

## **Journal Article Submission Requirements**

### **Journal Profile**

The Laas Geel International Relations Journal (LGIRJ), an annual peer-reviewed publication by the Laas Geel Academy of International Relations, advances critical analysis of pressing national, regional, and global issues. Its interdisciplinary focus covers foreign policy, geopolitics, security studies, infrastructure development, climate resilience, migration trends, governance, and democratization. As a premier platform for rigorous academic inquiry, the journal bridges scholarly research and policymaking, fostering collaboration among academics, policymakers, and practitioners. Committed to innovation and relevance, it publishes cutting-edge analyses to inform policy debates, address contemporary challenges, and promote equitable solutions. By elevating diverse perspectives and regional expertise, the journal aspires to become the definitive voice in international affairs scholarship within the Horn of Africa and beyond, driving informed decision-making and contributing to a more just and stable regional and global framework.

### **Submission and referencing guidelines**

This guide assists authors in preparing and writing academic articles for the Institute's peer-reviewed journal, ensuring adherence to scholarly standards. All submissions undergo rigorous peer review by experts in the journal's thematic focus. Articles should be structured in the following order:

1. **Title:** The author should select a title that communicates the contents of the article and should not be more than 15 words.
2. **Abstract:** The author should write an abstract that summarizes the major findings of the article with a particular emphasis on the objectives of the article, the major findings, and the conclusion with recommendations. The abstract should not be more than 300 words.
3. The article should have keywords consisting of six to ten words.
4. **Context or the scope of the problem:** This part is connected to the literature review of the article and serves as 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 aim 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 are 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 follow the American Psychological Association (APA).

Additionally, the author should adhere to the following requirements:

1. Word limits: The article should be submitted in no 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 ensure that spacing on all pages is consistent.
3. Font size and name: Use Lato with a font size of 11 and it must be consistent throughout the article, including the title.
4. The article must be typewritten on A4 metric size paper. The space between paragraphs should be single-spaced.
5. Manuscripts should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.
6. The article must be original and not published elsewhere.
7. Footnotes/endnotes, references/bibliographical entries, long quoted passages, and items in lists and tables may be single-spaced.

### **Quality Assurance**

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### **Where to send articles**

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### **Whom to contact**

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### **Please note**

Please note that the journal accepts submissions in July each year.