impact of the global economy on labour markets and working lives; Transitional economics and labour markets; International employment standards;

Word limit: Manuscripts will contain between 5,000 and 10,000 words.

<http://www.wiley.com/bw/aims.asp?ref=0007-1080&site=1>

British Journal of Sociology

For more than 50 years The British Journal of Sociology has represented the mainstream of sociological thinking and research. Consistently ranked highly by the ISI in Sociology, this prestigious international journal publishes sociological scholarship of the highest quality on all aspects of the discipline, by academics from all over the world. The British Journal of Sociology is distinguished by the commitment to excellence and scholarship one associates with its home at the London School of Economics and Political Science. The British Journal of Sociology publishes articles covering the entire span of sociological thought and research. These include contemporary developments in sociological theory and empirical analysis; themed sections addressing issues of empirical and theoretical importance; key sociological debates on issues of important and modern relevance; review essays on different areas of sociology; book review essays and symposia.

Word limit: Manuscripts of 8,000 words in length, research notes/commentaries of 2,500

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0007-1315&site=1>

Economic and Industrial Democracy

Essential reading for all social scientists concerned with organization of the workplace and economic life, Economic and Industrial Democracy explores the new labour market, new work processes, as well as organizational aspects regarding working life and its policy implications. Central themes are the interaction between political, technological and economic factors and various aspects of labour markets, industrial relations and working life. An emphasis is also placed on international coverage of empirical findings including discussion of the changing social and economic conditions in labour markets, as well as human capital and participation issues, and the enhancement of working life, ranging from micro to macro levels in various countries

Word limit: Articles should be between 5,000 and 10,000 words long. Exceptionally, longer articles may be considered for publication in two or more parts.

<http://eid.sagepub.com/>

European Journal of Industrial Relations

The European Journal of Industrial Relations is the principal English-language forum for the analysis of key developments in European industrial relations and their theoretical and practical implications. It embraces a broad definition of industrial relations and includes articles which relate to any aspect of work and employment. It publishes rigorous and innovative work on and from all European countries, from the Atlantic to the Urals. All social science disciplines are relevant to its remit, and interdisciplinary approaches are particularly encouraged. A major objective is to foster cross-national comparative analysis; and in this context, work which relates European developments to broader global experience is welcome.

Word limit: Articles in the EJIR should be 5,000-8,000 words in length. Shorter commentaries or research notes, and (exceptionally) longer articles based on particularly substantial research, will be considered.

<http://ejd.sagepub.com/>

European Societies

Developed by the European Sociological Association as an international platform for the sociological discourse on European developments, ES publishes research on Europe rather than research by Europeans. The journal covers social theory and analysis on three levels: the European level itself, comparative research on Europe, and Europe in international perspective. Concentrating on the present, ES articles examine themes reflecting recent and significant changes in Europe from a cross-disciplinary view point. The journal is essential reading for all sociologists, economists, political scientists and social policy analysts wishing to keep abreast of the very latest debates.

Word limit: 8,000 words in length

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/routledge/14616696.html>

European Sociological Review

European Sociological Review contains articles in all fields of sociology ranging in length from short research notes up to major reports.

Word limit: 10,000 words in length

<http://esr.oxfordjournals.org/>

Industrial Relations Journal

Industrial Relations Journal is a cutting edge, research based, peer reviewed publication focusing on the changing nature, forms and regulation of the employment relationship. Based at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom, and edited by Professor Peter Nolan, the Journal welcomes contributions that further understanding of industrial relations, labour markets, and the organisation and future of work. With a strong international embrace, the Journal has been at the forefront of the contemporary analysis of state, capital and labour relations in a period of crisis and institutional flux. It aims to lift the quality of academic and policy debate through the publication of theoretically and historically grounded studies of the shifting character of industrial relations in the twenty first century.

Word limit: between 5,000 and 8,000 words

<http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0019-8692&site=1>

Industrial and Labour Relations Journal

The Industrial & Labor Relations Review is a forum for original research examining every aspect of people's work lives. Among the subjects of articles we have published in recent years are high performance work practices; union organizing

drives; wage differentials based on gender, race, and sexual orientation; workplace safety and health; works councils; labor law; labor history; minimum wage legislation; retirement; immigration's effects on employment and wages; globalization and the off-shoring of jobs; training and vocational education; job-lock related to employer-provided health insurance; and wage effects of technological innovation. The journal has no political or ideological allegiance. The criteria by which each submission is judged in double-blind peer review are subject fit, research quality and originality, and the significance of the contribution to the field.

Word limit: We publish papers of variable length depending on the nature of the study, but there are some de facto upper and lower bounds. Very few of our articles, as published, are less than 8 pages or more than 28 pages in length. In general, the word count for a typical paper, counting all elements--text, tables, footnotes, and references--is approximately 10,000, and the character count (counting spaces) is about 70,000.

<http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/ilrreview/>

Industrial Relations - Relations Industrielles Relations

Industrielles/Industrial Relations (RI/IR) is a bilingual quarterly published since 1945 by the Department of Industrial Relations at Laval University (Québec, Canada). It was the world's first academic journal in industrial relations and is the only journal in the field in Canada.

Word limit: between 7000 and 8000 words

<http://www.riir.ulaval.ca/>

International Labour Review

As a global multidisciplinary journal of labour and social policies and relationships, the new ILR is open to articles which meet scholarly standards but which are written in a way that is accessible to a wider readership. They may cover any of the fields of interest of the ILO – employment and labour markets, training and skills development, social security and social protection, labour law and labour institutions, rights at work and social dialogue. The pages of the journal are also open to all relevant disciplines – economics, law, sociology, political science – and articles taking an interdisciplinary perspective are particularly welcome. Articles may report on the results of empirical work at national level or drawing on international comparisons; they may offer new conceptual frameworks or review the state of knowledge on key issues. The intention is to attract contributions from all parts of the world, and to inform policy debates on key labour and social issues. In addition to the main articles, a separate section will contain a small number of reviews of major books, and a new “Notes, debates and communications” section will report on recent and upcoming events of interest to the readership, analyse important recent developments in the world of work, and provide summaries and access to important documents with major policy implications for labour and development. As one of the few journals to come out in English, French and Spanish, with a worldwide

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Socio-Economic Review aims to encourage work on the relationship between society, economy, institutions and markets, moral commitments and the rational pursuit of self-interest. The journal seeks articles that focus on economic action in its social and historical context. In broad disciplinary terms, papers are drawn from sociology, political science, economics and the management and policy sciences. The journal encourages papers that seek to recombine disciplinary domains in response to practically relevant issues, while at the same time encouraging the development of new theory.

Word limit: The maximum length of articles including references, notes and abstract is 10,000, and the minimum length is 6,000 words.

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Transfer stimulates dialogue between the European trade union movement and the academic and research community. Transfer helps to foster understanding of significant developments in the field of European trade union policy and industrial relations. Transfer contributes research findings of practical relevance to the trade unions. At the same time, it enables the academic research community to gain access to the world of industrial relations. Transfer contains contributions from a wide range of disciplines (sociology, economics, politics, law and history). Word limit: Articles should normally be between 5 000 and 7 000 words

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Work, Employment and Society

Work, Employment and Society (WES) is a leading international peer reviewed journal of the British Sociological Association which publishes theoretically informed and original research on the sociology of work. Work, Employment and Society covers all aspects of work, employment and unemployment and their connections with wider social processes and social structures. The journal is sociologically orientated but welcomes contributions from other disciplines which addresses the issues in a way that informs less debated aspects of the journal's remit, such as unpaid labour and the informal economy. The journal adheres to high standards of scholarship but sees no conflict between accessibility and scholarships; submissions must be clear and free from jargon.

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Impact factors

Explanatory note

The **Academic Impact Factor**, as well as related measures like the immediacy index and the journal-cited half-life, are provided in the Journal Citation Report (**JCR**), an annual publication by the [Institute of Scientific Information](#), a division of [Thomson Scientific](#). The **JCR** also provides various forms of **rankings** of the journals according to their scores for the respective measures (the most important / most quoted is certainly the journal ranking according to the impact factor). Journals are ranked only in comparison to other journals in a similar subject area which are grouped together in the same **subject category**. Examples of subject categories are “Sociology”, “Social Issues”, “Social Sciences Interdisciplinary”, “Public Administration”, etc.

The **JCR Social Sciences Edition** contains data from over 1,700 journals in the social sciences. That’s a lot, but a number of the journals in our list do not receive attention. An alternative database, named SCOPE, contains some of the journals which are not listed in the **JCR**, and uses the same calculations. However, in order to achieve rankings in clearly defined subject categories, one should not mix the two databases with each other.

The **journal impact factor** for a journal is calculated based on a three-year period, and can be viewed as an approximation of the average number of times published papers are cited in the two calendar years following publication.

The impact factor is calculated by dividing the number of citations in the JCR year by the total number of articles published in the two previous years. For example, the 2008 impact factor for a journal would be calculated as follows:

- A = the number of times articles published in 2006-7 were cited in indexed journals during 2008
- B = the number of "citable items" (usually articles, reviews, proceedings or notes; not editorials and letters-to-the-Editor) published in 2006-7
- 2008 impact factor = A/B

An impact factor of 1.0 means that, *on average*, the articles published one or two year ago have been cited one time. An impact factor of 2.5 means that, on average, the articles published one or two years ago have been cited two and a half times. Citing articles may be from the same journal; most citing articles are from different journals.

Next to the impact factor, a number of alternative measures exist. The **five year impact factor** not only takes citations from the previous two, but the previous five years into account, thereby giving a more long-term and probably better picture of the journal profile. The **aggregate impact factor** for a subject category is calculated the same way as the impact factor for a journal, but it takes into account the number of citations to all journals in the category and the number of articles from all journals

in the category. An aggregate impact factor of 1.0 means that that, *on average*, the articles in the subject category published one or two years ago have been cited one time.

The immediacy index is the average number of times an article is cited in the year it is published. The **journal immediacy index** indicates how quickly articles in a journal are cited. The **aggregate immediacy index** indicates how quickly articles in a subject category are cited.

The **journal cited half-life** is the median age of the articles that were cited in the JCR year. Half of a journal's cited articles were published more recently than the cited half-life. For example, in JCR 2001 the journal *Crystal Research and Technology* has a cited half-life of 7.0. That means that articles published in *Crystal Research and Technology* between 1995-2001 (inclusive) account for 50% of all citations to articles from that journal in 2001. The **aggregate cited half-life** is calculated the same way as the journal cited half-life; it is an indication of the turnover rate of the body of work on a subject.

Journals should not be compared between different fields, as different subjects have different scientific traditions and different publishing procedures. The absolute value of an impact factor is meaningless. A journal with an Impact Factor of 2 would not be very impressive in Microbiology, while it would be in Oceanography.

The number of citations a paper garners could either measure its actual quality or simply reflect the sheer number of publications in that particular area of research. Furthermore, in a journal which has long lag time between submission and publication, it might be impossible to cite articles within the three-year window.

By ranking each journal in comparison only to the other journals in the same subject category, these problems may be at least partly overcome.

The impact factor is often misused to predict the importance of an individual publication based on where it was published. This does not work well since the distribution of citations per article will usually be skewed: A small number of publications are cited much more than the majority - for example, about 90% of Nature's 2004 impact factor was based on only a fourth of its publications. The impact factor, however, averages over all articles and thus underestimates the citations of the top cited while exaggerating the number of citations of the average publication.

Since only the ISI database journals are used (which covers mainly English-speaking Journals), it undercounts the number of citations from journals in less-universal languages (even French, German, Spanish).

A journal can adopt editorial policies that increase its impact factor. These editorial policies may not solely involve improving the quality of published scientific work. Journals sometimes may publish a larger percentage of review articles. While many research articles remain uncited after 3 years, nearly all review articles receive at least one citation within three years of publication, therefore review articles can raise the impact factor of the journal.

Several methods, not necessarily with nefarious intent, exist for a journal to cite articles in the same journal which will increase the journal's impact factor. Editorials

in a journal do not count as publications. However when they cite published articles, often articles from the same journal, those citations increase the citation count for the article.

And, last but not least: Impact factors measure popularity, rather than quality.

Impact factors for journals in the area of work and welfare

The following two tables give the impact factors and five year impact factors for the above listed journals, as far as they are included in the Journal Citation Reports (JCR). JCR covers only around 60% of our journals listed above.

The five year impact factor has been included along with the conventional impact factor In order to give a more long-term picture.

The following tables however do not include journal **rankings** within categories, for two reasons. First of all, some of the JSR categories include and exclude journals on a rather arbitrary basis. For example, it is not always straightforward to understand why a journal has been included in “social issues”, and not in “social sciences interdisciplinary”. Some journals may be totally misrepresented by the JSR categorisation, as the number of categories is limited. For example, there is no category “social policy”, and social policy journals are grouped in various related categories instead.

Second, one could argue that the journals assembled in the above lists could be seen as forming one category on their own. The ordered lists as given below could, therefore, be interpreted as rankings within the category “work and welfare”. This in turn is certainly not unproblematic, though, as it clearly shows that the more economics- and Industrial Relations-related journals generally have a higher impact factor due to publishing standards and practices within economics departments. Therefore the rankings with which we come up in the below tables should not be interpreted uncritically.

Journal Name	Impact Factor 2008	5 year Impact Factor 2008
European Journal of Political Research	2.51	2.73
Journal of Common Market Studies	1.84	1.69
Journal of European Public Policy	1.81	1.94
Comparative Political Studies	1.71	1.97
Politics and Society	1.45	1.58
West European Politics	1.42	1.42
Public Administration	1.27	1.65
Scandinavian Political Studies	1.26	1.13
Ageing and Society	1.22	1.72
Journal of European Social Policy	1.16	1.58
Governance	1.14	1.73
Social Policy and Administration	1.00	1.080
British Journal of Political Science	0.96	1.63
Critical Social Policy	0.90	1.37
Journal of Social Policy	0.73	1.25
Acta Politica	0.67	n.a.
Comparative Politics	0.65	0.99
Political Studies	0.63	0.90
International Journal of Social Welfare	0.63	0.76
Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society	0.51	1.10
Policy and Politics	0.51	0.81

Table 1 Selected journals ordered by impact factor (2008).

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Source: Thompson Reuters (2009): Jounal Citation Reports 2000-2008.

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Book series in work and welfare

Amsterdam University Press: Changing Welfare States

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