

Instructions for Authors of the Journal of Educational Change

1. Aims and scope of the Journal

The Journal of Educational Change (JEC) seeks submissions from scholars around the world who can contribute to our expanding knowledge base on the diverse modes of change. These changes include:

- *Instructional changes* that improve learning, especially for students traditionally marginalized by their schools and society;
- *Curricular changes* that are undertaken by teachers, schools, states, and transnational organizations for a variety of educational, political, and economic reasons;
- *Assessment changes* that are catalyzed by teacher associations, community organizations, governments, businesses in efforts to understand better how students are learning and what can be done to better support them;
- *Technological change* that is rapidly transforming access to information and throwing into question traditional ways of organizing schools;
- *Demographic change* that is leading to the proliferation of new forms of identity and transnational attachments;
- *Policy changes* that on the one hand are leading towards an increasingly visible consensus about what should be taught in schools and how, yet paradoxically at the same time can lead to a reaffirmation of distinctive local and national identities that resist cultural homogenization;
- *Economic changes* that are improving standards of living in much of the global South but at the same time contribute to widening economic disparities within and across nations, with ramifications for learning in and out of schools.

In light of these massive ongoing transformations of school and society, JEC seeks manuscripts that contribute to:

- Our understanding of educational change within and across cultures;
- Diverse forms of methodological rigor in the study of change;
- The advancement of theory about change itself, and not simply as a reflection of singular processes or events.

JEC is an international publication. Its articles speak to the global community of scholars, wherever they may be found. JEC seeks to contribute to the creation of learning environments that respect the world's diverse students, educators, and communities. Hence, all manuscripts should be written for an international audience. Authors are asked to provide enough information about their home contexts so that readers from other regions are able to access and understand their research.

JEC provides a venue for empirical research and theory building about change. Authors are requested not only to document discreet changes but also to help the Journal's readers to understand what the research tells us about change today. This information should be stated explicitly in the articles and in all abstracts.

2. Formal guidelines

LANGUAGE. JEC's language is English. British English or American English spelling and terminology may be used, but either one should be followed consistently throughout the article. We appreciate all efforts you make to ensure that the language is corrected before submission.

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- Be **no longer than 10,000 words** in length (without references).
- Be **double-spaced** on standard-sized pages (8.5" x 11") with 1" margins on all sides.
- Use **12 pt. Times New Roman** font.
- **NOT include a title page or abstract** (you will enter these in JEC's online system).
- Be **page-numbered**, without a page header (also known as *running head*).
- Be **blinded for peer-review**. All self-identifying citations and references should either be avoided or left blank when manuscripts are first submitted.

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- iii. The manuscript has 10,000 words or less, without references.
- iv. The manuscript is double-spaced with 1” margins on all sides, uses 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and is written according to the aforementioned guidelines.
- v. The manuscript does NOT include a title page or abstract (authors provide these in JEC’s online system).
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