

## **Review of International Political Economy –Semi-Annual Special Issue Competition**

### Call for Special Issue Proposals

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RIPE holds two annual competitions for special issue proposals; closing on March 30<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, respectively. RIPE Special Issues cover a diverse and innovative range of topics in international political economy scholarship (IPE). They are expected to be more than the sum of the papers within them, and to make an original analytic and empirical contribution to IPE scholarship. Each paper within a RIPE Special Issue is expected to meet its usual guidelines for [research articles](#) including that it makes an original theoretical *and* empirical contribution to IPE. The exception is the introduction, which should be a substantive contribution that defines the topic and its significance to RIPE readers, reviews the state of the art, summarises the original theoretical and empirical contributions of the Special Issue, and signals directions for future research.

Special Issues typically comprise up to 14 articles, including the introduction. This is approximately 165,000 total words, keeping in mind RIPE's 12,000-word limit for articles. All Special Issue contributions are subject to RIPE's rigorous peer-review process. If the process yields a shorter collection, RIPE editors reserve the right to publish the collection as a RIPE Forum instead and/or include further articles to the online/print publication, clearly indicating that they are not part of the Special Issue.

### **Submission instructions**

#### ***Elements of a Special Issue Proposal:***

- 1) *Overview of the proposed SI (max two pages)*. The overview should address theme, relevance, and scope. How will this SI advance IPE scholarship? Why is there a need for this particular SI at this time? How does this SI address RIPE's stated aims and scope?
- 2) *Overview of the contributors (max three pages)*. This overview should: a) summarize the qualifications of the proposed guest editors and contributors; and b) demonstrate that the contributors reflect the diversity of the field in terms of, e.g., gender, race/ethnicity, geographic location, and career stage.
- 3) *Abstracts of proposed articles*. Please include abstracts of no more than 250 words for each proposed SI contribution. Briefly note after each abstract the current state of the proposed contribution (e.g., data collected, first draft to be presented at X conference, first draft complete, etc., as well as an anticipated word count).
- 4) *Timeline and process for completion (max two pages)*. This section should describe how the guest editors plan to move the papers from their current states to submission-ready and propose a realistic date for full issue submission. If a workshop and/or conference panel(s) are anticipated for this stage, please provide details. Upon demonstrated need and at the Editorial Board's discretion, RIPE may provide funds to support this process for successful proposals, e.g. to support workshop travel for early career researchers and researchers from the Global South. In addition, if guest editors organize a workshop for SI contributors, the RIPE Coordinating Editor assigned to the SI will seek to attend at RIPE's expense.

Please attach an appendix with email confirmations from each proposed contributor indicating both their commitment to participate in the SI if the proposal is selected, and the originality of their proposed contribution. Please submit your Special Issue Proposal as one document via email to: [RIPEjournal@gmail.com](mailto:RIPEjournal@gmail.com), indicating in the subject line “Special Issue competition” and the submission deadline you are aiming for.

RIPE aims to publish two Special Issues per year, chosen on a competitive basis. Full proposals should be submitted by either the March 30<sup>th</sup> or September 30<sup>th</sup> deadlines and will be reviewed by the RIPE editorial board. Guest editors will be notified of the outcome of their submission within four weeks of the submission deadline. All papers in Special Issue proposals accepted for consideration should be ready for submission to RIPE no later than nine months after the acceptance date. Subject to timely author submission and review processes, RIPE aims to publish Special Issues within two years of initial proposal acceptance.

Deadline for Proposal Submissions: 30 March or 30 September