

## ***Call for papers – Special Issue on Social work, Inequality and Sustainability***

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This special issue is based on the 2022 FORSA Conference and the theme of "sustainability and social inequality". Sustainability policy has traditionally retained a dominant focus on which technical solutions can contribute to reducing climate emissions and a much smaller focus on the social aspects of a sustainable adjustment of society. However, the UN's sixth report on climate change has pointed to the seriousness of the global climate crisis and the consequences that this seriousness has for increased inequality regarding health and social conditions in the population (IPCC, 2021). The EU has established "equitable distribution" (European Green Deal, 2019) and "leaving no one behind" (LNOB) as agendas for climate change and the green shift. These are also key aspects of the UN's sustainability goals.

The Norwegian welfare model has provided evidence of social equalization that ensures a good standard of living and predictability for citizens' welfare on a level that is quite unique both historically and globally. In Norway we also observe that the number of social and economic inequalities between individuals and groups is increasing. According to data from Statistics Norway (SSB, 2022), more people are experiencing living on a low income, which in turn has substantial implications for people's everyday life, living conditions, housing conditions and health.

For this themed issue, we want contributions that thematize *social work in the face of complex societal challenges linked to inequality and sustainability*, which require changes in political solutions and approaches in the field of practice.

Current issues can be linked to questions such as the following: How can the field of social work be further developed in this landscape? What role can social work-related knowledge have in the field of sustainable social development? How can social work contribute to the fair distribution of benefits and opportunities as a result of "the green shift"? How are paradoxes, ambiguities or conflicts of interest experienced and encountered during the implementation of sustainability goals at different levels in the services? We welcome contributions that range widely in relation to various fields of social work practice, target groups, political subjects, theoretical perspectives, and research methods.

### **Deadlines:**

1st of March 2023: Deadline for abstract submission (N.B. – select: Original Article/Abstract for special issue)

14th of March 2023: Feedback on the abstract

1<sup>st</sup> of October 2023: Deadline for submitting the full manuscript

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