

Panel meeting 18.3.2025

Place: House of Science and Letters, room 207

Present: Kathrin Komp-Leukkunen (chair), Päivi Armila, Vladimir Gel'man, J. Tuomas Harviainen, Ville Kellokumpu, Reetta Muhonen, Krista Lagus, Mervi Luonila, Anu Sivunen, Dominic Stead, Riikka Turtiainen, Turo Uskali, Veli-Matti Karhulahti,

Absent: Tuija Koivunen, Inari Sakki, Christian Kroll

Secretariat: Elina Pylvänäinen and Anna-Kaarina Linna

1. Opening

The panel chair opened the meeting at 13.01.

2. Introductions

3. Panel

a. Panel composition

The fields covered in this panel are listed in appendix 1. The panel went through the list and discussed if there is a need to supplement the panel composition.

At the end of panel term discussion with the previous panel it was discussed that there would be a need to complement the panel composition with future studies and environmental social sciences experts.

Discussion:

- Both fields that were brought up at the end of panel term discussion are covered.
- There is no need to complement the panel composition at this point

b. Selecting the vice-chair of the panel

A vice-chair was selected for the panel. The vice-chair stands in for the panel chair when they are absent. The vice-chair also has a right to confirm evaluations in the JUFO portal on behalf of the panel chair.

Decision:

- Krista Lagus was selected as a vice-chair of the panel.

4. Orientation to the panel work

The secretariat introduced the Publication Forum, its aims and purpose as well as the evaluation criteria.

5. Level 1 and 0 evaluations in the JUFO portal

The deadline for the first set of level 1 and 0 evaluations is 26.3.2025 for the panel members and the panel chair needs to confirm evaluations at latest on 1.4.2025. More information has been sent by email.

[Kurdish studies](#) published currently by Oxbridge Publishing House has been evaluated in the previous panel as level 1, but it is not clear whether the journal still fulfills level 1 criteria. The entire editorial team resigned in 2023 when they discovered that the new publisher was not following good editorial practice and was publishing non-peer-reviewed articles without any quality control. Further information available at this [statement](#). Since then, the editorial board has established a new journal called [Kurdish Studies Journal](#).

Discussion:

- The journal will be added to the JUFO portal for re-evaluation.

6. Conflicts of interest

The panel members were asked to disclose their engagements with publication channels in which they have been an editor or a member of the editorial board in the past five years.

7. Other

No other business.

8. Closing

The panel chair closed the meeting at 14.59.

Appendix 1

Panel's MinEdu fields

514 Social sciences

- Sociology
- Demography
- Women's and gender studies
- Youth Research
- Social psychology
- Social policy, social work

518 Media and communications

- Journalism
- Informatics
- Library science
- Media communication
- Speech communication, organizational communication

519 Social and economic geography

- Environmental social science research
- Cultural and economic geography
- Urban studies
- Transport planning and social aspects of transport

520 Other social sciences

- Interdisciplinary social sciences
- Development research
- Russian and Eastern European studies