

International Theory

Submission Guidelines

General Considerations

International Theory invites authors to submit original theoretically oriented articles on the positive, legal, and/or normative aspects of world politics. Because IT is multidisciplinary with a broad intended audience, contributions must be as accessible as possible to readers from a wide range of disciplines and theoretical traditions. Papers that are primarily empirical or policy oriented are not a good fit.

We will not review manuscripts that have already been published, are scheduled for publication elsewhere, or have been simultaneously submitted to another journal; this applies to both print and online formats. All articles will be peer-reviewed by anonymous referees drawn for our Editorial Board and from relevant scholars around the world. Referees for the previous calendar year will be acknowledged in the final issue of each volume.

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Our goal is to review and reach an editorial decision on manuscripts as quickly as possible. For this reason, we reject a significant proportion of manuscripts without soliciting outside reviews when the editors feel that a submission is not a good fit for the journal, is not sufficiently developed or is clearly not of the high quality to which we aspire. We aim to reach a first decision within three months of submission and we usually do not allow articles to go through more than one round of revision.

Manuscript Formatting

IT will review articles up to 15,000 words (including notes and bibliography), although authors will typically be required to trim their papers to fewer than 12,000 words before publication. Brevity is encouraged and shorter papers will be advantaged in acceptance decisions. Please include a word count with submission, along with an abstract of approximately 200 words which is not repeated from the paper itself.

References and citations should follow The Chicago Manual of Style. Citations in the text or footnotes should be limited to author's family name and date, with complete bibliographic information appearing in a list of references at the end of the article. The one exception is for legal articles; while strongly encouraged to follow the author-date system, if that proves unworkable legal authors may substitute the European Journal of International Law guidelines (available at <http://www.ejil.org/info/style-toc.html>). Either way, titles of journals should not be

abbreviated in the list of references (author-date system) or in the footnotes (legal articles). Tables and figures should be placed on separate pages at the end of the article with their desired location indicated in the text.

Specific Procedures

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