

INTERVENTIONS

Political Geography

Types of papers published in the journal *Political Geography* include “Interventions.” These are guest-edited sets of short entries that together put forward (an) insightful, thought-provoking, and well-grounded argument(s) about a theme. The idea is to engage the readers with a ‘hot’ research topic, steer their attention to a new idea or alert them about a gap in thinking, or challenge conventional wisdom. The entries in the whole may, or may not, agree with one another.

Interventions in *Political Geography* consist of an introduction, written by the guest editor(s), 3–5 author contributions, and a shared bibliography. The length of one entry is typically 1,500–2,000 words. The maximum acceptable length of the whole is 11,000 words (the limit is absolute and inclusive of everything).

The style is that of an ‘intervention’ – the desired formula consists of straightforward, clearly formulated statements, views, and their solid defense. The idea and discussion must be relevant to political geography and related fields. Engagement with research literature and participation in particular debates are expected, instead of a mere review of previous research. ‘Mini-papers’ that attempt to squeeze a full research article in 2,000 words will not succeed. One way to approach the desired style is to start each Intervention with an argument or a question that ‘hooks’ the readers’ curiosity and then proceeds to ‘making the case.’ Jargon-free, space-economic style and writing in active tense are strongly encouraged. The guest editor(s) and the contributors should consult recently published Interventions for contents and style.

Additional support can be found from the journal’s general Guide for Authors. The guest editor(s) and the contributors should observe that in this type of paper the main title starts with “Interventions...” and should fit one line (about 60 characters, with spaces). Each Intervention then begins with an informative and compact title. No subtitles are used within these texts. Informative, insightful illustration (maps, graphs, photographs) is encouraged in support of the discussion. The bibliography, in-text referencing, and all illustrations must follow the journal’s general submission guidelines. Footnotes or endnotes are accepted only in the case of brief, necessary acknowledgments (e.g., funding).

The guest editors play a critical role in the success of the whole. They are responsible for instructing their team of contributors – who may find the expected writing style and structure difficult to employ. The guest editor must make sure that the set works as one consistent entity and follows the journal’s guidelines in every detail. From the beginning, the package should be designed as a whole,

with a clear division of labor under the general umbrella. The contributors will be addressing a global, critical, and broadly read audience in political geography and related disciplines.

Interventions are reviewed in-house, by the journal's editors. They may seek assistance from the editorial board. One collective feedback report will be sent to the guest editor(s). Requested revisions must be submitted within three months of receiving the feedback.

The entire Interventions should be submitted as one file via the journal's online submission system at <http://ees.elsevier.com/jpgq>

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