



Calls for Editors

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Call for Editors of *RMN Newsletter*

RMN Newsletter is looking for enthusiastic and dependable individuals to join its editorial team. Our periodical was founded as a newsletter for the Retrospective Methods Network in 2010; by 2012, in response to our readership, we had become an international peer-reviewed journal, now ranked in several countries. The journal has been run with a small, tight-knit team of editors for the past decade. We now restructuring, increasing the number of people involved to distribute the work load and open the journal to new possibilities of development.

The journal is a multidisciplinary venue with a thematic center in *retrospective methods* – i.e. interest or concern for using evidence from one period to develop an understanding of a corresponding phenomenon in an earlier period, or for modelling traditions, practices or culture in the past behind limited sources. The RMN was initially founded by scholars of Old Norse studies interested both in exploring later folklore in relation to medieval and Viking Age culture and in drawing on perspectives from folklore research. The Network immediately extended to include researchers working with other cultures around the Baltic Sea region, for which vernacular medieval literature was largely or entirely lacking, and also began to penetrate into medieval studies more broadly. As we expand our editorship, we are hoping for this to match the interests and diversity of our contributors and readership.

The concept of the journal has been to function primarily as an informational resource and discourse space for the researchers of

diverse and intersecting disciplines interested in retrospective methods and in research employing such methods. Reports on research, announcements and calls of various sorts usually constitute the greater number of contributions to an issue of the journal, while scientific articles usually fill the greater number of pages. We maintain sections for both peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed articles, the latter usually being more discussion-oriented, presenting work from current or ongoing research or perspectives on relevant topics. Other types of pieces group into a variety of categories, including overviews of master's theses, doctoral dissertations, other projects, reports on conferences and events, recent publications and calls for papers. Although these contributions are shorter, they are an important part of the journal.

Our venue has been developed as an arena that brings together researchers at all career stages. We have been especially active in engaging with the up-and-coming generations of scholars still working on their doctoral or even master's degrees. Many have their first publication here as a report on a thesis project, a conference report or a short article. We have built on a principle of supporting and facilitating the development of solid contributions to the journal with greater editorial engagement, which can be a rewarding and learning experience on for both sides.

If getting involved with this type of journal would be of interest to you, please contact us at: [editor.rmnewsletter\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:editor.rmnewsletter[at]gmail.com).