



**Knowledge Cultures  
Call for Papers**

**Special Issue  
'Wrestling with (not) belonging'**

Western thought demands that we classify ourselves – race, (dis)ability, gender, sexuality, origin, class, and so on. Each of these categories must have a clear set of qualifying characteristics that define you to inhabit them. But what happens when you do not quite fit anywhere?

This special issue seeks contributions from those **'wrestling with (not) belonging.'** We invite contributors to respond to one or more of these questions:

- What are the limits and complexities of (not) belonging?
- Can (not) belonging exist beyond Western thought?
- What tools do we have to engage with (not) belonging?
- How might we trouble the parameters of belonging (dis)qualification?
- How might (not) belonging be empowering?

Examples might include:

- Indigeneity, colonial notions of blood quantum, and what 'qualifies' (not) belonging to indigeneity
- Invisible disabilities and (not) belonging to disable or able-bodied communities
- Colonialities of gender, binary trans normativities, and (not) being 'trans enough'
- Migration, 'state(lessness)', and (not) belonging anywhere.

We welcome theoretical, empirical, arts-based, post-qualitative, post-human, Indigenous and other non-Western thinking from scholars at all stages in their academic careers and/or practitioners. For details about abstracts, important dates and the peer review process, and/or if you are unsure whether your idea 'belongs', please see overleaf.

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: 2 April 2023**

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### **Abstracts**

Please send an abstract (and any questions about the call for papers) to [Elba Ramirez](mailto:elba.ramirez@aut.ac.nz) ([elba.ramirez@aut.ac.nz](mailto:elba.ramirez@aut.ac.nz)) before 2 April 2022.

Your abstract should contain the following:

1. the title of your contribution
2. your name(s) and affiliation(s)
3. a brief abstract (approximately 200–250 words) outlining the issue around (not) belonging that you will address and how you will unpack the ideas, including theoretical and methodological perspectives
4. five keywords.

Contributions must be in English (or be submitted with an English translation).

### **Peer review process**

The editors will peer-review the abstracts and determine which contributors will be invited to submit full papers.

Part of submitting to this special issue involves agreeing to peer review two other contributors' works, reflecting our efforts to embody relational practices that foster the mana of contributors and the special issue. In addition to providing written feedback to the editors to review and ensure quality and fairness, you may elect how you would like to communicate the feedback, including face-to-face feedback and/or virtual feedback (e.g., Zoom). You may also elect to receive multiple types of feedback.

This reflects our efforts to unsettle traditional peer review, cultivating enriching collaboration and providing opportunities for self-determination. We will do our best to honour your preferences but acknowledge that this may not always be possible.

Support will be available for contributors who would like assistance to undertake the writing and/or peer-review process.

### **Important dates**

- **2 April 2023:** abstracts submitted to the editors
- **23 April 2023:** contributors invited to submit a full paper
- **3 September 2023:** manuscripts submitted to the editors for peer review
- **11 September–11 October 2023:** peer review of manuscripts and submission of written feedback to editors
- **18 October 2023:** comments from editors to peer reviewers
- **19–26 October 2023:** provision of feedback to contributors
- **14 January 2024:** submission of revised manuscript
- **3 March 2024:** special issue published