



## **Summary proposal form for Special Issue in Policy & Politics**

This form is intended to provide a brief one-page summary of your proposal for a special issue in Policy & Politics. It will help inform the co-editors' decision on whether or not they would like to request a full proposal from you.

Please read our [editorial statement](#) before completing your proposal so you understand what the journal is looking for. A summary from the statement is in the box below.

We welcome proposals that are expansive and pluralist and that demonstrate broad theoretical appeal, rather than those with a narrower focus, in keeping with our [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion](#) statement.

In brief, the journal is guided by three principles: (1) comprehensive coverage of public policy, politics and social issues; (2) inclusivity in research approaches, and (3) relevance for science and practice. We elaborate on these three guiding principles.

- (1) **Comprehensive Coverage of Public Policy, Politics and Social Issues.** *Policy & Politics* encompasses scholarship that focuses on any aspect of the policy process; examines public policy issues comparatively; seeks to advance established policy theories and to promote new theories; spans the micro and the macro in the study of policy and politics; deals with all substantive subfields in the study of public policy; and welcomes studies of public policy that span the world, including the global south and global north. As part of this effort, we welcome scholarship that builds on and contributes to existing foundations of knowledge about public policy as well as innovates and takes risks in breaking into new frontiers of what we know about public policy.
- (2) **Inclusivity in Research Approaches.** *Policy & Politics* welcomes scholarship from different epistemological and ontological orientations and from different methodological perspectives, including quantitative and qualitative approaches and interpretive methods. The journal is also interested in scholarship that makes methodological advancements in the study of public policy. *Policy & Politics* does not align itself to any disciplinary perspective and welcomes scholarship from political science, public policy, public administration and management, nonprofit studies, social policy, and others as well as the multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary efforts that integrate these perspectives. Rather, we welcome scholarship that challenges any dominant disciplinary assumptions in the study of public policy and that offers better alternatives.
- (3) **Relevance for Science and Practice.** *Policy & Politics* welcomes scholarship that addresses contemporary and timely issues that have relevance in current debates about public policy and politics. While some of these messages come through in the articles themselves, we work with authors in translating their scholarship through blogs and videos to non-academic audiences.

1. How would your special issue advance the broad study of policy & politics?
2. What would be its theoretical and scholarly contributions?
3. Why do we need this special issue?
4. What are the gaps you plan to fill?
5. Please provide a 300 word summary that summarises the aims and contribution of your issue to the field (an 'elevator pitch').
6. Please provide draft abstracts for each article and an indicative list of contributors to enable us to evaluate the fit of your proposed issue with the journal's scope.

Please complete your responses to the questions below and return this form to [Sarah.Brown@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:Sarah.Brown@bristol.ac.uk), Journal Manager. It will be considered by the editors and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible with our response.