

Journal Article Submission Guidelines

Journal profile

The Laas Geel International Relations Journal is an annual peer-reviewed academic journal that covers a wide range of topics including foreign affairs, geopolitics and regional security, infrastructure, climate change, migration, state and society, and democracy. Its objectives are to provide an intellectual platform for the research community and to publish high-quality, original research articles, and bring a dialogue and discussion between the people in academia and practitioners and become a leading journal in the region.

Submission requirements and reference

This guideline is designed to assist authors to prepare and write an academic article for the Institute's peer-reviewed journal in an appropriate scholarly style. All submitted articles are subject to peer-review by experts who specialize in the themes of the journal. Therefore, the article should be arranged in the following sequence:

1. Title: the author should select a title that communicates the contents of the article and is memorable.
2. Abstract: the author should write an abstract which summarizes the major findings of the article with a particular emphasis on objectives of the article, the methodology used, the major findings, and the conclusion with recommendations. The abstract should not be more than 300 words.
3. The article should have keywords between six to ten words.
4. Context or the scope of the problem: this part is connected to the literature review of the article and is the bridge that connects the title with the major findings of the article and its conclusion. This section should explain the importance of the article and the problem under scrutiny and aims to convince the reader of the necessity of writing this article.
5. Major findings or results: this section contains the most detailed explanation of the major findings and what steps to be taken to address the gaps identified.
6. Reference format (both in-text citation and reference): this section contains the reliable sources that you have used throughout the writing process of the article. The writing format of the reference including in-text citation should be the American Psychological Association (APA). Citations and references are meant to provide a 'clear trail' so that the reader can identify the information and ideas you have used as well as verify the sources if need to.

In addition, the author should adhere to the following requirements:

1. Word limits: the article should be submitted in not less than 5,000 words in length (including references) and a maximum of 6,000 words.
2. Spacing and alignment: the text should be justified and make sure that spacing on all pages is consistent.

3. Font size and name: Use Lato with font size 11 and must be consistent throughout the article including the title.
4. The article must be typewritten on A4 metric size paper. Space between paragraphs should be single-space.
5. Manuscripts should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.
6. The article must be original and has not been published elsewhere.
7. Footnotes/endnotes, references/bibliographical entries, long quoted passages and items in lists and tables may be single-spaced.

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