

## Political Studies Review - Call for Special Issue Proposals

### Submission deadlines

#### For Special Issue in 2019: 30 June 2018

Every year, *Political Studies Review* (PSR) accepts proposals for one special issue to appear in each volume of the journal. The next deadline by which proposals should be sent to the *PSR* editorial team is **June 30 2018** for publication in 2019. Guest Editors who wish to submit a Special Issue should email a proposal to *PSR* at [psr@bath.ac.uk](mailto:psr@bath.ac.uk) by this date.

The Editorial team will consider the pool of Special Issue submissions received by this deadline. Their selection will be based upon which proposal in their judgement has the most potential in terms of:

- 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 current dispute or issue in the discipline that appeals to a broad audience in political science in the UK and internationally
- d) the extent to which the proposal seeks to **bridge the intellectual boundary of why political science matters** 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 3,000 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 including 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 final decision.

*Political Studies Review* is committed to promoting gender equality in the profession. *PSR* strongly encourages the submission of special issue proposals with a **gender-balanced pool of contributors**.

The review procedure for special issues can be accessed at <http://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/cmscontent/PSW/PSR-Review-Procedure-for-Special-Issue-Proposals.pdf>.

The Special Issue will be processed via Scholar One and guest editors are expected to use the Scholar One system for the entire editorial process.

The editorial team looks forward to considering the proposals submitted.

With best wishes,  
David Cutts & Isabelle Engeli  
Editors in Chief: Political Studies Review (PSR)