

Call for papers Themed issue

Social policy for rural areas

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Social Policy Issues journal (Problemy Polityki Społecznej) is pleased to announce a call for papers for a themed issue **dedicated to policies aimed at combating social exclusion in rural areas**. Rural areas play a crucial role in the cultural and economic landscape of countries worldwide. They are home to a significant portion of the population, contribute substantially to agricultural production, and maintain traditional ways of life that are integral to national identity. Understanding and addressing the unique challenges faced by these communities is essential for fostering inclusive and sustainable development.

Rural areas face numerous challenges that contribute to social exclusion. These include limited access to high-quality education and healthcare, inadequate infrastructure, and lower economic opportunities compared to urban centers. The outmigration of young people in search of better prospects further exacerbates these issues, leading to an aging population and a decline in community vitality. Additionally, rural areas often struggle with insufficient public services and social support systems, making it difficult for residents to break the cycle of poverty and exclusion. Climate change is also becoming an increasingly significant issue, particularly affecting those most vulnerable to social exclusion.



This themed issue aims to gather **articles related to social exclusion in rural areas and the policies designed to mitigate it**. Suggested topics for submission include, but are not limited to:

- Analysis of current policies and their effectiveness in reducing social exclusion in rural areas.
- Innovative approaches and best practices in rural development and social inclusion.
Local mechanisms determining the specific implementation of national policies in a rural context.
- The role of local governments and community organizations in combating rural exclusion.
- Case studies of successful initiatives improving access to education, healthcare, and employment in rural areas.
- The impact of demographic changes, such as aging populations and youth outmigration, on rural social structures.
- Challenges related to climate change, with special focus on farmers, and the situation of individuals at risk of exclusion.
- Policies and practices regarding refugees in rural areas.

We invite researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to submit original research articles, reviews, case studies, and policy analyses that provide insights into the multifaceted issue of social exclusion in rural areas. Submissions should contribute to a deeper understanding of the challenges and propose practical solutions to support inclusive development in these communities.

Instructions and Deadlines:

- We invite abstracts and paper proposals concerning those and other challenges that social policy for rural areas face. Authors are expected to **submit 500-700 word abstracts of their papers by the end of September 2024.**
- Abstracts should be sent to guest editor [skalinowski\(at\)irwirpan.waw.pl](mailto:skalinowski(at)irwirpan.waw.pl)
- Authors will be notified of the status of their submissions by October 15th. For this issue, we plan to accept 5–8 papers.



- **The manuscripts will be due by the end of March 2025.** Submission link: <https://www.editorialsystem.com/ppsen>
- We expect papers between 6,000 and 9,000 words - including abstract, references, and footnotes), edited in accordance with the Journal's Instructions for Authors.
- The publication of the Issue is planned for late 2025, or early 2026.

Basic information about the Journal

Social Policy Issues (Problemy Polityki Społecznej; ISSN 1640-1808) is a peer-reviewed scientific journal published by the University of Warsaw. The journal is devoted to social policy, the welfare state and social problems. All articles published in the journal are **open-access, and they are published free of charge**. The journal is indexed in the **Scopus**, ERIH PLUS, EBSCO, Index Copernicus, CEJSH, CEEOL and BazEkon databases. It publishes empirical and theoretical articles, comparative analyses, including studies encompassing international, national, regional and local issues, and reviews. The mission of the journal is to deepen the understanding of social policy and social issues in Central and Eastern European countries. The journal has been, first bi-annually and then quarterly (in March, June, September, December) published since 1999.

Publishing rules

The journal accepts original scientific articles and reviews of academic publications that have not been unpublished or submitted for publication elsewhere, in part or in whole, in other journals or books, in both printed or digital versions. Scientific articles can include reports and reviews of empirical research data, monographs or review articles.

Scientific articles are published in English only. Original scientific articles are reviewed in a double-blind review process. Articles accepted for review are sent to at least two referees.

Technical requirements for papers

<http://www.problemypolitykispolecznej.pl/Technical-requirements,2304.html>

