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### ***Vulnerable Groups & Inclusion* launches**

**1 December, Stockholm:** Co-Action Publishing is pleased to announce the launch of *Vulnerable Groups & Inclusion*, an international peer-reviewed open access journal dedicated to providing a forum for collating scientific knowledge regarding the processes behind the inclusion of people who are either at risk of becoming marginalized or who are already marginalized.

At the heart of the new journal is an ontological positioning that aims to shift the focus of research from exclusion to inclusion. As Co-Editor Marianne Hedlund, North Trondelag University, Norway, explains, "Ironically, we know more today about that which excludes people than we do about that which contributes to inclusion. In part this is because much of the research on marginalization takes place within a problem-based framework, leading to the identification of barriers as a result. While there is clearly a relationship between mechanisms of exclusion and those of inclusion, we want to challenge researchers to ask new questions from a different standpoint." Hedlund's Co-Editor Bodil Landstad, Mid Sweden University, adds that the journal also seeks to generate new knowledge through offering a multi-disciplinary and multi-subject area forum, "Individuals and groups can be marginalized or at risk of marginalization in many contexts – for example, due to health, in working life, socially, as citizens, in public life, etc. By creating an arena to address inclusion across these conditions, and by welcoming studies by researchers in many fields and from varied national settings, we also aim to stimulate a rich exchange of evidence and methodologies that should further such research."

Senior Publisher Anne Bindslev comments on Co-Action Publishing's second Social Science title, "*Vulnerable Groups & Inclusion* is a fitting addition to our portfolio as it emanates from Scandinavian research milieus, which are internationally recognized for their contributions in the research areas covered by the journal. Moreover, professional groups and policy-makers with an interest in social inclusion will also benefit from open access to relevant scientific results."

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*Vulnerable Groups & Inclusion* can be found at: [www.vulnerablegroupsandinclusion.net](http://www.vulnerablegroupsandinclusion.net) .

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