British Journal of Political Science

All manuscripts should be submitted via our online system, Editorial Manager at:

http://bjpols.edmgr.com

Articles submitted to the Journal should in general be between 5,000 and 12,000 words (or equivalent in tables and figures) in length. An abstract not exceeding 120 words is required. Contributors should note the Journal’s editorial policy, which is as stated inside the front cover.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The British Journal of Political Science is an independent journal, whose policy is set by its editorial board. It is committed to no methodological orthodoxy over and above the normal canons of scholarship: clear and consistent use of words, logical and mathematical validity, and the use of appropriate evidence to substantiate empirical statements. Contributions are invited in all fields of political science and political theory, except the history of political thought. Innovative and authoritative work addressed to problems of general significance to students of politics will be published whatever the period(s) or place(s) drawn upon for evidence. The Editors reserve the right to decline articles if, according to their own judgement, they are inconsistent with editorial policy.

Articles

Notes and Comments are welcome. A Note should contain a body of original information, a new method for doing something or a new idea (speculation, argument, proof, etc.) presented in a brief and unadorned form without inessential commentary. Comments containing criticisms of articles published in the Journal and additional thoughts on them will be considered for early publication, especially if they are short - say, under 1,000 words.

Most issues of the Journal contain a Review Article - either a detailed discussion of a single book or a review of the state of some area of the discipline. Review Articles submitted without prior consultation will be considered for publication, but in their own interest contributors would be well advised not to prepare a Review Article specially for the Journal without first getting in touch with the Editors.

Submission of an article is taken to imply that it has not been previously published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. Authors are responsible for obtaining written permission to publish material for which they do not own the copyright. Authors of articles published in the Journal assign copyright to Cambridge University Press (with certain rights reserved) and you will receive a copyright assignment form for signature on acceptance of your paper.

Authors are responsible for obtaining permission to reproduce any material in which they do not own copyright, to be used in both print and electronic media, and for ensuring that the appropriate acknowledgements are included in their manuscript.
Where statistical analysis of data has been conducted, contributors are expected to deposit a REPLICATION DATA SET with a major international data archive or on the Cambridge Journals Online website.

Style

Anyone who is preparing a manuscript for submission to the Journal is urged to follow the Journal's style sheet, found at http://journals.cambridge.org/images/fileUpload/documents/BJPOLS_style_sheet.pdf, which covers a number of detailed points concerning footnotes, punctuation, spelling, etc.

Proofs

First proofs may be read and corrected by contributors provided that they can give the Editors an email address through which they can be reached without delay and can guarantee to return the corrected proofs to the copy-editor, by email/air mail where appropriate, within three working days of receiving them. The master proof will always be sent directly to the Editors by the printer; contributors will receive duplicates.

(Last updated 11th November 2013)