

Global Environmental Politics

Call for Proposals: Special Issue/Section, 2024

Every year GEP publishes a special issue—and some years also a special section—on a specific topic of interest to our readership. This year 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, 2022

Please send your proposal to the following email address: GEPjournal@gmail.com. We plan to announce our decision by early January 2023.

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 examines relationships between global political forces and environmental change, with particular attention given to the implications of local-global interactions for environmental management, as well as to the implications of environmental change and environmental governance for world politics. Each issue contains several full-length research articles, and may also contain shorter forum articles and/or a research note. The journal seeks to publish on a broad range of issues, from water to waste management to climate change. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, states and non-state actors in environmental governance, multilateral institutions and agreements, innovative governance arrangements, trade, global finance, corporations and markets, environmental (in)security, science and technology, and transnational and grassroots movements. Contributions come from many disciplines, including political science, international relations, sociology, history, human geography, anthropology, public policy, science and technology studies, and environmental ethics, law, and economics.

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. We also encourage submissions by authors from a diverse array of backgrounds, including scholars from under-represented groups.

- **Forum articles** comprise short commentaries (2,000-3,000 words, including footnotes and bibliography) 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 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.
- **Research Notes** (3,000-5,000 words, including footnotes and bibliography) 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 4-6 research articles and 1-3 shorter pieces (research note, forum, introduction).

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

Review Process:

The review process is 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.

Reviewers:

Special editors should submit a list of potential reviewers for the entire special issue/section prior to the deadline for paper submissions; the list should include three-four potential reviewers per paper without any duplication. Reviewers must be knowledgeable about the topic, and we encourage recruitment from under-represented groups.

Role of Special Editors:

The special issue/section editors (aka guest editors) are expected to provide significant input to authors, and thus stand in for an additional thorough review of each submission. Thus, for research pieces there will be two outside reviews plus one provided by a guest editor, and for forums, one outside review and one by a guest editor.

Guest 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 fellow guest editors have a well-thought-out plan for working together so that the articles develop well and are submitted and revisited when we need them.

Also please read our attached *Guidelines for Editors of Special Issues of Global Environmental Politics*. There you will also find a generic schedule for the special issue, which you will be expected to adhere to closely.

Role of GEP

Once manuscripts have been submitted to GEP, the GEP managing editor will interact with the guest editors and authors, will invite and follow up with reviewers, and will notify the guest editors when decisions need to be made about submissions. The M.E. will also interface with our publisher, MIT Press during the production phase.

The GEP senior editors will weigh in on challenging decisions, such as those with negative reviews that suggest rejection or a great deal of work still to be done in a limited timeframe.

What 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 brief biography (up to 100 words) for the primary author of each proposed article.
6. 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). Please provide your *specific and comprehensive* thoughts on how you will approach this process throughout what is a long and yet tightly scheduled time frame (usually exceeding a year) 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 gejournal@gmail.com.