

Call for Articles

The *Journal of Literary Theory* (JLT) publishes scholarly articles on questions of literary theory, the methodology of literary studies and the methods of scholarly interpretation of literary texts. In addition, articles exploring the history of disciplines concerned with literature and articles empirically examining the actual research practice of these disciplines are of interest. The JLT is open to interdisciplinary contributions that address questions related to literature and literary theory, including those from linguistics, digital humanities, media and cultural studies, sociology, philosophy, and the arts.

The individual issues of the JLT are usually devoted to a focus topic. In addition, the JLT publishes ›independent‹ articles that do not have to be related to these focus topics. Such articles are always welcome and very much appreciated. They can be submitted at any time and completely independently of the manuscript deadlines for the focus topics.

The articles may be within the scope of the following topics, to which they are not limited:

- Questions and problems of literary theory
- The structure and function of literary theories
- General and specific theoretical assumptions on the subject of ›literature‹
- Formation and use of terms in literary studies
- Basic concepts of literary theory and literary studies
- Central categories for the theory of literary studies and the empirical investigation of literature
- The methodology of the scientific study of literary texts
- The concept of ›interpretation‹ and methods of interpretation
- The use of argument in literary studies
- Individual literary theories in the history of the discipline and in the present, investigations of the history of literary theory
- Results and desiderata of research in literary theory
- Current developments in theory formation

- Praxeology of literary studies
- General conceptions of literary studies and of their place in science and their relevance to society
- Questions of the theory of science and epistemology, insofar as they are related to literary theory and literary studies

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