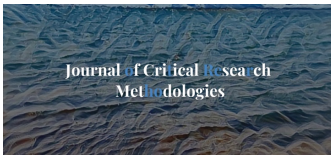
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Call for Papers: Special Issue of the Journal of Critical Research Methodologies

Reimagining Methodology in Complex and Transformative Times

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The Journal of Critical Research Methodologies invites submissions for an upcoming issue dedicated to advancing interdisciplinary critical methodological scholarship. As researchers, we continue to encounter increasingly complex social, cultural, technological, environmental, and political challenges, that calls for a more robust and inclusive research methodological frameworks that must evolve to meet questions of power, equity, representation, ethics, and knowledge production. With the current neoliberal economy, we must brace ourselves to involve critical and ethical infrastructures in research that help communities not only to weather the global financial, cultural, and political climate but to also resist and mitigate global threats.

This special issue seeks original contributions that critically examine, challenge, and extend existing methodological perspectives in research while offering creative approaches to research design, data generation, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination.

Themes of Interest

Submissions may focus on, but are not limited to, the following topics:

• Critical and ethical theories and methodological innovation

• Critical decolonial, Indigenous, and anti-colonial research methodologies that focus on land, spirituality, relational awareness and healing.

• Feminist, queer, and intersectional approaches to research and transformative work

• Critical Participatory, collaborative, and community-engaged research that is geared toward community capacity building and collaborative development.

• Critical data studies and digital research methods focussing on technological escalation and development in research practices.

• Methodological and statistical ethics in uncertain and contested contexts

• Critical ethical Reflexivity, positionality, and researcher accountability

• Creative, arts-based, and multimodal methodologies

• Critical and ethical approaches to artificial intelligence and algorithmic research.

• Power, inclusion, and exclusion in knowledge production

• Mixed methods and methodological pluralism

• Methodological challenges in global, transnational, and interdisciplinary research

Types of Submissions

• Original research articles (6,000–10,000 words)
• Methodological essays (4,000–8,000 words)
• Research notes and field reflections (2,000–4,000 words)
• Critical reviews of methodological innovations
• Practitioner and community-based perspectives

Submission Guidelines

Manuscripts should:

• Present original, unpublished work.
• Demonstrate methodological rigor and critical engagement.
• Follow the journal's formatting and citation requirements.
• Include an abstract of 150–250 words and 4–6 keywords.

All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer-review process.

Important Dates

• Submission Deadline: February 8, 2027
• Initial Review Decisions: March 8, 2027
• Revised Manuscripts Due: April 30, 2027
• Publication Date: June 15, 2027

Submission Portal: https://jcrm.manuscriptmanager.net/

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About the Special Issue

This special issue seeks to foster and encourage scholarly dialogue on the futures of critical research methodologies and decolonial methodological practices that seek to challenge and transform totalizing research paradigms while advancing socially just, ethical, and transformative research. We encourage submissions from scholars, practitioners, community researchers, and early-career academics across disciplines and geographic contexts.