

The logo for 'Industry and Innovation' features the text in a blue, sans-serif font. The background consists of a grey rectangular area filled with a pattern of interlocking gears of various sizes, some of which are semi-transparent, creating a layered effect.

# Industry and Innovation

## **New Call for Special Issue Proposals: Deadline January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Industry and Innovation is inviting proposals for Special Issues on topics or issues that are poorly understood and are important for advancing our understanding of the processes underlying industry dynamics and innovation. The selected Special Issues are expected to be published in 2026. The scope of the Special Issue proposals can be on any phenomenon or issue that is consistent with the Industry and Innovation aims and scope as listed on the journal's [website](#).

The submission process is open from now until the **deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. During this process potential guest editors can interact and ask for advice from the Special Issues editor and other members of the editorial team in order to write a proposal that fits the scope and overall requirements of Industry and Innovation. Following this deadline, the proposals will be competitively selected by the Editors-in-Chief of Industry and Innovation and the Special Issues editor in consultation with the broader editorial team. During this evaluation process, the editorial team may approach experts in the area of the Special Issue topic to give their opinions on the proposal. In case of acceptance of a Special Issue proposal, a member of the editorial team of Industry and Innovation will be appointed to supervise and assist the Guest Editors during the editorial process.

### **The Special Issue Proposal must contain the following:**

- Name and affiliation of the Guest Editors
- Short CV of the Guest Editors
- Call for Papers for the Special Issue. This Call for Papers must include:
  - A provisional title
  - Justification for dedicating an entire issue to this Special Issue topic

- Brief elaboration on how the Special Issue fits with the aims and scope of Industry and Innovation
  - The Special Issue's objective
  - The Special Issue's scope, including potential themes to be addressed in the Special Issue
  - Examples of research questions that would meet the goals of the Special Issue
  - A tentative timeline (e.g. deadline for submission of papers and expected publication)
  - Potential opportunities for organizing a paper development workshop (virtual or hybrid) with the authors invited to Revise and Resubmit their papers to the Special Issue. Although not mandatory, an event of this kind gathering the Guest Editors and the authors receiving an R&Rs on their submission could be valuable to create opportunities for further constructive feedback, cross-pollination of ideas, and guaranteeing a cohesive set of accepted papers. It is up to the Guest Editors at which stage of the SI to organize this workshop and which format to adopt, and they are welcome to consult the supervising editor whenever needed.
- The submission of manuscripts to Special Issues hosted by Industry and Innovation cannot be restricted to researchers participating in specific conferences, workshops, symposia, or other small group meetings. While ideas and opportunities for a Special Issue may arise in those contexts, Industry and Innovation has a requirement that Special Issues must be open to any researcher working on the addressed topic. It is therefore highly recommended that the Special Issue proposal includes a list of opportunities to disseminate the Special Issue at particular events.
  - Special Issues should adhere to the international character of the journal and the Special Issue should attract contributors from around the world. It is therefore highly recommended that the Special Issue proposal includes a list of potential contributors (i.e. names and affiliations of potential authors and reviewers) that reflects this diversity.

A template for Special Issue Proposals can be found [here](#).

### **Format of the Special Issue Submissions**

Guest Editors normally select four to six papers to be included in the Special Issue and write an introduction to the Special Issue (often between 2,000-4,000 words). If too few papers reach the required high standard for publication, the Editors-in-Chief may publish a themed issue also containing regular papers or cancel the Special Issue entirely.

Manuscripts for the Special Issue have to comply with the general Industry and Innovation style guide available from the journal's website. They should be submitted electronically to the Industry

and Innovation submission system. Following an eligibility check and quick quality check, papers selected for review will receive a double-blind review following Industry and Innovation's normal review process.

Guest Editors are required to adhere to the Industry and Innovation editorial processes and turnaround times. These editorial procedures include a rigorous peer-review process, which ensures that only the highest quality manuscripts will be selected for inclusion in the Special Issue.

Guest Editors are strongly advised against submitting own papers to the special issue. In case papers with one or more guest editors are submitted, reviews and decisions are undertaken by the Editors-in-Chief of Industry and Innovation.

You are welcome to submit your Special Issue proposal to [industry.ino@cbs.dk](mailto:industry.ino@cbs.dk). Please contact Bram Timmermans ([bram.timmermans@nhh.no](mailto:bram.timmermans@nhh.no)), Special Issues editor of Industry and Innovation, with any questions you might have concerning this process of special issues in general.

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