

Call for Special Issue Articles

International Social Science Journal: Special issue on 'Social Science Research Systems in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)'

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International Social Science Journal is inviting papers for a special issue on 'Social Science Research Systems in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)'.

The current 21st century is popularly referred to as a knowledge-based society in which people and organisations create, acquire, disseminate and use knowledge more efficiently and effectively for greater social, cultural and economic growth. The recognition of knowledge as the prime resource in fostering social, cultural and economic growth should go hand in hand with the increasing emphasis and attention in research. Nonetheless, low and middle-income countries are most often characterised by low research capacity, sub-standard quality of research, poor advice to governments, or unused and 'lost' knowledge. To address any of these challenges, we need a clear understanding of how the research systems work within many LMICs. Such an understanding should include knowledge production, and consider how the knowledge travels to and is used by both academic and non-academic worlds, for such knowledge to effect socio-economic development.

This special issue calls for papers that engage in assessing social science research system in LMICs, specifically on weaknesses, shortcomings and successes to developing social science research. In particular, we invite papers addressing the following broad topics regarding social science research system in LMICs:

- Challenges and opportunities for producing social science research
- Financing of social science research
- Communication of research in generating public awareness, discourse and civic activism
- Communication and networking events of social science research
- Media coverage of issues related to social science research
- Challenges and opportunities for uptake of research into policy development
- The current system of policymaking and the use of social science research in policy processes

Papers based on original research studies as well as conceptual and methodological papers are welcome.

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Please submit your manuscript for initial screening to Dr Daniel Fussy at: dfussy@gdn.int

Manuscripts should normally be between 6,000 and 8,000 words, including all notes, tables, graphics and references.

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