Guidelines for the preparation of a Special Issue or a Special Section at ZfE

If you would like to submit a *Special Issue* or a *Special Section*, we welcome your proposals. We ask you to submit a proposal on the basis of the guidelines below. We will try to give a feedback within 3-4 weeks but it might take longer, since the decision process involves the editorial team. Acceptance in principle of a *Special Issue/Special Section* does not mean that all contributions are accepted. Every contribution as well as the introduction and the conclusion go through a double blind peer review process, which is binding.

1. *Special Issue*:
Length: approx. 7-8 articles, depending on the length of each article, preface, introduction, epilogue, summary or comments. Approximate length is 64,000 words.
Concept structure: the Special Issue should be based on a concept that connects the individual articles and to which each individual article has something to say. The coherence of the Special Issue should be visible in the application, the proposal for a Special Issue, as well as the added value created by the compilation of the articles.
Concept Content: The *Special Issue* should be based on a question from the field of ethnological debates, in other words, the central question should be linked to the discourses in the discipline. Furthermore, it should not contain purely ethnographic contributions, but should include a theoretical discussion that contains a theoretical development, or at least a critical discussion of a theoretical and conceptual nature.

2. *Special section*:
Size: 3-5 contributions, possibly also a different format, e.g. 8-10 short contributions, debate (model Cultural Anthropology); word count: approx. 30,000 - 40,000 words.
Concept/Structure: The *Special Section* should be based on a concept, similar to the Special Issue, but it does not need the same distinctive or elaborated form. There should be a theme that ties the Special Section together, this can also be a current burning issue, or another topic that suggests a smaller format than the *Special Issue*.

Submission format:

1. concept and leitmotif, link to debates, guiding question(s), relevance, added value and why of interest? (1-2 pages)
2. contributions (overview) and abstracts.
3. expected word/character count, illustrations if applicable?
4. expected submission date