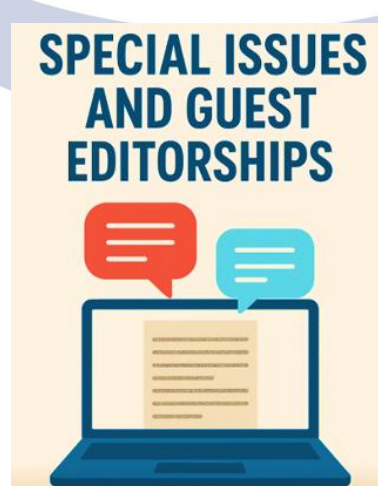


The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)'s
Scholarly Publishing Unit invites
South African scholarly journal editors
to attend an informal online information session
and discussion on
special issues and guest editorships.



Date: Monday, 6 October 2025 | Time: 14:00 to 15:15 | [Register here](#)
The Zoom link will be shared with you on Friday, 3 October 2025.

AGENDA

Welcome: *Susan Veldsman*

Special issue and guest editorship background: *Prof Leslie Swartz*

- **What is a special issue?**
- **What is the purpose of a special issue?**
- **The different types of special issues.**
- **When you should consider a special issue**

Challenges, pitfalls, cautionary tales:
Milica Sevkusic

An overview of the COPE, DOAJ, DHET and SciELO SA guidelines on special issues and guest editorships.

Discussion

THE PANELLISTS

- **Susan Veldsman** (Director of Scholarly Publishing, ASSAf)
- **Walter Ntuli** (Assistant Director: University Research Support and Policy Development, Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET))
- **Prof Leslie Swartz** (Editor-in-Chief of South African Journal of Science)
- **Milica Sevkusic** (Open Access Programme Project Coordinator, eIFL.net)
- **Louise van Heerden** (SciELO SA Operations Manager, ASSAf)
- **Dr Linda Fick** (Managing Editor, South African Journal of Science, ASSAf)
- **Ina Smith** (SPU Planning Manager, ASSAf and Senior DOAJ brand ambassador for Africa)



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