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1. About the Research Book Series

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Scope

Emergent Issues in Research on Vocational Education and Training covers all topics of VET-related research from pre-vocational education (PVE), initial vocational education and training (IVET), professional education and training (PET) and continuing vocational education and training (CVET). Some themes within these areas are as follows:

- Comparison of VET cultures and governance of VET systems
- Qualifications frameworks, competence-based education and training, and competence assessment
- Work-based learning, skills matching and apprenticeship
- Teachers' and trainers' professional development
- VET careers, school-to-work transitions, vocational guidance and counseling
- Green skills, green jobs, greening TVET and sustainable development
- Social issues in VET and social impact of VET
- Transversal skills and transferable skills
- Pedagogic and didactics in VET
- Digitalisation of work and learning, industry 4.0 and industrial internet of things
- Permeability of the education system, hybrid qualifications & dual studies
- History of VET

Free and invited submission

- Free chapter submission: *Emergent Issues in Research on Vocational Education and Training* accepts literature reviews, empirical studies, theoretical chapters, methodological chapters and case studies. A chapter should be about 6.000 to 8.000 words in length. Manuscript submissions are welcome following calls 'deadlines. See guidelines for authors in a separated section.

Publication costs

Publishing in *Emergent Issues in Research on Vocational Education and Training* requires no chapter processing charges (APC) or other publication fees (e.g. chapter submission charges). Publishing is free of costs.

Publication frequency

- One or two volumes per year. Authors receive a printed copy. Print on demand available.

Why considering *Emergent Issues in Research on Vocational Education and Training* as a venue for your work?

- The research book series is connected to an international community of researchers and it is therefore highly appreciated within the international research community.
- The research book series is fully open access. Publication is 100 % free of costs (also no hidden costs).
- Authors retain copyright.
- Chapters undergo a rigorous double-blind peer-review.
- The book series is open for all authors worldwide- We are an open community of researchers.
- We use the LOCKSS system (Lot of Copies Keep Stuff Save), developed at Stanford University Libraries, and DOIs (digital object identifier, provided by Crossref) for each chapter to maintain permanent access to your work.

2. Review Process and Criteria

A-Pre-Submission

Potential contributors should first submit an abstract that is reviewed by the editorial board as first acceptance step before submission of full contributions. Send you proposal via Email: vetbookseries@edu.su.se

B-Submission

The submission criteria are as follows:

- The submission has not been previously published, nor is it under simultaneous consideration by another book series.
- The abstract contains (a) context/purpose, (b) approach/methods, (c) findings/results and (d) conclusion/key message.
- The instructions in the Guidelines for Authors have been followed.
- Citations and references are in APA style (American Psychological Association referencing style)
- The author's(s') name(s) have been deleted from the text and do not appear in the file properties, to ensure a blind peer-review.
- The submission file is in Microsoft Word format.

C-Integrity and originality check

Each submitted chapter undergoes first an academic integrity and originality check. For example PlagScan.

The extent to which a submission matches already published sources is indicated via percentages. The percentage is calculated by PlagScan. The decision after the integrity check is based on the following specific limits:

- 5% - 10% match: manuscript will be sent back to the author to revise the manuscript.

- > 10% match: manuscript will be rejected.

D-Initial screening

Each submitted chapter undergoes after the integrity check an initial screening by the editors. Screening criteria are as follows:

- Chapter is within the scope of the research book series
- Author has ensured the integrity of a blind review
- Theory, methods and results are ready for the blind review
- The book series guidelines were followed (e.g. compliance with APA Style, 7th Edition)
- The chapter is suitable to address an international audience (e.g. grammar, style/clarity)

Chapters that do not meet these requirements are rejected after screening.

E-Double blind peer-review

Anonymized papers suitable for review are forwarded from the editorial office to at least two *external* reviewers. Review criteria are as follows:

- Ethics: The author has met research and publication ethics requirements.
- Relevance: The chapter is within the scope of the research book series.
- Framework: The theoretical/conceptual/empirical framework is clearly presented and explained.
- Problem statement: The problem statement is clearly presented and explained.
- Research questions: The research questions are clearly presented and explained.
- Research methods: The research methods are appropriate and clearly presented.
- Results/findings/conclusions: The results/findings/conclusions are adequately and clearly presented and discussed.

The reviewers recommend with an overall rating:

- Accept
- Minor revisions needed (neither accept nor reject)
- Major revisions needed (neither accept nor reject)
- Reject

F-Final Decision

A third reviewer will be involved if the recommendations of the first two reviews are contradictory. The final decision is made by the editors.

3. Guidelines for Authors

Chapters that do not comply with these guidelines cannot be accepted for review.

Two chapter versions

Please note that *two chapter versions* have to be submitted:

- The *first version* has to ensure a blind peer review, this means: (1) The author(s) name(s) must not appear in the whole chapter including references. We suggest to replace the names by “author”. (2) The address and biographical notes must be erased.
- The *second version* has to be complete with all names appearing in the text and references. Please attach the second version as a supplementary file in the submission process named “non-blind version”. The non-blind version should include *an additional title page*. The title page should include besides the title, (1) the name(s) of the author(s), (2) the E-mail address(es), mailing address(es) and affiliation(s), (3) a brief professional biography of not more than 100 words for each named author, (4) indication of the corresponding author.
- Additionally, all figures (charts, diagrams, line drawings, photographic images, etc.) should be submitted as supplementary files with at least 300 dpi (therefore additional to the embedded figures in the submitted versions).

Ensure a blind review

To ensure the integrity of the blind peer-review for submission to ~~this book series~~ book series *Emergent Issues in Research on Vocational Education and Training*, every effort should be made to prevent the identities of the authors and reviewers from being known to each other. This involves the authors, editors, and reviewers (who upload documents as part of their review) checking to see if the following steps have been taken with regard to the text and the file properties:

The authors of the document have deleted their names from the text, using “Author” and year used in the references and footnotes, instead of the author’s name, chapter title, etc. In case of several authors, please make sure that no author can be identified during the blind review process.

With Microsoft Office documents, author identification should also be removed from the properties for the file (see under File in Word), by clicking on the following, beginning with File on the main menu of the Microsoft application: File > Save As > Tools (or Options with a Mac) > Security > Remove personal information from file properties on save > Save.

Requirements

General requirements

- *Language*: Chapters which are not in proper English will not be accepted and the chapter will not be forwarded to the reviewers. If English is not your native language, we recommend a professional proofreading prior submission.
- *APA, 7th Edition*: In-text citations and references have to be in APA style, 7th Edition.
- *Lengths*: A chapter should be about 6.000 to 8.000 words in length.

- *Format:* The Chapter has to be submitted in Word format. Use a normal font (e.g., 11-point Times Roman).

Chapter-specific requirements

- *Title:* Please select an informative and *specific* title. In an international context, this usually means that the wider research context (region(s), country(ies)) should be mentioned.
- *Abstract:* An abstract should comprise 300-400 words. Important: The abstract has to be structured in four parts: (1) "context" or "purpose", (2) "approach" or "methods", (3) "findings" or "results", (4) "conclusion" or "key message".
- *Keywords:* Please choose and name 3–5 keywords. Carefully selecting the most appropriate keywords will enhance the ability of others to find your chapters. Please use keywords from [A guide to VOCEDplus subjects and keywords](#)
- *Headings:* The maximum number of levels is three.
- *Figures and Tables:* (1) All Figures have to be of high quality (> 300 dpi), legible and numbered consecutively. (2) All illustrations, figures, and tables should be placed **within** the text at the appropriate points. (2) All illustrations, figures, and tables should be numbered and should have a title. (3) The title of a table should be **above** the table and the title of a figure should be **below** the figure. (4) All illustrations, figures, and tables should be **cited** in the text and should be explained. (5) References should be put in the legend.
- *Abbreviations:* If you use abbreviations, please define them. If the abbreviation is the name of an organisation, it should be written in full once.
- *Footnotes and acknowledgements:* You can use footnotes (but no endnotes) for additional information but not for the citation of a reference or for bibliographic details of a reference. A footnote should not contain figures or tables. Acknowledgments of grants, funds, etc. should be mentioned in a footnote at the beginning of your chapter.
- *References:* The Heading "References" is an unnumbered "Heading 1".

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Submissions

Submission Preparation Checklist

As part of the submission process, authors are required to check off their submission's compliance with all of the following items, and submissions may be returned to authors that do not adhere to these guidelines.

- The submission has not been previously published, nor is it under simultaneous consideration by another book series.
- The authors' names have been deleted from the text and do not appear in the file properties to ensure a blind peer-review.
- Abstract is structured in four parts comprising 300-400 words: context (alternative term: purpose)

approach (alternative term: methods)

findings (alternative term: results)

conclusions (no alternative term)

- Keywords: 3-5 keywords. Carefully selecting the most appropriate keywords will enhance the ability of others to find your chapters.
- In-text citations and references are in APA 7th style.
- The submission file is in Microsoft Word format.

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Publication ethics and malpractice statement

The editorial team follows the guidelines of the [Committee on Publication Ethics \(COPE\)](#) and [COPE guidelines for best practice](#).

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