

Deafness as a Difference in Human Experience: Cultural Recognition and Social Participation Support

In the experience of the daily life reality of individuals, deafness is rooted within specific social representations and societal dynamics. More often than not in the past, its relational dimensions have been clouded by the technological aspects of hearing loss. Despite considerable advancements in assistive technology for hearing impairments over the years, it must be noted that communication with the hearing society still remains difficult. Indeed, many deaf young adults and elders suffer from solitude, loneliness, and stigmatization.

When shared within a community of peers, deafness becomes the ground for new identities, which might initiate a process of reappropriation of the corporeal difference. Between the issues of sign language recognition and struggles against social exclusion, the deaf simultaneously claim and deny their minority situation in society.

To date, social and cultural dimensions of deafness have remained on the margins of scientific uncertainties. Indeed, there is growing consensus that such issues should be the basis of a comprehensive definition describing the individual and collective strategies to use in order to improve the social participation of the deaf and hard of hearing.

The next issue of *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* journal will focus on the cultural recognition and social participation support of the deaf. We are ideally seeking the publication of original works about the identity claims of Deaf people and their families, conditions of Deaf culture existence, challenges in relation with deafblindness and quality of the current social participation of deaf individuals (access to education, health, employment, etc.). Researchers and advocacy leaders are also invited to discuss the ethical issues related to advancements in hearing assistive technology. Published articles should address how to tailor individual and collective interventions for Deaf people.

Please note that deafness research issues might be addressed in many ways, and that some of them have not been specified in this call for submissions. Thereby, authors are welcomed to submit articles addressing additional issues related to deafness.

Please find enclosed a poster for the call for submissions, a letter of intent template, and the *Instructions to Authors*. We would like to receive your letter of intent by September 31, 2009.

To get more information about the *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* journal, please visit our website:

<http://www.ripph.gc.ca/?rub3=3&rub2=0&rub=20&lang=en>

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**Deafness as a Difference in Human Experience:
Cultural Recognition and Social Participation**

Submission Deadline: September 31, 2009

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 find 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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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.
- ✓ I, the undersigned, hereby agree to these conditions and promise to respect them to the best of my knowledge.

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Instructions to Authors

This document includes:

- a) A Concise Description of *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change*
- b) Guidelines for article submission
- c) Specification about additional material
- d) Tips to 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 dissemination 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 and types of 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 who wish to share their research findings and their knowledge-transfer articles. Our journal accepts submissions from authors discussing about the fields of accommodation, rehabilitation, social participation and human rights advocacy of people with disabilities.

Our biannual publication is edited by the International Network on the Disability Creation Network (INDCP), a not-for-profit organization involved in developing and disseminating knowledge based on social change and the achievement of optimal social participation for people with disabilities.

B) Guidelines for Article Submission

General

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

Confidentiality

- Authors are required to send, in a separate document, all the details related to the title, name and contact information of the contributor(s), submission date, and the number of the issue for which the manuscript was submitted.
- Any reference to the identity of the author (s) has to be withdrawn of your contribution. This will insure confidentiality in 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 chief editor of *Human Development, Disability and Social Change*.
- Reviewers appointed by the editorial board will not evaluate articles until the chief editor has received and validated the Manuscript Submission Form.
- Authors are allowed to submit more than one article for the same issue. However, a Manuscript Submission Form needs to be filled for every submitted contribution. Authors must send each article separately by email AND by regular mail.

Layout

- Articles must comply with the following layout elements and format: 12-point Times New Roman, double-spaced, one-inch margins (2.5 cm), WORD format.
- Authors will follow indications found in the fifth edition of ***Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA)*** about quoting and references.

- Authors have to quote or refer to every books, articles or documents they used in the process of writing their article. References have to be found in the references section at the end of the article.
- Authors must write the article’s title with proper heading in the text body.
- Authors must ensure to paginate each page of their documents so that the page number automatically appears at the bottom right of the page.

Sending Your Article

- Authors must send their article, as well as figures, graphs, appendices, etc., **BOTH** (1) by email; and (2) regular mail or fax.
- Authors must clearly identify each of the attached files sent electronically in order 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 additional material (figures, appendices, graphs, etc.) must use the same identification method as discussed above.

Material	Approved Formats	Procedures
Figures, tables and charts	Word (.doc), Excel (.xls), JPEG (.jpg) GIF (.gif),	
Pictures	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 links that are in French or English

Publication Conditions

- *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.
- Any article or additional material approved for publication in *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* will remain/become the property of the INDCP, with copyrights assigned to the INDCP.
- Prior to publishing an article and/or supplementary materials, *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* makes sure that the authors have completed an Assignment of Copyright Form. Authors are responsible for informing the chief editor if their article contains published material currently protected by copyright.

C) Tips to Authors

- *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change* 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 used throughout 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 approved articles. Authors must indicate the time and location of the conference they attended.
- Authors should disclose the relevant conference information at the end of the manuscript (ex: This article is issued from a presentation provided at the 2008 INDCP Conference in Quebec City, April 2008.) and provide hyperlinks for the conference homepage or the sponsoring organization.
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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

Human Development, Disability, and Social Change 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 timeframe, we might have to postpone the publication of your contribution in another issue.

If at any moment you believe that your article proposition was the object of an unfair evaluation from the peer review committee, it is possible to contact the chief editor of *Human Development, Disability, and Social Change*. If deemed appropriate, he will 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 remove any article that does not meet its quality criteria.

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G) Questions and Comments

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