

Editorial

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After 34 volumes of *Zeitschrift für Bevölkerungswissenschaft – Demographie*, the journal will continue under its new name *Comparative Population Studies – Zeitschrift für Bevölkerungswissenschaft (CPoS)*, in a substantially altered form. CPoS will maintain its mission as a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary scientific journal on demography and population studies. Yet, from 2010 it appears online on an open access basis, and all articles are published in English and German. The journal appears four times a year. On average, two special issues per year are expected to be coordinated by guest editors. Exclusively unpublished peer-reviewed research papers in demography and related fields are published. The papers cover a wide range of topics on demography, as well as on population or family studies with a focus on empirical research, theory, and methods. The journal features articles with a spatial or comparative perspective on regional issues emphasising the German-speaking countries and Europe or on population issues on a global scale.

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wards, contributions in English or German are welcome at all times. Guest editors for special issues may apply as well. CPoS operates a database with reviewers for which qualified persons can register.

We would like to thank all former subscribers of *Zeitschrift für Bevölkerungswissenschaft – Demographie* for their commitment. Conditions for scientific publishing are changing fast. Yet we will continue our efforts to meet the challenge and provide an up to date scientific publication and communication platform for authors and readers. We hope to welcome you soon at our new free journal at www.comparativepopulationstudies.de.

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