

Australian Journal of Political Science
2026 Call for Submissions for Special Issues

PROPOSALS DUE: 31 March 2026

The *Australian Journal of Political Science* is launching a call for the publication of special issues on any topic of interest to our readership and members of the Australian Political Studies Association.

The number of proposals accepted will depend on the quality of the proposals, which are welcome under two separate streams:

Stream 1 - Australian politics: Topics related to Australian politics, elections, political parties, electoral behaviour, public policy and/or institutions;

Stream 2: Open Call: Any topic not falling under the Australian politics category – special consideration will be given to topics related to First Nations and minoritized community scholarship.

Regardless of whether it is submitted via Stream 1 or Stream 2, a special issue proposal should address a coherent research topic and take the following format:

- A 1000-word introduction by the special issue editors
- 7-8 papers of 8000 words each (excluding references, with a further 2,000-word limit for references)

Special issue proposals should be no more than 2-3 pages long and provide the following details:

- The Stream under which the proposal is submitted (Stream 1 or Stream 2)
- The research question and themes the special issue will address
- The common theoretical or analytical frame that links the manuscripts
- Names of confirmed contributors (these should be people who have agreed to write papers)
- Provisional paper titles and abstracts
- The communications strategy that will be employed to promote the special issue (e.g. via social media, workshops, conferences, etc.), and any impact strategies (e.g. knowledge-exchange workshops with policymakers, etc.)

Submission of a special issue proposal will imply acceptance of the following special issue submission timeline:

- 1 September 2026 – Submission of full manuscripts to the *AJPS* (the special issue guest editors will be responsible for organizing and managing any informal editorial review processes before this deadline)
- 30 November 2026 – Double-blind refereeing processes completed and comments sent to authors
- 28 February 2027 – For manuscripts that have not been rejected, submission of revised manuscript to the *AJPS*
- 30 March 2027 – Final decision

Preliminary acceptance of special issue proposals will be made by the editors of the *AJPS* by 30 April 2026 and will be based on the following criteria:

- Topic – Is the topic timely, relevant, and likely to be of interest to the *AJPS* readership?
- Quality – Is the proposed special issue coherent and representative of a range of perspectives on and/or approaches to the chosen research question?
- Diversity – Is the special issue inclusive of scholars from different backgrounds and career stages?
- Communication and Impact – Is an effective strategy in place for promoting the special issue?

Final acceptance and publication in the journal are not guaranteed but will be determined by the editors after a double-blind refereeing process, administered by the *AJPS* editorial team.

All enquiries and special issue proposals should be submitted by email to ausjps.eds@gmail.com by **31 March 2026**.