

Author Guidelines „Thinking and Doing Christian Social Ethics in Europe“



Aims and Scope of the JCSW

The *Jahrbuch für Christliche Sozialwissenschaften (JCSW)* is the leading journal in (Catholic) Christian Social Ethics in the German speaking scientific community. Its focus (topics, authors) is ecumenical, interdisciplinary and international; articles will be published in German and in English.

The aim of the *JCSW* is to analyse and discuss societal challenges at the highest scientific level. The *JCSW* also wants to provide an excellent publication opportunity for young and upcoming scholars and researchers in Christian Social Ethics. As contributors to a scholarly platform, we also see our responsibility in providing access to high quality, independent, open access, peer-reviewed research for the broadest possible community. Starting with volume 61, the *JCSW* therefore follows the principle of open access.

The *JCSW* was founded in 1960. Since 2010, the *JCSW* has been edited by Marianne Heimbach-Steins, director of the Institut für Christliche Sozialwissenschaften (Institute for Christian Social Sciences) at the Catholic Theology Department of the University of Münster.

The outline of the JCSW

- I Thematic section (editorially structured annual themes)**
 - a) Overture (essays, editorial review)
 - b) Contributions (articles, peer review)
- II Open section**
(articles, peer review)
- III Thinking and Doing Christian Social Ethics in Europe**
(essays, editorial review)
- IV Bulletin**
(announcements and conferences, editorial review)

The Section “Thinking and Doing Christian Social Ethics in Europe“

With volume 57/2016 the *JCSW* started the section “Thinking and Doing Christian Social Ethics in Europe (Christlich-sozialethisches Denken und Arbeiten in Europa)” that shall help to increase the reciprocal knowledge about the situation of Christian Social Ethics (CSE) within the various European countries. Furthermore, we hope to encourage the ongoing Europeanisation of our theological discipline. These reports shall introduce into the specific situation, status and challenges of CSE within the particular European country or region.

The reports should focus on the current situation of the specific country and deal with following topics:

- Situation and Institutional Frame of Doing Christian Social Ethics
- Challenges concerning central questions and topics for CSE
- Potentials and desiderata for further networking of CSE in Europe

Length and Scope

The length of the essayistic reports of this section should not exceed **27.000 characters** (including space and footnotes, excluding abstract). Significant deviations must be agreed in advance with the editors. Please include an abstract of 150 – 200 words in German and English.

Submission

Please submit your manuscript via [email](#). Contributions may be received in all common file formats (MS-word, OpenOffice-Writer). In any case, the editorial staff will confirm receipt of the manuscript to you asap.

Standards of scientific quality assurance

The standards of scientific quality assurance are of utmost importance for the *Jahrbuch für Christliche Sozialwissenschaften*. The submissions of the section „Thinking and Doing Christian Social Ethics in Europe“ will be evaluated through an **editorial review** process. The editorial team reviews the submitted manuscripts primarily on their thematic relevance and logical adequacy but structure, writing and presentation style are also considered. On this basis they provide helpful feedback to the author(s).

Formatting

Concerning the formatting, please refer to the “[Manuscript Requirements and Author Guidelines](#)”. Furthermore, you can also download a preformatted style sheet from the *JCSW* homepage.

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