

Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics

Guest-Edited Special Issue Policy

This policy outlines the procedures and expectations for guest-edited special issues of *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (JREP).

Proposal submission and acceptance

JREP accepts unsolicited proposals for guest-edited special issues, as well as occasionally placing public calls via social media and the journal website. Interested guest editors are invited to submit a comprehensive outline of the proposed issue including:

- Issue abstract with title, theme and rationale, scope and objectives, and contributions to the field of research.
- Individual paper abstracts with summary of research question, methodology, key findings, and contributions to issue theme.
- Author biographies including details of academic background, research interests, and relevant publications.

All submitted special issue proposals undergo a rigorous review process by the Editors at one of their monthly meetings. Criteria for selection include the quality of the proposed theme and paper contributions, significance for the research field, and relevance to the scope of the journal. Also taken into account are the expertise, academic standing, and experience in the field of the Guest Editor(s).

The Review Process

All guest-edited special issue papers are subject to both internal and external peer review.

The entire review process is collaborative, involving both the Guest Editor and an assigned member of the editorial team (the 'Assigned Editor'). Prior to submission, all manuscripts are subject to joint internal review. Potential external reviewers are mutually agreed upon.

The external peer review process for guest-edited issues follows the same journal standards as regular issues, ensuring transparency, fairness, and scholarly rigor. It is managed by the JREP Editorial Assistant, with recommendations for acceptance, revision, or rejection made by the Guest Editor subject to the Assigned Editor's final approval.

The Guest Editor works closely with the Assigned Editor to ensure that all articles align with JREP's standards and objectives. Together, they work with authors to address any necessary revisions. If required, members of the JREP Editorial Board may be involved in the review process to provide additional expertise and oversight.

Guest Editors are expected to uphold the highest ethical standards throughout the editorial process, ensuring the integrity and credibility of the special issue. Guest Editors must disclose any potential conflicts of interest related to the special issue. Conflicts may include personal relationships with authors or any financial interests that could be perceived as influencing the editorial process. The Editors will work collaboratively with Guest Editors to identify and address potential bias and conflicts of interest, ensuring that the review and decision-making processes are fair and unbiased.

This policy is subject to periodic review to align with evolving editorial standards and practices.