

Call for Submissions

Deadline: October 31, 2010

Human Development Disability and Social Change

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Urban Communities, Municipal Policies and people with Disabilities

The Journal of «Human Development and Social Change» opens its columns to contributions addressing the planning, development and management of accessible municipal services, the engagement of disability organizations in building inclusive communities, and the responsibilities of municipal organizations towards people with disabilities.

Universal Accessibility, social participation, obstacles, **reception and reference**, **disability**, municipal services, **urbanism**, organizational change management, **citizenship**, consultation, **comparative analysis**, Etc.

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Changing the World Through Understanding Differences

Urban Communities, Municipal Policies, and People with Disabilities

Local governments have long been regarded as intermediaries of the central authorities or local managers for the implementation of their policies. Nowadays, cities are seen as actors in their own right in policy development, and as important ground for disability rights advocacy. Indeed, the recent questioning of the welfare state, as well as the promotion of new governance practices within the municipal sector invite public, quasi-governmental, private and voluntary organizations to redefine how they relate to the municipal institutions and their territorial jurisdiction. In this regard, experiences and research have found that cities promoting the use of inter-sectoral partnerships, negotiation of service arrangements, development of collaborative projects and establishment of coalitions are contributing, on one hand, to reshape the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders towards the general population and, on the other hand, to reform the politicization process of issues and mechanisms for citizen participation. Such changes in the governance of cities are not inconsequential for people with disabilities and the organizations representing them.

First of all, the involvement of new stakeholders into the planning, management, and delivery of municipal services may influence the quality of access to accommodation measures and their availability to people with disabilities of all ages, including frail elderly. Nowadays, many local governments acknowledge that decisions and policies related to tourism, urban planning, transportation, recreation, snow removal, etc., affect their social participation, and may create or reduce the existing environmental obstacles they find in their communities. For many people with disabilities, accessible municipal services are deemed essential to the accomplishment of their daily activities and social roles. However, the first step towards an increased recognition of the basic and particular needs of the people with disabilities within the municipal system is the need for a common, inclusive approach for the planning, delivery, and management of municipal services.

Second, the involvement of new stakeholders into the municipal governance can have a significant impact on how to manage and deal with public issues. Relying upon intersectoral or consultation mechanisms transcending municipal boundaries in order to deal with disability-related issues may bring further de-politicization, and even technologization of some of these issues. On the contrary, this may also lead to a renewed interest. Whichever approach is chosen, it should enable people with disabilities and the organizations representing them to work together in identifying these issues and recommending accommodating solutions for all citizen realities.

The journal of *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* is calling for researchers, graduate students, and leaders of disability organizations to submit their articles focusing on the development of accessible cities. We are interested in publishing articles addressing the current changes observed in municipal governance, their impact on the development of barrier-free policies, environments, and services, as well as on the quality of citizen participation and use of territorial jurisdiction. Authors may also highlight the best practices for planning, developing and managing accessible municipal programs and services. Finally, articles may also reflect the impact of the governmental enactment of disability-related policies, such as *À part entière* (Quebec), the American with Disabilities Act (United States), and the *Loi pour l'égalité des droits et des chances, la participation et la citoyenneté des personnes handicapées* (France), on the roles and responsibilities of municipal organizations towards people with disabilities and their self-advocating strategies.

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Important Dates:

- **Letter of intent deadline:** September 15, 2010
- **Article proposition deadline:** October 31, 2010

The «Human Development, Disability, and Social Change» journal invites researchers, students, professors, and disability rights organizations to send a letter of intent to the International Network on the Disability Creation Process (iNDCP) before submitting their articles.

In order to do this, we suggest you to complete the following questionnaire and send it back to us by mail, by fax, or by email. You will the iNDCP contact information at the bottom of this page.

If you have any question regarding the «Human Development, Disability, and Social Change» journal, we are conveying you to communicate with its Editor in Chief:

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Provisional title:

Research object or question:

Approach:

Keywords:

Reminder of Requirements for Submitting Articles to be published in Our Journal

Human Development, Disability, and Social Change is looking for original articles, i.e. papers that have not been accepted or published in another publication, which focus on the fields of accommodation, rehabilitation, social participation and human rights advocacy of people with disabilities.

Contributions that are accepted will show explicit:

- a) **Theoretical innovation** (argumentation quality, concept clarification, importance of the innovation in the field)
- b) **Scientific value** (coherence, methodological quality, contribution to research advancement) for the publication of research results;
- c) **Practical utility** (completeness, synthesis quality, transferability, etc.) for knowledge-transfer articles.

Authors should consider placing their own topic into the context of relevant literature pertaining to their research object. They should introduce the current state of knowledge in their field by taking the major contributions into account (books, journals, governmental reports, websites, etc.) If relevant literature is lacking, the author should mention it and demonstrate how his/her article could contribute to improve our understanding of the phenomena.

Authors have to clearly identify the approaches and methodologies they used in conducting their research. Authors are invited to define each concept they expect to use through their article in order to facilitate reviewers' work and readers' understanding.

Authors are also invited to provide feedback on their results in relation to their research question and explain how they invalidate or confirm the findings previously achieved by other contributors in the field. *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* encourages authors to discuss the consequences of their results in terms of future research, policies, and professional practice, as well as to make recommendations.

Authors' Commitment

- ✓ I commit myself to producing an article for the ___ issue of *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* for the year _____.
- ✓ I recognize that my article submission might be refused for the issue I had selected if my contribution is received after the deadline.
- ✓ I agree, once my article is approved, to complete the *Copyrights Transfer Agreement* form. My refusal to comply with this requirement will automatically result in *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* not publishing my scientific contribution.
- ✓ I understand that published articles and their content are the sole responsibility of their authors.
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Instructions for authors

This document contains :

- a) A concise description of *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change*
- b) Guidelines for article submission
- c) Specification for additional materials
- d) Tips for authors
- e) Important Deadlines
- f) Appeal Process
- g) Contact Information

A) A concise description of *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change*

The bilingual journal «Développement humain, handicap et changement social» / «Human Development, Disability and Social Change» focuses on the development and diffusion of knowledge about personal and environmental determinants of the social participation of people with disabilities. Our journal values «interdisciplinary», «cross-disability» and «transgenerational» perspectives: all disciplines, impairments and disabilities, as well as age groups are included.

«Human Development, Disability & Social Change» opens its columns to experimented researchers, postgraduate students, clinicians, and organizations promoting the human rights of people with disabilities wishing to share their research results and their knowledge transfer articles. Our publication accepts submissions from authors discussing about the rehabilitation, adaptation, social participation and people with disabilities human rights fields.

Our journal is a bi-annual publication, and is edited by the International Network on the Disability Creation Network (INDCP), a not-for-profit organization that has the objective to develop and disseminate knowledge centered on social change and optimum social participation of people with disabilities.

B) Guidelines for article submission

General

- Articles should not exceed 8000 words, excluding titles, abstracts (french and english), charts, and references.

Anonymity protection

- Authors are required to send, in a separate document, information concerning the titles, names and contact information of the contributors, date of proposition, and for which issue the manuscript has been submitted.
- Any reference to the identity of the author (s) has to be withdrawn of your contribution. This will guarantee the anonymity of the peer evaluation process. The word «author» has to be used every time a name appears in your manuscript.

Manuscript Submission Form

- Authors are required to fill a Manuscript Submission Form and send it to the Editor in Chief of «Human Development, Disability and Social Change».
- Reviewers appointed by the Editorial Board will not evaluate articles before the Editor in Chief had received and validated the Manuscript Submission Form.
- Authors are allowed to submit more than one article for a same issue. However, Manuscript Submission Forms are needed for every contribution an author wishes to be published. Authors have to send us each article separately by email AND by mail.

Layout

- Articles sent must respect the following layout elements and format: Times New Roman 12 points, double-spacing, 1 inch margins (2,5 cm), WORD format.
- Authors will follow indications found into the fifth edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) ***about quoting and bibliography.***

- Authors have to cite or refer to every books, articles or documents they used in the process of writing their article. References have to be found in the bibliography section at the end of the article.
- Authors have to inscribe the article's title by using a heading.
- Authors must paginate their documents for the page number automatically appears at the lower end of the right corner of the page.

Sending your article to our journal

- Authors have to send their article, as well as, their figures, graphics, annexes, etc., 1) electronically, **and** 2) by mail or fax.
- Authors have to clearly identify each of the attached files sent electronically, to make sure that reviewers can relate those files to the proper article. Please indicate in your email which issue you have chosen, and the name(s) of the author(s).
- Any supplementary materials (figures, annexes, graphics, etc.) have to use the same identification method as discussed above.

Matériel	Accepted Format	Procedures
Figures, tables and charts	Word (.doc), Excel (.xls), JPEG (.jpg) GIF (.gif),	
Photographs	JPEG (.jpg), EPS (.eps)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum resolution: 72dpi • Minimum width: 400 pixels
Designed graphics (such as logos)	GIF (.gif)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum resolution: 72dpi • Minimum width: 400 pixels
Web links	Web links inside the article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible, indicate the french and english links

Conditions of publication

- *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* is looking for original articles, i.e. papers that have not been accepted or published in another publication, which focus on the rehabilitation, adaptation, social participation and people with disabilities human rights fields.
- Any article, or supplementary material, accepted for publication in *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* becomes the sole property of the INDCP, which retains all rights for its diffusion and reproduction.
- Before *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* publishes an article, and/or supplementary materials, authors will have to complete an Assignment of Copyright form. Authors are responsible to inform the Editor in Chief if their article contains published materials that are currently protected by copyright.

C) Tips for Authors

- *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* journal is intended for readers with varying degrees of familiarity and comfort with disability-related literature and theories. Authors should be careful to use an accessible language, as well as, to clearly define the concepts employed through their article.
- Authors are authorized to submit articles based upon a conference presentation. However, such contributions will have to respond to the same quality criteria as the other accepted articles. Authors must indicate the times and location of the colloquium they attended.
- Authors should disclose the relevant conference information at the end of the manuscript (ex: This article was modified from a presentation at the INDCP 2008 Colloquium in Quebec, QC, April 2008.), as well as, provide web links for the conference homepage or the sponsoring organization.
- Authors should consider situating their own problematic into the context of the pertinent literature on their research object. They should present the current state of knowledge in their field by presenting its major contributions (books, articles, governmental reports, websites, etc.). If there is a lack of literature about the subject chosen by the author, he should mention it and shows how its article could contribute to improve our understanding of the phenomena.

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D) Important Deadlines

- Submission deadlines: approximately six months prior to publication date (see *Human Development, Disability and Social Change* publication schedule)
- Estimated review time: 6- 8 weeks

E) Arbitration Process

The *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* journal reserves the right to publish submitted articles by authors. Modifications to the original text might also be required by the peer review committee before publishing. If those modifications are not done within a reasonable time frame, we might have to push back the publication of your contribution to another issue.

If, at any moment, you believe that your article proposition has the object of an unjust evaluation from the peer review committee, it is possible to contact *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* Editor in Chief. If he finds it appropriated, he can set up a new peer review committee which will be solely responsible of your article re-evaluation. *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* reserves the right to not publish any article that does not meet its quality criteria.

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The Editor in Chief will notify authors that their manuscript have been received within five working days of reception

G) Questions and comments

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