The Editorial Board welcomes proposals for themed issues of *Global Discourse*. Please refer to the [Journal’s Aims and Scope](#).

A themed issue proposal must include the following information:

1. **Completed Call for Papers template**: see below.
2. **Guest editor details**: Short academic profile (up to 150 words) for each proposed guest editor.
3. **Timetable statement**: Please include your timetable for initial submission, review, re-submission and publication.
4. **Maximising impact**: Please consider how the themed issue could be promoted and disseminated (blogs, list-servs, events, conferences, other social media, etc.).

How will proposals be assessed?
Proposals will be assessed by members of the *Global Discourse* Management Board and decisions based on the following criteria:

1. **Intellectual significance, originality and rigour**
   - Does the proposal seek to challenge dominant assumptions?
   - Will it set the agenda in terms of future debates?
   - Does it have novel, timely or innovative dimensions?
   - Does it aim to fill a significant gap in the current literature?

2. **International appeal**
   This is vital given the focus of the Journal

3. **Editorial leadership**
   - Are the proposed guest editors experts in the field?
   - Do they have a track record in producing cutting-edge research?
   - Is the timetable realistic?
   - Do the editors of the themed issue intend to play a proactive role in steering and managing the development and promotion of the themed issue?
   - Do they have the time and capacity to dedicate the required level of attention to this project?

The editorial process
If a proposal is accepted, a clear time-line will be established. The guest editor(s) will normally manage the process of:

- Initially considering the papers and ensuring they are correctly anonymised for double-blind peer review
• Identifying reviewers and sending the papers out for review
• Making recommendations on whether to accept or reject papers, to be reviewed by the Journal Editor prior to communication to authors
• Communicating decisions to authors
• Commissioning replies to articles accepted for publication (in consultation with the Journal Editor)
• Working with the Section Editors to identify contributions for the Policy articles and book Reviews Section
• Keeping accurate records of the entire editorial process including all the correspondence and reviews, and handing these over to the Journal Editor when the issue has been completed.

The Editors of *Global Discourse* will aim to publish the themed issue according to the original agreed timeline, but proposers should note, and inform all potential contributors, that the Editors may decide to run the themed issue in a later issue than originally planned if there is an insufficient number of articles that meet the quality standards of the Journal, or determine that none of the papers meet the required quality standards.

**Call for Papers template**

**Call for papers:** [Title: subtitle]
*Global Discourse*, [proposed volume]
**Edited by** [Name of editor] ([email address]) [department and institution]

**Abstract**
[Description of issue, including background, problematization, aim, objectives and bullet-point list of issues/areas addressed – max 300 words]

**Submission instructions and deadlines**
Abstracts of 400 words: [date of submission]
Articles (solicited on the basis of review of abstracts): [date of submission: 3 months after submission of abstracts]
Publication: [Season 12 months after date of abstract submission]

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