

Substantive criteria for papers to be considered for publication in *Climate Policy*

In order to be approved for review, the senior editorial team needs to be persuaded that a manuscript meets, or is likely to meet, the following criteria. With the exception of scope, which is the prerogative of the senior editorial team to assess, reviewers are specifically invited to comment on the four other criteria in their reports.

Scope: Manuscripts must advance knowledge on how to respond to climate change, either adaptation or mitigation. Common examples of out-of-scope papers received are on the impacts of climatic changes (eg reduced agricultural yields) or on local air pollution.

Originality: Manuscripts must offer novel insights, that will make a significant contribution to the academic literature or to empirical understanding of climate policy.

Academic quality and rigour: Manuscripts must meet high academic expectations, notably in terms of clear and well-defined research questions; sound methodology; location of the analysis within the extant literature; strong argumentation; logical structure; and appropriate style and language (bearing in mind accessibility and clarity, see below).

Policy relevance: Manuscripts must present findings or analysis that are relevant to policy makers, practitioners, negotiators, or the climate policy research community. Ex post analyses of existing policies are particularly welcomed. Case studies limited to a single geographical area must draw out wider lessons that might be applicable to other jurisdictions. Papers on conceptual or methodological issues relevant to climate policy are also welcome, as are innovative but realistic proposals for future climate policy approaches and instruments.

Accessibility and clarity: Manuscripts must be written in a clear and accessible style, which will be understandable to a wide audience, including academics across disciplines and readers outside of academia. Manuscripts should avoid excessive jargon. Underlying datasets and other detailed technical information (e.g. to explain models) should be supplied in Supplementary Online Material or otherwise in online form.