



Call for Papers: Issue 1, 2023
Special Issue
Health Sociology Review

Sociological Aspects of Knowledge Translation

This special issue focuses on **knowledge translation**. Knowledge translation is important, timely, and particularly relevant to the sociology of health, illness, and medicine because:

- The processes through which different knowledges coalesce embody and demonstrate myriad interactions between society and health
- Knowledge translation requires sociologically informed scholarship that accounts for how social interactions and political processes influence health, illness, and medicine
- Indigenous people have emphasised that knowledge translation should be grounded in respect for diverse knowledges and that it should operate relationally, rather than uni-directionally. Further, making knowledge translation foundational to research design and communication provides opportunity to demonstrate respect for Indigenous people's enduring connections to Country, intergenerational responsibilities and knowledge of communities.

This special issue will assemble formative and thought-provoking articles on the sociological aspects of knowledge translation. Articles are invited that demonstrate:

- The many forms of knowledge translation
- How knowledge translation can problematise historical and contemporary social issues – for instance, social injustice, climate change, and global pandemics
- Connections of university research to civic, cultural, and community knowledge makers and mediators
- How we can learn from Indigenous knowledge translation approaches that entail planning from the outset of research with research questions, methods and uses determined by local Indigenous people.
- The methodologies and research methods that can (or perhaps cannot) advance the scholarship of knowledge translation – for instance, positive organisational scholarship, arts-based research methods (see Figure 1), photovoice, ceremony and craftivism
- Innovative research focussed on the complex, inherently human problems of knowledge credibility, hierarchies and communication
- How knowledge translation can embrace diverse traditions, rituals, values, genders, sexualities, races, religions, and cultures (among others) and avert a 'monocultural tint' (Spreitzer and Cameron, 2012, p. 1042)
- The intended and/or unintended effects associated with knowledge translation – be they for imagined audiences and/or those involved in knowledge translation – their feelings, thoughts, intentions, and behaviours; and how knowledge translation research can prompt and sustain positive social change
- Whether there can there be too much knowledge translation

Articles that are theoretically informed, methodologically insightful, and empirically rigorous are particularly welcome, as are articles that do not necessarily align with academic convention by, for instance, presenting a dialogue and/or incorporating digital media, audio, arts, illustrations, photos, music, and websites.

The special issue will be edited by **A/Prof. Ann Dadich** (Western Sydney University) and **Prof. Katherine Boydell** (Black Dog Institute).

Submission Guidelines and Timeline

Health Sociology Review has an impact factor of 1.860 and offers a generous **7,500-word limit** (including references) and a short review timeframe. Submissions must make a clear contribution to sociological inquiry relevant to health, but can be informed by conceptual and empirical debates from a broader range of health and social sciences. All manuscripts undergo the usual blind peer review process and only those that comply with standards for publication in **Health Sociology Review** will be accepted.

To be considered for submission and review for this special issue:

- Email an **abstract of 250-300 words** to **A/Prof. Ann Dadich** via A.Dadich@westernsydney.edu.au by **February 28, 2022**
- Successful authors:
 - Will be notified by **April 1, 2022**
 - Must develop a full manuscript, as per the [instructions for authors](#)
 - [Submit their manuscript](#) for peer review by **July 31, 2022**, indicating that it is to be considered for this special issue on **knowledge translation**

References

Spreitzer, G. M., & Cameron, K. S. (2012). A path forward: Assessing progress and exploring core questions for the future of positive organizational scholarship. In K. S. Cameron & G. M. Spreitzer (Eds.), *Oxford handbook of positive organizational scholarship* (pp. 1034-1048). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Figure 1: The HIVE – an immersive artwork installation

