

Call for chapters

Teaching for transformation: Embedding justice and sustainability in the Social Work Curriculum

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About the book:

This edited volume critically explores how Social Work Education can be reimagined to address urgent social, economic and environmental challenges. It will include contributions on transformative pedagogies, curriculum reform, decolonial frameworks, indigenous knowledge systems (IKKs), green social work, peacebuilding and practice-based innovations. It will be a volume of the AOSIS [Knowledge Pathing: Multi-, Inter- and Trans-Disciplining in Social Sciences Series](#) once accepted post-peer review by independent experts in the field(s).

Suggested themes:

- Historical and theoretical foundations of justice and sustainability in social work
- Curriculum transformation for social and environmental justice
- Critical pedagogy and justice-centred learning
- Decolonising social work education
- Peacebuilding and conflict-sensitive pedagogy
- Indigenous knowledge systems and sustainability in curriculum design
- Green social work and climate-responsive practice
- Fieldwork and community-engaged learning for justice
- Supervision and leadership for transformative practice
- Digital learning and transformative pedagogies
- Global and regional case studies of curriculum innovation
- Future pathways: Accreditation, policy frameworks and educator competencies

Important dates:

Abstract submission (300–400 words)	30 November 2025
Notification of acceptance	15 December 2025
Full chapter submission (6,000–6,500 words)	30 April 2026
Editorial feedback	30 June 2026
Revised chapter submission to editors	31 August 2026
Peer review	Sept–Oct 2026
Final acceptance notifications from editors	30 November 2026
Manuscript submission to Publisher	31 January 2027
Expected publication	30 November 2027

Submission guidelines:

- Chapters must be original and aligned with the book's theme.
- Length: 6,000–6,500 words, including references ([APA 7th edition](#)).
- Abstracts and chapters must be submitted in MS Word format.
- Include full names, institutional affiliation, ROR, ORCID and contact details in the chapter, with the corresponding author listed first, in the format:
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- Each corresponding author must complete the publisher's [chapter cover letter](#) and submit it in MS Word format to the editors.
- Ensure figures (charts, graphs, SmartArt, tables) are original and editable (no screenshots). Submit photos, screenshots, illustrations, etc., in high resolution (≥ 300 DPI). Obtain permission for third-party figures under CC BY and submit the [permission form\(s\)](#). Refer to the publisher's [figure and permissions guidelines](#).
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