



Global Society Special Issue Guidance [Updated September 2023]

Global Society has an excellent track-record of publishing guest-edited special issues around a specific topic or theme. Previous special issues are listed by topic and date on our website: <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/cgsj20/special-issues>

Global Society normally publishes two special issues per year. Proposals for special issues are accepted throughout the year and considered on a rolling basis. All proposals will be evaluated by our editorial team. When evaluating special issue proposals, editors will consider the diversity of contributors in terms of gender, career stage, and geographic and institutional location. We especially encourage proposals that include contributors based in the Global South and/or outside Europe, North America, and Australia. Proposals should be sent directly to the editors at: globalsociety@kent.ac.uk

Proposals

Proposals can relate to any area of global and international studies, and interdisciplinary scholarship is welcomed. Global Society is open to different methodological and theoretical approaches and seeks to publish special issues that appeal to a wide readership, including policy-makers and practitioners. Proposals should include the overall special issue title, editor and author bios, and titles and abstracts for each paper. Guest editors should include a paragraph on the diversity of the contributors. Proposals should also contain an approximate schedule/timeline for the submission of papers, to ensure adequate time for the review process.

Process

Special issues normally run approximately 72,000-75,000 words in total, though there is some flexibility with word counts. Special issues generally comprise seven/eight papers of approximately 10,000 words or nine/ten papers of 7,000-8,000 words. Special issues normally include an introductory article written by the guest editors. Any conclusion article written by the guest editors is optional, space permitting. Introductions/conclusions can be shorter than the main article length. Special issue introductions are normally granted free access by our publisher, Taylor & Francis.

When a proposal is accepted, guest editors sign a contract with Taylor & Francis outlining the timeline for delivery. All special issue articles will be submitted through Global Society's ScholarOne portal. They should conform to the journal's style guidelines.

Each paper within a special issue (with the exception of brief introductory and conclusion articles) is expected to meet the usual guidelines for research articles. Special issue contributions are subject to the external peer-review process.

The timeline for publication of accepted special issues will depend on the status of other special issues in the queue and the journal's normal workflow. However, the editorial team will be able to provide an approximate date/issue of publication ahead of submission.

For further questions, please contact the editors at: globalsociety@kent.ac.uk