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Call for Papers: Special Issue of *Library and Information Research*

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The journal *Library and Information Research (LIR)* is seeking papers for a special issue on research methodology in library and information studies (LIS), to be published January/February 2012. All papers will be peer-reviewed and submission details are given below. Final date for submission of papers is Friday 14 October. Please address any queries and expressions of interest to the Guest editor for this issue, Judith Broady-Preston, Department of Information Studies, Aberystwyth University (jbp@aber.ac.uk)

This special issue is an opportunity to share contemporary ideas in research methodologies, models and methods originating from, or of relevance to any branch of the LIS discipline, sub-discipline and wider information profession.

Theoretical papers relating to research methodologies, models and methods are especially welcomed, as are philosophical papers, and papers presenting a fully developed process ready for wider use. In all cases concepts and underlying principles should be emphasised, with enough background information to orient any reader who is not a specialist in the particular subject area. The work should not have been published elsewhere nor submitted to another journal or conference.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Action research
- Case study research method (single and multiple)
- Computer modelling and simulation
- Critical theory research
- Delphi method
- Design-oriented research
- Evaluative and performance research, including conjoint analysis
- Evidence-based and reflective professional practice research
- Grounded theory
- Positivist paradigm
- Relativist approaches to qualitative research.
- Reflexivity and subjectivity
- Research design and triangulation
- Research ethics and protocols
- Theory development

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