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The *Edinburgh Journal of Political Studies* (“Journal”) is a new, writer-friendly approach to publishing research-based articles and op-ed blogs. The Journal aims to present innovative and interesting articles discussing views and issues on the current political climate from various parts of the world. Our ultimate goal is to create a source offering articles covering a wide-array of topics, from scholarly political writing to personal opinion pieces from those affected by current political events.

This student-run journal is peer-reviewed and promotes only top-of-the-line research and writing. We welcome and accept submissions at any time from any person.

Blog Submission Guidelines 2014-2015

1. **General:**

The Journal gives the author(s) the freedom to choose which political topic he or she will cover in his or her work. Op-ed pieces can span from technical areas (e.g. statistical analysis to law reform) to general areas (e.g. gender inequality to literature review). The Journal also encourages the author(s) to cover political situations from around the world, and not just in the United Kingdom.

2. **Length:**

Op-ed pieces should span no more than 400-800 words in length. We are looking for quality, not quantity.

3. **Format:**

This Journal does not have house regulations for writing format. The author(s) must choose one standard method (APA, MLA, Bluebook, etc.) and stay consistent throughout his/her/their submission. However, referencing must be done using the Oxford system, regardless of which formatting system the author(s) uses. If you wish for the Journal to place a link within the writing itself (e.g. “The study, which can be found [here](#)”), please make a note at the end of the submission with clear directions.

4. **Language:**

This journal requires op-ed pieces to be written in proper, academic English (US or UK).

5. **Submission Requirements:**

Each submission should contain a short biography of the author(s). The biography should include the name(s) of the author(s), field of study, and institution (if possible).



6. **Understandings:**

- a. All submissions are peer-reviewed and are subject to basic editorial discretion (rejection, approval and editing).
- b. Editing will not be used to alter the work other than for clarity and grammatical reasons.
- c. Copyright in the submission remains with the author(s). By submitting an op-ed piece, the author(s) agree to release his/her/their rights in the work (not including the author's statutory rights) to allow the Journal to publish the work online for free.
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7. **Submitting an Article**

Op-eds must be emailed in Microsoft Word format to journalofpoliticalstudies@gmail.com. If approved, the article will appear on the Journal's website: www.journalofpoliticalstudies.com.

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