Aims and Scope

• Purpose

The purpose of the Journal of Social Inclusion is to create and disseminate a new knowledge and understanding of the complex exclusionary processes that work to distance individuals, families, groups and communities from the societies in which they live, and the ultimate costs of these processes.

JoSI provides an accessible forum for informed critical debate on the issue of social inclusion in the form of editorials, commentary, review essays, reviews and peer-reviewed scholarly articles and conference papers. It welcomes a wide range of methodological and theoretical points of departure. While its primary focus is Australia, the journal also aims to provide a broader international perspective.

• Disciplines covered

The journal recognises that an interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary approach to the subject of social inclusion is desirable to optimise knowledge gathering and dissemination. Submissions will be welcomed from academic disciplines including, but certainly not limited to: human services and social work; ethics; sociology and social policy; public health; psychology; legal studies; education; criminology and criminal justice; gender studies and creative arts.

• Intellectual Level of the Project

JoSI aims to publish work that is of a high intellectual standard. Submissions are subject to triple blind peer-review.

The editors will seek Thomson/ISI listing for the journal, and will aim for the highest quality ratings in various research quality frameworks (for instance A*-A in the new Australian Research Council Excellence in Research for Australia journal rankings.)

At the same time, a hallmark of the journal is that it seeks to foster connection and exchange across the different sectors contributing to and interested in social inclusion. Thus contributions to JoSI will be clearly written and accessible to a wide range of academic audiences, as well as those interested in social inclusion in policy, care, service delivery, health and welfare, law and administration, non-government sector, and elsewhere.

• Topicality

JoSI aims for appropriate topicality. That is, the editors use short commentary pieces and contributions from practitioners to address important topic debates internationally. Otherwise the journal seeks to cover the urgent, pressing and emerging issues in knowledge, theory and research in the area of social inclusion – seeking to publish academic refereed works of pioneering research, analysis and special issues.
**Unique Emphases of Journal of Social Inclusion**

Uniquely, Journal of Social Inclusion emphasizes:

Research and developments in social inclusion from Australia and internationally that contribute to the creation of new knowledge of and strategies for its enhancement;

New perspectives in social inclusion that engage with traditions, ideas and approaches in other regions and countries;

Research that is rigorous, creative and cutting-edge, but that directly is informed by and engages with the experiences, movements and accounts of the socially excluded;

Interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research and developments;

Research and work in the area of social inclusion from outside the dominant sociological tradition.