

# Call for papers

## SPECIAL ISSUE OF

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**on**

*Terminology as a Societal Resource:  
Possibilities and Responsibilities in a Changing World*

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### Introduction

The purpose of this special issue is to clarify how institutional actors act and interact in terminological questions in a societal frame of reference. The articles are expected to identify various possibilities and responsibilities in terminological work as a linguistic infrastructure in different societies and contexts in the past, today and in the future. The special issue presents new knowledge about the mechanisms in terminological processes and investigates terminology regulation work. It also promotes enhanced understanding of the significance of terminological work and of linguistic resources inherent in various languages for special purposes.

The focus of this special issue lies on (i) modelling, (ii) infrastructure, and (iii) values and institutional participatory roles. The authors are invited to discuss the possibilities of cooperation between different institutions, experts, terminologists and groups in society in past, present and future settings. We assume that this kind of discussions enhances the understanding of the many-faceted and dynamic terminological processes and highlight various experiences, including challenges, in the field of terminology.

## Topics of the Special Issue

The authors will be expected to present a future-oriented view when discussing the possibilities and responsibilities in (inter)national co-operation across borders and domains. The contributors are expected to discuss one or more of the following issues

- modelling terminological processes from a future oriented perspective
- terminology creation, development and maintenance as a linguistic infrastructure across time, especially within smaller language communities
- central fundamental values and participatory roles related to terminology work
- characteristics of terminological processes in institutional settings
- establishment, regulation and use of terms as societal resources in national and international terminology work
- terminology related questions within the framework of different kinds of societal change processes
- establishment and promotion of the acceptance of terms and definitions as well as implementing terminology policies and strategies

## Submissions

The issue consists of an introduction and 6–7 articles. The articles should be written in English and between 20 and 30 pages (max. 9,000 words). More information on formatting requirements can be found on the John Benjamins website under the heading *Guidelines* (<https://benjamins.com/catalog/term>).

## Important dates

- Deadline for submission of full papers: November 15, 2019  
Please send submissions to Niina Nissilä ([niina.nissila@univaasa.fi](mailto:niina.nissila@univaasa.fi)) or Nina Pilke ([nina.pilke@univaasa.fi](mailto:nina.pilke@univaasa.fi)).
- Acceptance/Rejection notice: April 15, 2020
- Final papers due: August 30, 2020
- The special issue is scheduled to be published by the end of 2020

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