

# Call for Papers

## Special Issue:

### Critical and Social Knowledge Organization

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Knowledge Organization (KO) deals with the inherent tension between the non-neutrality of knowledge representation and the commitment to respond promptly and accurately to the demands and information needs of different user communities. This situation has led the field of KO to engage in a discussion regarding the promotion of access and social justice through studies and actions. To this end, critical and social studies on KO, including knowledge organization systems, in archives, libraries, and information institutions must be constantly conducted. This special issue aims to explore the assumptions and values of critical and social KO approaches and welcomes theoretical and empirical paper submissions worldwide.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Knowledge Organization support for social justice
- Truth and Relevance in Knowledge Organization
- Inclusive terminology
- Antiracism, anticolonialism and feminist stances
- Indigenous Knowledge Organization
- Ethics in Knowledge Organization
- Epistemicide and epistemic (in)justice in Knowledge Organization Systems

We invite authors to submit an abstract for consideration for this special issue. Please send a 500-700 words abstract with author name(s), affiliation, email address and name of the corresponding author to the guest editors:

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Contributions must be aligned with the scope of the Journal ([www.isko.org/ko.html](http://www.isko.org/ko.html)) and should be well-situated in the KO field, addressing the specialized literature. After the guest editors' acceptance, successful authors will be invited to submit full papers through the regular KO Open Journal submission process: <https://ojs.nomos-journals.de/index.php/ko>. Author guidelines must be strictly followed: [www.isko.org/instructions.pdf](http://www.isko.org/instructions.pdf)

Important dates:

Opening date for abstract submission: **26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Closing date for abstract submission: **1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

Notification of acceptance: **20<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Opening date for paper submission: **25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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