



Call for Papers

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Not only in Europe but all over the world, there is a significant need for governments, corporations, agencies, or other actors to rethink contemporary approaches of policy development and strategic thinking. An increasing number of governments around the world have been establishing units for foresight and forward looking activities, aimed at dealing with uncertainties and complexity in more creative and effective ways. Corporations and actors within the business sector have been demonstrating the same efforts. All over Europe we are witnessing these developments.

How can future-oriented scholarship answer to and reflect this need for foresight? Do we need new arenas, new instruments, other processes? Some scholars challenge the contemporary tradition of foresight and forward-looking approaches and use the metaphor “Future 2.0” (cf. Pang 2010¹), with which they express an ambition to rethink the discipline. Does such a metaphor make sense? How could forward-looking approaches of today be renewed? What kinds of methods and research approaches do we need?

In the **European Journal of Futures Research (EJFR)** we want to explore these issues by going beyond conventional prognoses, trend descriptions and contemporary foresight approaches.

We are therefore delighted to invite you to take part in our Call for Papers, which should highlight the issues described above. These, however, could be illustrated with concrete projects at regional, national and transnational level. We are open to a wide range of fields and topics. However, topics discussed should be relevant to European and international readers.

Abstracts should have between 100 and 150 words and list keywords.

¹ Pang A (2010) Future 2.0. Rethinking the Discipline. *Foresight: the journal of future studies, strategic thinking and policy* 12(1): 5-20.

Please note: Contributions to the EJFR must be in English and should not exceed 7000 words including references. We appreciate papers that are professionally proof-read. All articles will be subject to double-blind peer review.

Timeline (for publication in the year 2013):

24 May 2013:	Abstracts due
30 May 2013:	Notification of acceptance of abstracts
30 June 2013:	Papers due
15 Aug. 2013:	Notification of results of peer review
15 Sept. 2013:	Revised papers due
End of the year:	Publication online and hardcopy

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