Call for Contributions

From Research Week to Joint Publication

Special Issue of *EthikJournal*: Artificial Intelligence in Social Work and Social Services

The International Research Week on AI and Social Services offers an opportunity to explore current developments, challenges and perspectives on artificial intelligence in social work and social services.

Building on the presentations and discussions at the International Research Week, we invite participants to develop their contributions into manuscripts for **a special issue of *EthikJournal*** focusing on the ethical implications of AI in social work and social services.

The special issue aims to explore how AI can be developed, implemented and used in ways that are consistent with the values and ethical principles of social work. We are particularly interested in contributions that examine the tensions and dilemmas arising when AI technologies meet professional judgement, human agency, participation, care and social justice. We also welcome reflections on the educational, organisational and societal conditions that shape responsible AI use.

We welcome **theoretical, empirical and practice-oriented contributions** that engage with these or related questions. Contributions may draw on international research, professional practice, service-user perspectives or interdisciplinary approaches. Rather than prescribing a single ethical framework, the special issue seeks to bring together diverse perspectives on the ethical challenges and possibilities of AI in social work and social services.

Interested in Contributing?

This invitation is addressed to **presenters at the International Research Week who would like to develop their presentations into journal articles**. Co-authors and collaborators involved in the original work are welcome to participate in preparing the manuscript.

We invite interested presenters to submit an expression of interest by 15 December 2026, including a working title and a brief abstract (maximum 800 characters, including spaces) outlining the proposed manuscript and its intended ethical focus.

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If you are interested in contributing, please let us know by the deadline, even if your manuscript is still at an early stage of development.

The final manuscript should be **30,000–35,000 characters, including spaces**. The reference list is excluded from this character count.

Important Dates

- **15 December 2026:** Expression of interest, including working title, brief abstract and intended ethical focus
- **15 April 2027:** Manuscript submission deadline
- **May 2027:** Editorial feedback
- **May–June 2027:** Revision period
- **July 2027:** Expected publication

We look forward to continuing the conversations initiated during the International Research Week and to bringing together a diverse collection of contributions that advance critical and ethically informed discussions about AI in social work and social services.

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