

### CALL FOR PAPERS

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### **Autonomy in education: normative and/or analytical value?**

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We invite contributions to a special issue of the ***Nordic Journal of Studies in Educational Policy – NordSTEP*** (formerly *Studies in Educational Policy and Educational Philosophy: E-journal*). NordSTEP is a peer-reviewed academic journal that will be published from January 2014 by the Studies in Educational Policy and Philosophy (STEP) research group, Uppsala University, Sweden, University of Gävle, Sweden and Buskerud and Vestfold University College, Norway.

**Autonomy** as a concept remains at the core of the discourses surrounding various aspects of education, including: teaching, learning, schooling, leadership and management, higher education and governance. However, in educational research, autonomy as a theoretical concept remains somewhat under-theorized, under-developed and also, to an extent, normative. It is often presented only as one dimension among others related to teacher professionalism or New Public Management. Due to the fuzziness of autonomy as a theoretical concept, empirical studies that focus on autonomy exclusively in education remain scarce.

**This special issue aims** to emphasize the value of autonomy as a concept in its own right in educational research by inviting contributions that discuss autonomy in education from a theoretical point of view. We also invite contributions that draw on empirical evidence from projects that investigate autonomy in education and thereby present research methods and findings.

We are interested in research on autonomy in education from:

- different sectors (e.g. preschools, schools or higher education);
- different perspectives (e.g. pedagogical or professional);
- and projects investigating different horizontal and/or vertical dimensions.

**Contributions** should be written in English and we recommend that they should not exceed 7000 words (excl. references). APA referencing conventions should be followed. Manuscripts will undergo peer-review, and will be published if approved by reviewers and accepted by the editorial board.

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