

PSR SPECIAL ISSUE

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- a) the quality of the individual papers submitted,
- b) the extent to which the proposed Special Issue as a whole makes an original, coherent and creative **contribution to the field**,
- c) the extent to which the proposal stimulates wide-ranging debate and cutting-edge discussion of a topical issue or political issue that appeals to a broad audience in the UK and internationally,
- d) the extent to which the proposal seeks to demonstrate the essential utility of political science through enhancing understanding and dialogue both within the political science profession, across disciplinary subfields and outside the scholarly community

Proposals should be a maximum of **3000 words** long in total and should include the following information:

- Full contact details and a short biography of the Guest Editor(s);
- A proposed title for the Special Issue;
- A clear frame or rationale which includes: the theoretical framework and empirical content of the Special Issue; its relationship to existing literature and how the contribution will advance knowledge in politics; claim to be original in approach and/or thinking; saliency to politics field. We would expect this rationale should be around 800-1,000 words in length;
- A list of contributors: include institutional affiliations and short biography and confirmation of their commitment to the Issue;
- Abstracts for each paper (350 words max each);
- Provide details of the origin of the proposal, e.g., a workshop, conference, research project etc.;
- The current stage of development of the proposed issue. This should include clear milestones for its completion such as a) submission of first drafts by individual authors to Guest Editors; b) submission of revised papers to Guest Editors following two external reviews per paper; c) submission of the draft Special Issue to the PSR Editorial team for collective external review purposes prior to the final decision;
- The maximum number of contributions allowed in a Special Issue is **7, including the introduction**.

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