



CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE " JOURNAL OF CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES" AND CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT: "SPECIAL ISSUE ON PUBLIC TRUST AND SOCIAL CAPITAL"

Call for Papers: Special Issue on Public Trust and Social Capital in Central Asia

Deadline: September 15, 2024

Background

The Journal of Central Asian Studies is a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal specializing in social and political sciences relating to Central Asian countries. Its scope includes a comprehensive examination of Central Asia's geopolitical, economic, social, and cultural aspects. It also explores the interactions between the region and neighboring regions and powers, such as Afghanistan, Caucasus, China, and Russia.

The School of Politics and Law at AlmaU is organizing the V International Conference on "Public Trust and Social Capital." Public trust and social capital are fundamental to building a cohesive and dynamic civil society. To foster these, it is crucial to enhance factors such as public reliability, responsiveness, openness, regulation, inclusiveness, and integrity. Higher education acts as a bridge linking societal demands with flexible policies promoted by governmental institutions.

Themes and Scope

Section 1: Modern Trends in Public Trust

- Digitalization and Public Trust
- Globalization and Multiculturalism
- Economic Aspects
- Political Aspects
- Social Cohesion and Inclusion
- Technological Innovations
- Legal Aspects

Section 2: Social Capital and Its Impact on Society's Development

- Education and Social Capital
- Health and Social Capital
- Economic Development and Social Capital
- Political Development and Social Capital
- Social Inequality and Capital
- Social Networks and Capital
- Role of Culture and Art
- Legal Aspects

- Evolution of the Concept of Social Capital

Timeline & Important Dates

Deadline for Submission of First Draft: September 15, 2024

Submission of Final Paper: September 30, 2024

Publication Date: December 01, 2024

Submission Guidelines

Submissions must follow the guidelines outlined in the Author's Guide available at [Author's Guide | JOURNAL OF CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES \(kisi.kz\)](#). Articles should be submitted in Word format, using Times New Roman, 14pt font, with 1.0 spacing. The length should be between 8 to 18 pages, including figures, tables, and graphs.

Abstract's Submission

To submit the abstract, please fill out the registration form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/WqgRSAiCFiSXHXP56>.

Why Submit to this Special Issue?

- Reach a wide audience of scholars, policymakers, and practitioners interested in public trust and social capital.
- Contribute to a growing body of research on a critical topic.
- Engage with an international network of experts.
- Influence policy and practice in Central Asia and beyond.

Enquiries

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We look forward to your contributions to this special issue.

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Discussion of the outcomes – a comparison is made with the best domestic and world analogues. Discussion points of the research are described, as well as your vision of their resolution.

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The volume of a scientific-theoretical, scientific-analytical, review article is from 8 to 18 sheets of machine text along with figures, tables

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Text files should be submitted in **Word format** (versions 6.0 and later) or rtf.

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Line spacing – 1.0 spacing, one column.

Fields: all sides – 2 cm.

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