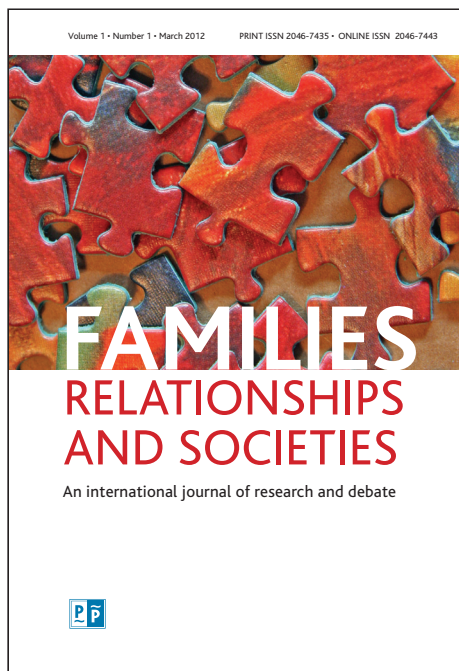


New Journal Announcement from The Policy Press



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“Relate welcomes the forthcoming launch of Families, Relationships and Societies. Relationship formation, functioning and dissolution are central events in people’s lives, and it is crucial that we advance our understanding changes. We expect this journal to be of great use to policy makers, and to practice-based organisations like ours.”

Baroness Claire Tyler, CEO, Relate

Aims and scope

The Policy Press is delighted to announce a new journal to add to our growing list. *Families, Relationships and Societies (FRS)* is a new social science journal designed to advance scholarship and debate in the growing field of families and relationships across the life course. It will explore family life, relationships and generational issues from interdisciplinary, social science perspectives, whilst maintaining a solid grounding in sociological theory and methods and a strong policy and practice focus. The title ‘Families, Relationships and Societies’ encompasses the fluidity, complexity and diversity of contemporary social and personal relationships and their need to be understood in the context of different societies and cultures.

International and comprehensive in scope, FRS covers a range of theoretical, methodological and substantive issues, from the complexities of time, space, mobility and social change, to debates around family forms, practices and resources, intergenerational care and support, intimacy, individualisation, inter-dependency, identity, gender and generation. Encouraging methodological innovation, a life course perspective and dynamic approaches, the journal will transcend traditional boundaries that typically focus on one life course stage, one configuration of families or relationships, or one society.

Articles and contributions will be drawn from disciplines and subject areas across the social sciences and related lifecourse disciplines, for example, sociology, social policy, social work, childhood studies, demography, youth studies, family studies, gender studies, ageing and gerontology, health and social care, education, psychology, social history, socio-legal studies, politics, criminology, and psycho-social studies.

The applied focus of the journal will embrace a diverse global field and encourage a critical engagement with policy and practice developments and issues within and across welfare regimes. A unique feature will be an ‘open space’ section within the journal which will provide an opportunity for debates across domains.

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Call for papers

Submissions to the journal are invited from subject areas across the social sciences and related life course disciplines, for example, sociology, social policy, social work, childhood studies, demography, youth studies, family studies, gender studies, ageing and gerontology, health and social care, education, psychology, social history, socio-legal studies, politics, criminology, and psycho-social studies. Papers will be expected to have relevance to academic, policy and practitioner audiences, enabling a wide range of perspectives to be brought together in one place to foster innovation and development within disciplines and advance interdisciplinary research and practice.

The key themes explored in the journal will be:

- Theorising families and relationships
- Advances in methodology
- Presenting new empirical evidence
- Critical analysis of policy and practice
- Creating dialogue across theory, research, policy and practice
- Developing perspectives on globalisation and personal life

The journal welcomes papers from those working in the areas covered by this remit. They should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words (including references) in length. An abstract of not more than 150 words should be included. All articles are refereed to assess their suitability for publication.

For further information or to submit a paper please email the Editors c/o frs-journal@bath.ac.uk. Authors are encouraged to submit electronic copy and should be sent as an attached file in Word, or Rich Text format. Articles should be anonymised, ready for sending to referees and be accompanied by an email address or note giving full contact details of the author(s) and, in the case of jointly authored articles, nominating an author for correspondence.

Open Space

Co-editors: Professor David Morgan and Dr Jacqui Gabb

Open Space is a unique feature within the journal which provides an opportunity for debates across domains. It provides a dynamic space for critical engagement with contemporary debates, policy and practice initiatives, empirical research and recent publications in the fields of families, relationships and societies. This dialogic section will draw together different viewpoints on a topic, bringing authors into conversation with one another and providing up-to-date perspectives on local and global contexts. Contributions to this section are invited from all subject and disciplinary areas and are subject to the usual peer review. They will also require a 75 word abstract. They can explore any topic that falls within the key themes of the journal and may include Debate articles, Practice and policy review and Review articles. To submit a contribution please contact David Morgan at morgdav389@aol.com or Jacqui Gabb: at j.a.gabb@open.ac.uk

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