Journal of Supply Chain Management

Call for Special Issue Proposals

The *Journal of Supply Chain Management* invites proposals for Special Issues that push theoretical boundaries and reframe core assumptions in supply chain management scholarship. We welcome proposals that challenge orthodoxies, confront critical problems, demonstrate new research opportunities, and critically assess the unintended consequences of contemporary supply chain management practices.

Proposal submission guidelines

Please submit a proposal of no more than three pages (excluding references and short bios of all guest editors) that includes:

1. **Executive summary**
   State the theme, its novelty and relevance, and how it could disrupt or significantly advance theoretical knowledge in the field. List 3–5 potential research questions.
2. **Rationale for the special issue**
   Explain why the issue is needed now and how it aligns with *JSCM*'s mission. Emphasize its potential impact on theoretical challenges, debates, and dilemmas related to SCM practices, policy, and society.
3. **Potential contributors and reviewers**
   List an indicative (non-binding) author community and a reviewer pool spanning geographies, methods, epistemologies, and career stages.
4. **Dissemination plan**
   Provide at least three outreach channels (e.g., societies, listservs, webinars, social media), a month-by-month plan to secure high-quality submissions, and diversity targets (e.g., submissions from all continents; mix of qualitative/quantitative).
5. **Timeline**
   Provide dated milestones (CfP release; submission deadline; first decisions; R&R rounds; acceptances) and a plan to keep cycle time ≤12–15 months from manuscript submission to publication.
6. **Guest Editor team**
   Propose a Guest Editor team with complementary expertise. Designate a Lead Handling Guest Editor. Outline internal decision rules and escalation. For each editor (≤150 words): summarize topic expertise, relevant publications, editorial experience, and role in the SI. Include a conflict-management plan (e.g., submissions by close collaborators of Guest Editors handled solely by *JSCM*'s Co-Editors-in-Chief).
   Please indicate any service on the *JSCM* Editorial Board (e.g., Associate Editor, ERB reviewer) or comparable roles at other leading journals.

Special issue themes

We invite potential Guest Editors who are eager to engage in one or more of the following:

1. **Lead theoretical advancements**
   Curate work that develops novel, transformative theories challenging core assumptions of our discipline and the status quo of SCM practices.
2. **Reimagine ontological and epistemological assumptions**
   Stimulate debate about the ontology and epistemology of SCM research.
3. **Inspire methodological progress**
   Advance innovative methods or cutting-edge applications of existing qualitative or quantitative empirical approaches.
4. **Bridge SCM with other disciplines**
   Cultivate interdisciplinary work connecting SCM with other fields (e.g., organization studies, psychology, political science, sociology, engineering, climate science, and many more).

Additional information

- Proposals should be emailed to **all** three Co-Editors-in-Chief: Davide Luzzini (dluzzini@eada.edu), Hannah Stolze (hannah_stolze@baylor.edu), and Andreas Wieland (awi.om@cbs.dk).
- **Deadline:** December 31, 2025; **decisions by:** February 15, 2026.
- Proposals will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the *JSCM* Co-Editors-in-Chief.
- Selection criteria include (i) theoretical ambition and clarity, (ii) feasibility and likely community interest, (iii) fit with *JSCM* scope, (iv) editorial team capabilities and diversity, and (v) quality of dissemination and timeline plan.
- Authors of accepted proposals will be invited to draft a more detailed call for papers and a conflict-of-interest declaration that will be widely disseminated.
- Guest editors will serve as Associate Editors for SI submissions and support the Co-Editors-in-Chief in identifying reviewers; final decisions rest with the Co-Editors-in-Chief.
- We particularly value diverse guest editor teams (e.g., geography, disciplines, qualitative/quantitative approaches, epistemologies).
- We encourage teams that include members of *JSCM*'s Editorial Review Board and especially welcome teams with at least one member who has prior *JSCM* Editorial Board experience or equivalent roles at other leading journals.
- The Special Issue does not allow guest editors to submit manuscripts, but the team is encouraged to write one guest editorial (either prior to or jointly with the special issue)
- Conflicts of interest will be managed per *JSCM* policy (e.g., submissions by close collaborators of the guest editors handled by Co-Editors-in-Chief; no reviewer–author conflicts).
- Proposals that include author-development activities (open Q&A, pre-submission workshops, hybrid events) are especially welcome

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Sincerely,
Davide Luzzini, Hannah Stolze, and Andreas Wieland
Co-Editors-in-Chief, *Journal of Supply Chain Management*