

# FORUM FOR SOCIAL ECONOMICS



## CALL FOR PAPERS – SPECIAL ISSUE

### Children Out of School

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Despite substantial progress since 2000 in ensuring education for all, some 120 million children of primary and junior secondary school age remain out of school today according to recent data from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics. Lack of education has a major impact on the ability of the children to emerge from poverty in adulthood. It also affects future generations since parental education is a key factor affecting a child's education attainment. The reasons leading so many children to remain out- of school are complex. Socio-economic factors play a key role. But in some countries cultural traditions are also an important factor, especially for girls. In a number of countries, conflict and adversity also play a major role. Ensuring that all children get a basic education is both an ethical and economic imperative.

This special issue of *Forum for Social Economics* will bring together a unique collection of articles on out-of-school children. The special issue will combine papers with different types of focus, ranging from assessments of the number of children out of school to the analysis of different factors that lead children to never enrol or drop out. Interventions that could help all children complete a basic education will also be discussed. Both country case studies and multi-country analysis can be submitted. While several of the papers are expected to rely on in-depth analysis of household survey data, qualitative work based on focus groups and in-depths interviews are welcome. Conceptual papers about the ethical dimensions of reaching some of the most vulnerable groups of children are welcome as well. The aim of the special issue will be two-fold: firstly, to better understand the key factors that lead so many children to remain out of school as well as the economic costs that this implies for both households and societies; and secondly, to suggest policies and programs that could help ensure that all children enrol in school and complete a basic education.

### Submission Procedure

Please submit papers online at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rfse>. When submitting, please choose 'special issue article' as the manuscript type, and 'Special Issue on Children out of School' as the special issue name. Your submission should include the title of the paper, an abstract of approximately 150–200 words up to five key words; and your paper with numbered pages including all necessary material (e.g. figures and tables and their captions; appendices). One author should be indicated as "Corresponding author". He/she will be notified of the selection outcome after submission and review of the manuscript through the standard anonymous peer review process, with suggested revisions. Complete instructions can be found on the journal's website: <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/RFSE20/current>. The deadline for submissions is May 30, 2015. For inquiries, please contact Quentin Wodon at [qwodon@worldbank.org](mailto:qwodon@worldbank.org).