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Guide for Contributors

Mission

The *Journal of Methods and Measurement in the Social Sciences (JMM)* publishes articles related to methodology and research design, measurement, and data analysis. The journal is published twice yearly, and features theoretical, empirical and educational articles.

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Contributions

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