

From the Editors

The goal of the *Journal of Methods and Measurement in the Social Sciences* (JMM) is to provide an outlet in which to discuss methodological issues. Existing journals do not exhaust the possibilities of methodology.

Methodology is broadly conceived by JMM to include issues related to the philosophical underpinnings of social science, research design, measurement, and data analysis. Purely statistical articles, e.g., derivations of new error terms or fit indices, are probably not appropriate for JMM. The content domain of any article will not generally be a consideration for publication in the Journal.

JMM is intended to be a venue for articles that will advance research practice by describing new procedures and broadening the application of existing research methods. But we also hope to provide a forum for articles that clarify problems, propose new conceptualizations, and point the way toward more rapid and dependable developments in the social sciences. Articles that review the use and usefulness of existing methods will also be welcome if they provide persuasive conclusions that are likely to improve the way that science gets done.

As a new and online journal, JMM can afford a substantial level of flexibility about the structure of articles (although our standards with respect to reasoning and writing will be rigorous). Our intent is not to be bound to the usual expectations of content, structure, and length of typical journal articles. JMM does not encourage prolixity for its own sake. However, where more words will foster better understanding, JMM can accommodate articles of greater length than is usual for print journals. As editors, however, we will try always to keep the needs and expectations of our readers at the forefront of our thinking.

JMM is peer reviewed with attention paid to accuracy, fairness, and objectivity. Since the aims of the Journal do not encompass the archiving of data, editorial standards for JMM will place more emphasis than usual on the heuristic value of articles. We will be particularly interested in whether a submission will be likely to lead to interesting further developments in methodological areas, beyond the immediate contribution itself.