

Editor-in-Chief, *Enterprise and Society*

Job Description

Enterprise and Society: The International Journal of Business History is a peer reviewed journal in the field of business history, published by Cambridge University Press on behalf of the Business History Conference and currently ranked in the fifteen history journals on the Google h-5 index. The journal is published four times a year and is global in scope and without restriction on period. The journal offers a forum for research on the historical relations between businesses and their larger political, cultural, institutional, social, and economic contexts.

The Editor-in-Chief (EiC) of *Enterprise and Society* has three principal sets of tasks. The first is to shape and lead the intellectual and editorial direction and content of the journal. The second, is to periodically review and revise editorial policy and practice, as necessary. The third is to support the journal in navigating a rapidly changing journal publishing landscape. The role is supported by Managing Editor Carol Lockman.

The first task involves initial decisions on papers processed into the submission system, referee invitations, taking and communicating editorial decisions, general communication with both prospective and current authors, and communication and coordination with the press over production processes. The journal has become highly and increasingly internationalized in recent years and the incoming EiC will be dedicated to furthering this agenda. Less frequently, the EiC may be required to deal with issues of research integrity (such as plagiarism). This work is done in coordination with the Research Ethics team at the press. This set of tasks requires

attention to detail to ensure the smooth flow of articles through the review and production processes, along with skills in evaluating submissions, collating and synthesizing reports, and formulating constructive, developmental decision letters.

The second task involves higher level editorial policy and practice and is undertaken in collaboration with the Editorial Board and the Print Media Oversight Committee (PMOC) of the BHC. Issues might include, among others, membership and composition of the Editorial Board, appointment of new Associate Editors, role and tasks of Associate Editors, policy on special issues and book reviews etc. Under this heading we can also include promoting both the journal and individual articles, whether through social media or undertaking talks at conferences (e.g. roundtables on journal publishing). This work is often undertaken in collaboration with BHC Digital Editor Paula de la Cruz-Fernández. This set of tasks involves a vision for the future intellectual direction of the journal in combination with collaborative skills.

The third set of tasks concentrates on the macro-level, helping the journal navigate a turbulent and rapidly changing academic journal publishing landscape. The press are vital partners in this task, alongside BHC officers and committees - in particular Secretary Vicki Howard, Treasurer Roger Horowitz, and the PMOC. Current challenges include digitalization of production and distribution processes, the transition to Open Access publishing models, and the arrival of Artificial Intelligence. This set of tasks involves relationship management and a strategic mindset.

As noted *Enterprise and Society* is owned by the Business History Conference (BHC). Thus, the EiC also has duties and responsibilities in relation to the BHC. The appointment is

for a four year renewable term. The EiC is appointed by the Trustees on the recommendation of the PMOC. According to the bylaws EiC makes a written report of the journal's activities to the Trustees in a timely fashion prior to the Trustees' annual meeting, and they or a designated representative is available at this meeting to address questions raised by the Trustees. The editor also makes a brief report at the members meeting.

Currently the BHC provides the EIC with \$5,000 annually, which can be taken as either travel reimbursement or as a stipend. Interested parties wishing to further discuss the position and the application process are welcome to contact either current Editor-in-Chief Andrew Popp at ap.bhl@cbs.dk, or Chair of the Search Committee Marc Levinson at marclevinson1@gmail.com.

Deadline for expressions of interest: May 1, 2025