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12. Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc).
13. Please follow the conventions of British English spelling consistently throughout the manuscript.

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When the manuscript is submitted it will be reviewed by the editorial group. If deemed within the scope of the journal and potentially possessing the qualities for publication it will be sent for review by at least two reviewers. The review process is double blinded. The reviewers will review the article and suggest to the editorial group if it should be accepted, accepted with minor revisions, accepted with major revisions, resubmitted or rejected. Based on these recommendations the editorial group will make their decision. It is the ambition of the editorial group to provide feedback on submitted manuscripts within 4–5 months.

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2. Paper size of the document should be in A4-size and not e.g. Letter-size.
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6. The abstract should be followed by 4-5 keywords.
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9. The manuscript should be presented with the following order: abstract, keywords, main text, endnotes, acknowledgements, references.
10. Tables and figures should be designed to fit into a page 150 x 222.3 mm (15 x 22.3 cm) and attached in a separate document. Their preferred location should be indicated in the main text.

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Clarke, M., & Patrickson, M. (2008). The new covenant of employability. *Employee relations*, 30(3), 121-141.

Biesta, G. (2006). What's the point of lifelong learning if lifelong learning has no point? On the democratic deficit of policies for lifelong learning. *European Educational Research Journal*, 5, 169-180.

Article in a newspaper

Clarke, K. (2007, January 28). Lifelong Learning for all. *World news*, p. 22.

Books

Strauss, A., & Corbin, J. (1998). *Basics of qualitative research* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Dean, M. (1999). *Governmentality: Power and rule in modern society*. London: Sage Publications.

Fejes, A., & Nicoll, K. (Eds.). (2008). *Foucault and lifelong learning: Governing the subject*. London: Routledge.

Chapters in books

Stern, S. L. (2007). On solid ground: Essential properties for growing grounded theory. In A. Bryant, & K. Charmaz (Eds.), *The SAGE handbook of grounded theory* (pp. 114-126). Los Angeles CA: Sage Publications.

Jacobsson, G. (2004). A European politics for employability: The political discourse of employability of the EU and the OECD. In C. Garsten, & K. Jacobsson (Eds.), *Learning to be employable: New agendas on work, responsibility and learning in a globalized world* (pp. 42-62). New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Reports

Ministry of Education. (1998). *SOU 1998:51. Vuxenutbildning och livslångt lärande. Situationen inför och under första året med Kunskapslyftet*. Stockholm: Utbildningsdepartementet.

Internet

Solblad, K. (2007). *Managing your time*. Retrieved April 24, 2008, from <http://www.newsll.st>



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Papers presented at research conferences

Fejes, A., & Nicoll, K. (2010, July). *Governing elderly care workers: A technology of activation and technique of invitation*. Paper presented at the 40th annual conference of SCRUTEA, University of Warwick, UK.

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