



Submission details:

To determine whether your research findings are relevant for publication in the Special Issue, please send a 250 word abstract of the perspective manuscript you intend to submit. Indicate a provisional title, the research questions addressed and the methodology used.

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The timeline is as follows:

Submission deadline for abstracts: **20 January 2015**

Notification on the acceptability of abstract: 30 January 2015

Submission deadline for full manuscripts: **1 May 2015**

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Call for Papers

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Reshaping Families in Northern Europe

We are pleased to invite manuscripts for the *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* Special Issue to be published in 2016. The theme of issue is 'Reshaping Families in Northern Europe'.

The focus of this issue is encapsulated in three keywords: Reshaping, Families and the Region and it is inclusive in regard to the subjects to be discussed as well as the variety of countries identified as laying in Northern Europe. The Special Issue aims to provide a timely opportunity to give a sociological glance at the countries with different histories, including post-Soviet experiences and family practices. The authors are welcome to discuss commonalities / peculiarities, changes / continuity and urgent issues on different levels of analysis.

Reshaping is a multi-layered and multifaceted concept that could be studied from various perspectives. We invite manuscripts that explore the increasing diversity of family forms, structures, relationships and thus unveil the dynamic links between families and the changing institutional contexts, power relations and cultural settings. How families and their realities are shaped by existing and emerging inequalities, policies, culturally produced and sustained social divisions? How families respond to the local and global uncertainties and risks generated by contemporary societies? Moreover, how the past shapes the present of the families and could we delineate common or converging family patterns despite the variety of the historical destinies in Northern Europe?

Reshaping could be looked at from the perspective of everyday life interactions and family practices, community building activities in the context of globalization / glocalization and reflect the newly emerging social phenomena. The mode of analysis of reshaping could be centred towards meaning making practices, theorizing about lived realities as well as towards the ways of sociological inquiry and language of doing research.

We welcome single country or comparative research original manuscripts based on quantitative, qualitative or mixed methodology.