



Call for Special Issue Proposals

M@n@gement has announced that the journal will run a special issue per year. In order to implement this policy, *M@n@gement* is inviting proposals for the 2026 Special Issue on a topics or issue that is of interest for advancing our understanding of specific theories or phenomena in the fields of strategy and organization theories. The selected special issue is expected to be published in the last issue of 2026.

The submission process is open from now until **February 28th, 2025**. During this process, potential guest editors can interact and ask for advice from the editors in chief and special issue committee in order to write a proposal that fits the scope and overall requirements of *M@n@gement*. Following this deadline, the proposals will be selected by the special issue committee. During this evaluation process, the editorial team may approach experts in the area of the Special Issue topic to get their opinions on the proposal. In case of acceptance of a Special Issue proposal, a member of the editorial team of *M@n@gement* will be appointed to supervise and assist the Guest Editors during the editorial process.

M@n@gement special issue committee

In line with a decision of the AIMS Board, the special issue committee is composed of:

- The editor(s) in chief of the journal: Lionel Garreau & Anne-Sophie Fernandez
- AIMS president: Cécile Ayerbe
- AIMS Scientific committee president: Fanny Simon Lee

The Special Issue Proposal must contain the following:

- Name and affiliation of the Guest Editors. The guest editors team should hold 3-5 membres, from different institutions, and be international. Modification of the guest editors team may be required to enhance the international dimension of the special issue.
- Short CV of the Guest Editors
- Call for Papers for the Special Issue. This Call for Papers must include:
 - A 5-7 pages long document with:
 - A provisional title
 - Justification for dedicating an entire issue to this Special Issue topic
 - Brief elaboration on how the Special Issue fits with the aims and scope of M@n@gement
 - The Special Issue's objective
 - The Special Issue's scope, including potential themes to be addressed in the Special Issue
 - Examples of research questions that would meet the goals of the Special Issue
 - Plus:
 - A tentative timeline (e.g. deadline for submission of papers and expected publication)
 - A list of at least 20 scholars from French and international institutions (names and affiliations) who could serve as reviewers for papers submitted to the Special Issue.
 - Communication channels that will be used to advertise the special issue (additionally to the AIMS / M@n@gement usual communication)
 - Additionally:
 - Potential opportunities for organizing a Paper Development Workshop (virtual or hybrid) with the authors invited to Revise and Resubmit their papers to the Special Issue. Although not mandatory, an event of this kind gathering the Guest Editors and the authors receiving an R&Rs on their submission could be valuable to create opportunities for further constructive feedback, cross-pollination of ideas, and guaranteeing a cohesive set of accepted papers. It is up to the Guest Editors whether and at which stage of the SI to organize this workshop and which format to adopt, and they are welcome to consult the supervising editor whenever needed.

Special Issues cannot be restricted to researchers participating in specific conferences, workshops, symposia or other small group meetings. While ideas and opportunities for a Special Issue may arise in those contexts, *M@n@gement* has a requirement that Special Issues must be open to any researcher working on the addressed topic. It is therefore highly recommended that the Special Issue proposal includes a list of opportunities to disseminate the Special Issue at different events and/or through different channels.

Special Issues should adhere to the international character of the journal and the Special Issue should attract contributors from around the world. It is therefore highly recommended that the list of potential contributors (i.e. guest editors and reviewers) reflects this diversity.

Format of the Special Issue Submissions

Guest Editors normally select four to six papers to be included in the Special Issue and write an introduction to the Special Issue. If too few papers reach the required high standard for publication, the Editors-in-Chief may publish a themed issue also containing regular papers or cancel the Special Issue entirely.

Manuscripts for the Special Issue have to comply with the general *M@n@gement* style guide available from the journal's website, and can be submitted in French or English as usual in our journal. They should be submitted electronically to the *M@n@gement* submission system. Following an eligibility check and quick quality check, papers selected for review will receive a double-blind review following *M@n@gement* normal review process.

Guest Editors are required to adhere to the *M@n@gement* editorial processes and turnaround times. These editorial procedures include a rigorous peer-review process, which ensures that only the highest quality manuscripts will be selected for inclusion in the Special Issue.

Guest Editors are not allowed to submit their own papers to the special issue.

You are welcome to submit your Special Issue proposal to management.journal.aims@gmail.com. Would you need to exchange on a special issue proposal, please contact members of the special issue committee via management.journal.aims@gmail.com or via each one's professional email.