

**Rules without Words:
Inquiries into Non-linguistic Normativities**
Special Issue

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Call for Papers

In the common thinking, rules are often considered linguistic entities. However, forms of normativity not necessarily connected with verbal or written language emerge in the social reality. A number of normative phenomena (e.g. folk law, customs, pictorial law, graphic rules, hostile architecture, animal societies) widely described in the literature do not seem to involve the use of words. Indeed, apparently, in these cases, rules have non-lexical nature.

Phenomenology and Mind invites submissions for a special issue dedicated to “Rules without Words: Inquiries into Non-linguistic Normativities”. This special issue aims to bring together researchers from all around the world who focus on non-linguistic rules from different philosophical perspectives: social philosophy, philosophy of law and jurisprudence, epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, media studies, philosophy of architecture, philosophy of design, performance studies, ethology, cognitive science and social psychology, gender studies.

The main purpose of this special issue is to provide a critical overview of some of the most interesting topics and methodologies from the current philosophical debate, focusing on (but not limited to) the following issues:

1. Ontology of non-linguistic rules

- What are the distinctive ontological features of non-linguistic rules?
- What are the relations between non-linguistic rules and social reality?
- Are non-linguistic rules essentially connected to human societies or do they regulate the social life of some non-human members of the animal kingdom?

2. Epistemology of non-linguistic rules

- What are the distinctive epistemic features of non-linguistic rules?
- What are the cognitive and psychological aspects of non-linguistic rules?
- How is it possible to understand a non-linguistic rule?
- Is it possible to have a normative experience independently from language?

3. Deontology of non-linguistic rules

- Do non-linguistic rules contribute to the development or the maintenance of traditional and new social inequalities?

- What are the seminal cases of non-linguistic rules in disseminating or imposing political and social values and habits?
- How can non-linguistic rules promote the social good?
- How do architecture and design shape social reality through the creation of tacit normative social constraints?

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- The section to which the author(s) wants to contribute to;

- 4/5 keywords.

All manuscripts must be in English.

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The author should register [here](#) and then log in to submit her paper. Please, be sure to register as author in order to submit your paper (flag the option "Author" in your Profile), and to indicate your current affiliation (if applicable).

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