

Call for Papers for a 2009 Special Issue of *Integral Review*

“Toward Development of Politics and the Political”

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The overarching aim for this special issue is to make a politically significant contribution to public knowledge and discourse. It should illuminate a comprehensive range of considerations that need to be integrated into effective approaches to today’s—and the future’s—political behaviors and complex political issues, policies, and systems. We aim for comprehensiveness in terms of the issue’s breadth, as well as in the depth of insights brought to any subjects that authors address.

We are looking for good scholarship and other thoughtful contributions from an international range of authors and contexts. These should meet *Integral Review’s* general acceptance criteria (links below) and respond to the purposes of this Special Issue.

Works drawn from one to many disciplines and perspectives should be applied to the arena called “political” or “politics.” We intend a broad conception of these terms. For example, works may relate politics to forms of power, government, and policy making (one dictionary definition) or, more broadly, governance. They may treat politics as the total complex of relations among people living in society (another dictionary definition). They may emphasize political ecology, political economy, political geography, political psychology, political regression, or political development. Regardless of different concepts and areas of emphasis, *politics* and *the political* focus attention on political relationships, behaviors, impacts, strategies, assumptions, processes, structures, systems, and formal and informal institutions. Such dimensions may be examined at any scale from micro to macro.

Partial list of examples of works that we welcome

- Developmental interpretations or analyses of past or contemporary events
- Theory and research that describes or offers new or integrated explanations of political phenomena
- An examination of the political dynamics evidenced among individuals, groups, communities, organizations, political parties, societies, governments, or international bodies
- Analyses from an integral perspective of the unanticipated impacts of local, national, or international policies on actual events

- Recommendations for more comprehensive policy approaches to specific public issues or kinds of issues
- Thoughtful proposals for new political concepts, constructs, processes, or structures
- Critical examinations and/or re-framings of policies, proposals, concepts, or constructs
- Well-premised presentations of futures scenarios, at any social scale, of politics under a variety of assumptions for the 21st Century and beyond
- Also see the list of types of submissions IR routinely welcomes (linked below).

We are not looking for desktop, blog-type opinion pieces.

Submissions in languages other than English are welcomed if they are accompanied by an extended three-page abstract in English (single spaced).

Our Expectations of Authors

Authors whose academic works are accepted for this Special Issue will be called upon to serve as one of two peer reviewers of one other work accepted into the issue, depending on matches among areas of expertise.

Before planning to submit a paper, we expect authors to become familiar with *Integral Review's* submissions criteria and processes and formatting instructions (see below for links)

Submissions process

1. Refer to *Integral Review's* regular submission guidelines and processes linked below. We draw your attention in particular to IR's *Integral Evaluation Process*.
2. All submissions to this special issue must be accompanied by the [Special Issue Author Submission Checklist. Download](#) it in Word format from the website.
3. The **email address** for *inquiries and submissions* to this special issue is politics.issue@integral-review.org *Note that this email address is different* from IR's regular submissions emails listed on the general submissions webpage above.

Manuscript format

Page limits:

There is no page minimum or maximum. Longer length works are expected to justify their length by addressing a subject that cannot be adequately addressed without a longer treatment. Length is justified by making a meaningful, substantive contribution and by writing that is exceptionally coherent, well-organized, and methodologically rigorous.

Style guidelines: APA 5th Ed. *and* see link below.

Document formatting:

Cover page that includes:

- For author or each co-author: name, affiliation, geographical address, email address, and the phone number of primary contact author.
- Statement that the fully completed *Special Issue Author Submission Checklist* accompanies the manuscript
- Statement that the submission has not been previously published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere in either print or electronic form.

For English language submissions, an abstract up to 500 words that performs the traditional functions of an abstract, followed by keywords.

For non-English language submissions:

- an abstract up to 500 words in the manuscript's language that performs the traditional functions of an abstract, followed by keywords, *and*
- an English-language abstract of 1500-2000 words (approximately 3 pages) followed by keywords.

Single-spaced, 11 or 12 point Times New Roman font (and see style link below)

Electronic form only: MS Word document or rich text format (RTF)

The links below convey information that will help in preparing submissions for acceptance.

[General submission guidelines](#)

[Types of submissions IR welcomes](#)

[IR's review process - overview](#)

[Orientation to the *Integral Evaluation Process*^{tm,sm}](#)

[Integral Evaluation Process^{tm,sm} for submissions](#)

[Style guidelines](#)

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