

Submission Guidelines for the *Journal of Critical Southern Studies*

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The purpose of the following guide is to assist authors, editors, and proofreaders to prepare manuscripts for publication in the *JCSS*. Please adhere to the following guidelines. For cases not covered in the current guide, authors should follow the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th edition. This guide will be updated as needed and can be found at:

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Submission Guidelines

Submission

Authors must submit manuscripts by email to: JCSS@global-hands.co.uk. Please include “*JCSS* Manuscript Submission” in the subject line. The body of the email should contain:

- Author name(s)
- Contact information
- Institutional affiliation(s)
- Manuscript title

Manuscripts must be attached to the email in a Microsoft Word compatible format (.doc, .docx, .rtf). Accompanying images, graphs, or other visual elements can be additionally included in the document, but must be attached as separate files, in their original formats.

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Evaluation and timeline

Authors will receive an email within one week confirming receipt of their manuscript. This email is only a confirmation and does not imply acceptance for publication. Manuscripts are reviewed by two anonymous reviewers and by the editors. The review process generally takes three months. Authors will be notified by email as soon as a publication decision has been made.

Manuscript Layout

Submissions should adhere to the following style. Alternatively, articles can be written into the [downloadable sample document](#).

Articles should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Use twelve point Times New Roman font for all body text.
- Body text should use 1.5 line spacing.
- Set all document margins to at least 1 inch.
- Text body should be justified.
- Indent the first line of new paragraphs. Except the opening paragraph, which is not indented. Please do not leave a space between paragraphs.
- Number pages consecutively

The manuscript should include:

- A separate title page that includes: title, name of author(s), author affiliation(s), email address, phone number, a short (50–100 word) biographical sketch, and a declaration that the manuscript is not currently under consideration by another press and that it has not been previously published.
- On the next page include the title of the paper (though not the name of the author) and a short abstract, not to exceed 200 words, that highlights the main points of the paper.
- The main text
- References
- Figure captions (if applicable)

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Length

Articles should not exceed 12,000 words including notes and references.

Briefings should not exceed 5,000 words including notes and references.

Book reviews should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words including references.

Images, graphs, tables, etc.

All accompanying images, graphs, and tables should be submitted separately in their original format (.jpeg, .xls, .eps, etc.) and should be print ready (i.e. high resolution).

Citations

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References

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