

Special Issue

Welfare Services: Policies to Create Equality, Diversity and Democracy

Message from the Guest Editors

The overarching theme of this Special Issue is that equality, diversity, and democracy are put to the test by political, economic, and environmental crises. In Norway and other countries, such uneasiness is reflected in the environment of welfare services in research and in practice, and it touches on themes as users of services, services, and service development, digitalization, the knowledge of welfare work and the professions working within the welfare sector, and policies. Papers are invited to ask what role welfare workers should take in the face of a constantly changing society, what knowledge is needed to strengthen welfare services—social work and child welfare in particular—how services support children, young people, families, and society as a whole to make them resilient and promote their co-creation of services, and the overall development of services to meet the future needs of citizens. This Special Issue will strengthen the existing knowledge on the role of welfare services, social work, and child welfare in changing times.

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