

Instructions to authors

1. Submissions should lean towards research that is qualitative and addresses such areas as human social relationships, bodily experience, emotional sentiment, mental states, and the contemporary contexts in which these occur. Such research may address areas of religion, spirituality, psychology, philosophy, sexuality, cultural practice and personal preference.

2. The theoretical framework upon which submissions are founded should draw on the work of theoreticians from within Continental Philosophy and in particular phenomenology. The submissions should relate aspects of these theories to those aspects of human experience to which contributors choose to draw attention.

3. Before preparing a manuscript for submission, evaluate the research to judge whether it will be an important contribution to the field. The following checklist might help:

- Is the research question significant and is the work original and important?
- Is the research outcome based on sound theoretical and methodological principles?
- Has the research process adhered to appropriate ethical standards?
- Is the research at a sufficiently advanced stage to make the publication of results meaningful?

4. Submissions must not exceed 5 000 to 7 000 words, and be prefaced by a 300 word précis of the paper. Bibliographies, footnotes and research notes may be added but should not exceed 1 000 words.

5. Authors must certify that their paper is not under consideration by any other journal AND that it will not be submitted elsewhere until and unless a final, written rejection decision from the Editor-in-Chief has been received.

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9. Submissions are made electronically to the Editor-in-Chief via the journal's website (www.ipjp.org).

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12. The Editors reserve the right to invite specific contributors to prepare articles for the Journal and to call for papers from the academic community. Moreover, the right is reserved to suggest alterations to contributions, and to reject papers as seen fit. Correspondence will not be entered into.

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