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Call for Chapters for proposed *SpringerBrief* volume on

### **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Ethical and Human-Centred Social Work Practice**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming public policy and welfare systems worldwide—from healthcare and mental health services to social service delivery, case management, and institutional care. While AI offers unprecedented opportunities to enhance accessibility, efficiency, and reach, it also raises profound questions for a profession grounded in social justice, ethical practice, human dignity, and the self-determination of individuals and communities.

Proposed *SpringerBrief* volume, **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Ethical and Human-Centred Social Work Practice**, provides a timely and critical examination of how AI is reshaping the theory, values, and practice of social work globally. Positioned within the broader evolution of digital social work, the book interrogates the rise of data-driven decision-making, use of algorithmic tools, and automated systems—highlighting both their potential as well as associated risks, especially for vulnerable populations.

Rather than adopting AI technologies uncritically, this volume seeks to equip practitioners, educators, and policymakers with conceptual clarity, ethical frameworks, and practice-oriented guidance. Through theoretical analyses, case studies, and applied practice models, the book will explore the paradoxes of AI in social work: its promise for innovation and its challenges for equity, ethics, and human relationships.

Thematic Areas (include but are not limited to):

- Conceptual and theoretical debates on the scope and potential of AI in social work
- AI for enhancing professional efficiency, decision-making, and organisational management
- Ethics, values, and social justice concerns in AI-mediated social work
- Structural and algorithmic bias in AI systems and their implications for practice
- AI applications in work with vulnerable groups and communities
- AI-enabled contributions to social policy and public administration
- Organisational and institutional adaptations for integrating AI into social work practice
- Implications for curriculum, pedagogy, and field education in preparing future social workers for AI-rich environments

## **Submission Timeline**

- Abstracts (300–350 words): 27 April 2026
- Notification of acceptance: 04 May 2026
- Full manuscripts (about 5,000–6,000 words): Within Three months from the date of acceptance

All submissions must be original and unpublished. Chapters will undergo editorial review to ensure scholarly quality and coherence with the volume's aims.

(Guidelines for Manuscript will be shared along with the acceptance notification)

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