

Guidelines for authors of *Review and introduction to the topic* in the “Zeitschrift für Erziehungswissenschaft (ZfE)”

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The following details for authors of lead articles are an addition to our instructions for authors writing (particularly empirically oriented) articles to be submitted in the “Zeitschrift für Erziehungswissenschaft (ZfE)”.

“Review and introduction to the topic” in the ZfE journal provides an introduction to the special topic of each issue. This should be composed in the style of a handbook or encyclopedia entry with a maximum length of 65,000 characters (including spaces)¹. The function of the article is to give readers who may be unfamiliar with the special topic an overview of the basic problems and state of research in the area so that they can follow the contributions in the thematic section. The articles should be written in such a way that the information does not outdate quickly.

1. *Review and introduction to the topic* must contain the following:
 - A central concept and its origin
 - Research history
 - The current state of research including empirical findings, state of the art, theory development
 - Expected, intended or suggested further developments in the area (briefly summarized)
 - Literature
2. The method of selecting referenced research and literature in the respective article must be outlined.
3. The article must focus on the actual state of research on the special topic and not contain speculations, desires, polemics, opinions, etc.
4. The language should be descriptive and clear.
5. Only the referenced literature should be included in the bibliography.
6. Regarding our formal guidelines, please follow our general instructions “Instructions for authors when submitting articles to the “Zeitschrift für Erziehungswissenschaft (ZfE)”.

¹ The counting contains the running text including referenced literature and the list of references. Not included in the counting are title, abstract, and keywords. Please take the number of characters as an approximate value.