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- Climate change and environmental challenges specific to West Asia.
- Water scarcity, desertification, and agricultural sustainability.
- Renewable energy initiatives and environmental policies.
- Urbanization and its impact on the environment.

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1. Geographical Focus:

- The journal covers the entire West Asian region, including countries in the Middle East, the Arabian Peninsula, and parts of the Eastern Mediterranean.
- It may also include studies on the interactions between West Asia and other regions, such as North Africa, South Asia, and Europe.

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- Encourages the analysis of current events and policy debates.

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- Encourages critical reviews of existing literature and debates.

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- Encourages studies that offer policy recommendations and solutions to regional challenges.

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