Global Environmental Politics
Special Issue Proposal Summary, for August 2015 issue

Proposals Due: November 1, 2013
Decision will be announced no later than January 4, 2014.

Special issues of the journal must also adhere to the same 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.

The journal is divided into a Forum section and Research Articles. Forum articles comprise short commentaries (2000-3000 words) 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. Research Articles are full-length papers (maximum 8000 words, including footnotes and bibliography) 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. Articles for the Forum section receive two single-blind reviews.

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A normal GEP issue has five or six research articles (not exceeding 8,000 words) and one to three shorter “Forum” pieces (2,000-3,000 words). The mix of articles and shorter pieces can vary, of course, depending on your needs.
Also please read our separate Guidelines for Special Issues (http://www.mitpressjournals.org/userimages/ContentEditor/1335284469353/GEP%20Special%20Issues%20Guide%20042412.pdf) to ensure that you understand what will be required of all special editors.

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**Information to submit as your proposal:**

Please submit a brief description of the topic you wish to explore in a special issue of *GEP*. You should include:

1. Working titles and brief abstracts of proposed articles and forum pieces
2. A brief description of the topic
3. Rationale (e.g., why the topic is under-represented in the literature or provides an important theoretical/empirical contribution to the field of GEP)
4. Information about the timeliness and critical nature of the topic
5. Names, qualifications, and full CVs of special editors
6. Names and qualifications of authors you plan to invite
7. Your work plan ensuring that the special issue will be submitted, revised and finished on time. See the Special Issue Guidelines for more details (and feel free to ask us for more information).

**Be aware that:**

- the special issue should not exceed 55,000 words total.
- each research article should have a maximum of 8,000 words when published, including footnotes and references.
- each forum article should contain between 2,000 and 3,000 words, including footnotes and references.
- 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.
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