Call for Papers

The Editor, Dr. Emma R. Norman, is now calling for papers for the 2022 Policy Studies Yearbook Annual Review. Review article submissions summarizing recent policy scholarship in specific policy subfields, or articles and shorter commentaries focusing on recent practical policy developments should be emailed to the Editor at psoyearbook@ipsonet.org no later than May 1, 2022 for peer review and prospective publication toward the end of the year.

Policy Studies Yearbook Annual Review Aims and Scope

In the past, the content of the Policy Studies Yearbook Annual Review included short review articles summarizing the most recent scholarship in specific policy subfields. We will continue to publish, now and in the future, such articles on the state of the academic literature.

From 2021 the Yearbook Annual Review broadened its aims and scope to also include articles and shorter commentaries that critically discuss key practical policy developments of the previous year (or last few years). Such articles and commentaries may focus on either one policy area across several countries or states, or policy developments in a single country or region (one policy area or related areas).

A wide range of Yearbook articles can be found by clicking on the yearly links at http://www.psoyearbook.org/. The following are a preview of a few of the excellent contributions in the 2021 Yearbook, published in early 2022:


Many policy developments and mis-developments have been particularly momentous throughout 2020-22 concerning the global pandemic: international aid and cooperation, climate change, economic recovery, risk assessment, democratic accountability, electoral procedures, vaccine development/distribution, lockdown policies, viral variants, trade restrictions/opportunities, public diplomacy, global leadership, great powers and grand strategies, e-commerce, remote learning, border controls, freedom of movement/association, regional fragmentation, globalization and its discontents, and a host of other areas. The practical policy areas the Editor is interested in considering include, but are not restricted to, these fields. There is, of course, much to be said concerning the lightning speed of many policy developments over the last year or so, both within and between states. It is the aim of the Yearbook Annual Review of 2022 to publish the best articles and commentaries in key policy areas like these and provide a spirited forum for future discussion, comment, critique and careful connection to the most recent academic advancements in the literature.
Submission Requirements

From 2009-2019, the Policy Studies Yearbook Annual Review focused on publishing review and research articles co-authored by faculty and advanced graduate students. Inclusion in the publication is now open to all scholars who conduct research in public policy, including independent scholars, faculty professors, advanced graduate students and policy practitioners. Note that submissions will undergo rigorous double-blind peer review. State of the literature and original research articles should be around 8-9,000 words in total, including abstracts and Chicago style Author-Date citations and reference list. Shorter commentaries are welcome but should be appropriately referenced throughout with the sources of all claims/data cited (reference list at the end); offer balanced and critical perspectives on a current policy issue and its handling (or mishandling); and conclude with practical policy suggestions drawn from the preceding discussion. Clear, clean, jargon-free writing is, of course, mandatory. Strictly, submissions should NOT be published or under consideration elsewhere. If in any doubt, please email the Editor a proposal for consideration first.

Publication

Yearbook Annual Review Articles will all be featured in the listings within the Yearbook as free access from the homepage to facilitate access to current policy research. They will also be featured on the Policy Studies Organization (PSO) website and listed in the PSO curriculum project searchable article database along with the many other articles published in PSO journals such as the Policy Studies Journal, Review of Policy Research, Politics & Policy, Policy & Internet, and Asian Politics & Policy.

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