



# Special Issue: Participatory Evaluation and Impact Assessment in Citizen Science

## Call for Papers

While citizen science is by definition highly participatory, its evaluation and impact assessment practices often do not live up to this claim. In this special issue we will explore existing approaches to participatory evaluation that involve participants of citizen science activities in reflecting and assessing projects' or initiatives' processes and outcomes. This involvement may range from co-designing the evaluation strategy to creating evaluation or monitoring instruments to be used during and after the project, to name but a few. The special issue aims to collect and discuss a wide range of methods of participatory evaluation, informed by the experiences gathered not just in traditional citizen (social) science projects but in diverse fields such as development, social and youth work (e.g. open evaluation, peer interviews, diaries, photovoice, storytelling, etc.). Authors are invited to elaborate on theoretical and practical grounds their experiences with participatory evaluation in citizen science. We further encourage contributions that reflect on participatory evaluation methods from other fields and their potential application for citizen science. Moreover, they should reflect on challenges, risks and pitfalls based on concrete experiences, and may also consider which approaches promise success in times of physical distancing and crisis.

## Key questions and topics to be covered

We welcome contributions from citizen science, participatory social research, public policy, environmental justice, and related fields, as well as reports from practitioners, including related theoretical and practical perspectives from various other professions and disciplines.

- What options are there for the design of participatory evaluation in citizen science and related domains?
- What are the challenges and benefits of participatory evaluation for involved stakeholders and participants?
- What should be the scopes for participatory evaluation and respective impact assessments, where to start and where to go?
- What methods and approaches have proven to work well in participatory evaluation in citizen (social) science and citizen humanities?
- How can the interfaces of research and policy and society be fostered with participatory evaluation, and what are the pitfalls to care about?
- What legal and ethical issues must be considered and addressed when developing and implementing participatory evaluation?

Topics to be covered:

- Governance and planning of participatory processes
- Evaluation in participation design
- Power relationships and shifting power configurations
- Monitoring processes and outputs



- Capacity building
- Creating trust and safe spaces
- Reflexivity
- Openness
- Ownership of processes and results

And many more...

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## Submission Guidelines

### Abstracts

Please submit your extended abstract by 15 September 2021 as MS Word, RTF or Open Document Text format

- 500 words
- Indicate which text format (see below)
- Author information (see below)

### Full texts

Praxis-oriented reports: 2000 to 3500 words

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