

Global Environmental Politics

Call for Proposals: For Special Issue and Special Section

Every year GEP publishes a Special Issue—and some years also a Special Section—on a specific topic of interest to our readership. We invite you to apply for either a complete Special Issue or a shorter Special Section. If you feel that your topic could do well as either one, please let us know that in your proposal.

Proposals Due: November 1

Please send your proposal to the following email address: GEPjournal@gmail.com
We plan to announce our decision in January of the following year (2-3 months after proposals are due).

Overview:

Articles for a Special Issue or Section of the journal must adhere to the same content guidelines as all other issues, that is:

Global Environmental Politics seeks to publish the best and most innovative scholarly manuscripts available on contemporary international and comparative environmental politics. The journal covers the relationship between global political forces and environmental change. Topics include the role of states, multilateral institutions and agreements, globalization, trade, consumption patterns, international finance, corporations, poverty and inequality, nongovernmental organizations, science and technology, and grassroots movements. The journal also includes studies on particular environmental problems that span two or more countries, such as climate change, ozone depletion, deforestation, biodiversity, desertification, transboundary pollution, waste management, oceans and fisheries, and endangered species.

While **articles must focus on political and policy issues**, authors and readers will presumably have a range of disciplinary backgrounds, including political science, international relations, sociology, history, human geography, public policy, science and technology studies, environmental ethics, law, economics, and environmental science.

- **Forum articles** comprise short commentaries (2,000-3,000 words, including footnotes and references) that should stimulate discussion on salient issues of interest to other scholars in the field. The aim of these articles is to provoke thought, discussion, and debate amongst the readership. Articles for the Forum section typically receive two single-blind reviews.

- **Research Articles** are full-length papers (maximum 8,000 words, including footnotes and references) that contain an original contribution to research on global environmental politics. Research Articles are sent to three referees for double-blind reviews before a final editorial decision is made.
- **Research Notes** (3,000-5,000 words, including footnotes and references) provide discussions of new data sources and/or research techniques relevant to the GEP community as well as analysis of the practice of research relevant to global environmental politics. Papers on research tools and techniques may be qualitative, quantitative, or formal. Authors should demonstrate the broad utility of the approach. Papers on new data sources should, in addition to describing the substance, provide a discussion of the range of questions for which the data could be useful. They should also include arrangements for making the data available and accessible to the GEP community. Research Notes are sent to three referees for double-blind reviews before a final editorial decision is made.

The mix of types of articles can vary depending on your needs. A typical complete issue of GEP contains four to six research articles and one to three shorter pieces (research note, forum, introduction), comprising approximately seven to nine pieces depending on the specific mix. We encourage diversity and balance of seniority, race and geographic location, and gender/gender preference representation in authorship.

Note that *GEP* does not evaluate works already published elsewhere or under review by another publisher.

Review Process:

The review process is exactly the same as that for all GEP articles: a rigorous, blinded peer-review process that may result in some articles not meeting GEP publication standards. For the Special Issue/Section only, research articles may receive two double-blind reviews before a final editorial decision is made. Forum articles receive one single-blind review. The Special Issue/Section editors are expected to provide significant input to authors, and thus stand in for an additional review.

Special Issue/Section editors will handle the bulk of the content-related work, including inviting authors, providing content oversight and initial review, suggesting reviewers, interacting with GEP's managing editor, working with the GEP editors on decisions about articles, and working with authors to revise their manuscripts as required to meet publication standards and deadlines.

A Special Issue/Section is under tighter time constraints for writing, revising, and review; thus, it is important that you and your collaborators have a plan for working together so that the articles develop well and are submitted when we need them.

Also please read our *Guidelines for Editors of Special Issues of Global Environmental Politics* for full details what will be required of you and a basic schedule for the special issue.

Information to Include in your Proposal:

1. A brief description of the topic you plan to address.
2. Rationale (e.g., why the topic is under-represented in the literature or provides an important theoretical/empirical contribution to the field of GEP), and information about the timeliness and critical nature of the topic.
3. Names, qualifications, and full CVs of all editors.
4. For each proposed article, a working title, brief abstract, and author names, as well as a brief description of the topic of the article.
5. A concise diversity statement with respect to contributing authors, including balance of seniority, race, geographic location, and gender/gender preference representation.
6. A brief biography for the primary author of each proposed article.
7. A detailed work plan for how the articles will be submitted, revised, and finished on time. See the *Guidelines for Editors of Special Issues of Global Environmental Politics* for more details (and feel free to ask us for more information at any time). Note: We are looking for your specific input on how you will approach this process to make it as effective and high-quality as possible while adhering to the time constraints of preparing several articles by different authors for simultaneous publication.

We look forward to receiving your proposal. Let us know if you have any questions, at gepjournal@gmail.com.