

Call for Special Issues

For nearly ten years now, *Body Politics* has been publishing thematic issues on varying subjects of the history of the body. Each issue focusses on a specific topic and advances the exploration and discussion of body history in an empirical as well as theoretical manner. With this open Call for Special Issues, the editorial team of *Body Politics* would like to encourage and invite you to submit proposals for a thematic issue. We look forward to receiving proposals with a clear and convincing focus.

The proposal should define the topic and central approaches of the planned issue, situate it in the context of current research discussions and indicate some of the questions which the individual articles can or should address. It should also contain a draft for a Call for Papers and short CVs of the editor(s). The journal's editorial board will review the suggestions. In case of acceptance, it will schedule the publication process together with the issue's editor(s).

The editor(s) of the individual issue play a key role in the publication process. They attend to the acquisition and revision of the articles, they provide an introduction to the issue, and they ensure that it contains an article dealing with the issue's topic comprehensively, positions it in the research landscape and raises questions for future investigations (for the "Perspectives" section of each issue). Each article of the issue will be subjected to a double-blind peer review which is mediated by the editorial board of *Body Politics*.

Please send your suggestions to kontakt@bodypolitics.de

Our focus

Body Politics' thematic focus is on the history of the body from the eighteenth to the twenty-first century. The current focus is on Western Europe and North America in the period between 1850 and 2000. An expansion of this regional scope, however, is very welcome and intended. We consider the body to be a multi-dimensional object of research and the result of historical transformations: as an effect of social practices, an object of the imagination and of representation, in its discursivity, materiality, and productivity. The body was and is a medium of subjectification as well as the locus of efforts of social hierarchization and, not least, of political conflicts. It is in this comprehensive sense that the title of the journal must be understood: *Body Politics*.

The history of the body not only changes our view of people, their bodies, and history, it also affects our perceptions of animals and material objects and their alleged fundamental difference.

Accordingly, this journal is open to a wide range of research questions and diverse approaches. It features not only articles from the field of history, but also historical approaches in neighboring fields of literary and media studies as well as cultural and social sciences.