

# Instructions to Authors

Zeitschrift für Psychologie

## Aims and Scope of *Zeitschrift für Psychologie*

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## *Zeitschrift für Psychologie* publishes the following types of articles

Each topical issue generally features one broad **Review Article** accompanied by several **Original Articles** from leading researchers, as well as additional shorter contributions such as **Research Spotlights** (presenting details of individual studies or summaries of particularly interesting work in progress), **Horizons** (summarizing important recent or future meetings or outlining future directions of work), and **Opinion** pieces that provide a platform for both established and alternative views on aspects of the issue's topic.

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