



GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Latin America Policy Journal (LAPJ) at Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government is now accepting submissions for its sixth edition, to be published in the spring of 2017.

The LAPJ is a student-managed publication that collects perspectives from academics and practitioners on contingent policy issues and gives them a platform to engage in constructive dialogue with each other in the search for best practices and collective learning. The LAPJ aims to present Latin American perspectives about the region, to a Latin American and US audience.

Our mission is to initiate respectful, thought-provoking debate between established and emerging leaders across Latin American and their American counterparts. We envision a region where collaborative efforts between countries improve the quality and scope of policy making.

The Latin America Policy Journal is inclusive, non-partisan, independent and opinionated.

WHAT TO SUBMIT

The sixth edition of the LAPJ will focus on **The Challenges in Latin America** and all articles should highlight this overarching theme. Specifically, we seek articles that focus on the constraints for social development, economic growth and institutional improvements in a country, group of countries of the Latin America region. We are accepting pieces that fall within the following topics:

1. CASE STUDIES
 - a. Strategies that work
 - b. Examples of failure

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 - a. Macroeconomic stability in Latin America
 - b. Divergence or convergence of countries
 - c. Economic integration in Latin America

- d. Natural resources
- e. Product diversity and/or complexity
- f. Informality

3. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- a. Human development indicators
- b. Education system
- c. Healthcare access
- d. Pensions system
- e. Inequality
- f. Poverty
- g. Indigenous communities

4. POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

- a. Rule of law and democracy
- b. National/local elections
- c. Political parties
- d. Media
- e. Accountability, transparency and corruption
- f. Political integration
- g. Foreign relations
- h. Urban crime
- i. Drug trafficking

5. INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- a. Consumers' solutions
- b. Technology
- c. Social policy

We strongly encourage submissions from writers of all backgrounds, including scholars, policy makers, civil servants, journalists, advocates, students, and organizers.

We are accepting pieces with the following format:

ARTICLES

- Original and in accordance to the theme of this publication
- 6-8 double-spaced pages (1,500-2,000 words)
- All figures, tables, and charts must be submitted as entirely separate files, but no more than 4 figures/tables.
- Must include an abstract of no more than 100 words.

COMMENTARIES, INTERVIEWS, OR SHORT ESSAYS

- 3-6 double-spaced pages (900-1,500 words)

BOOK REVIEWS

- 3-6 double-spaced pages (900-1,500 words)
- Include full citation for book, including publisher and year of publication
- Book reviews should critically assess recent books that innovate beyond the frontier of current thinking about Latin American politics and policy.

POETRY

- Original and poems related to the topics outlined before.
- 60 lines maximum.

ARTWORK

- Original and unpublished visual artwork related to the topics outlined before.
- High-resolution digital images (3,00dpi+) in .JPG files.
- A description of the image, title author, year and medium.

OPINION EDITORIALS (for website only)

- 2-3 double-spaced pages (750-900 words)
- Original and unpublished

LANGUAGE: Articles can be submitted in English or Spanish. They will be professionally translated into English and be published in English in the Journal.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selected pieces will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of the topic to Latin America policy issues and timelines to current policy debates.
- Originality, sophistication, and style of argument(s).
- Contribution to scholarship and policy-making on Latin American issues.

All submissions must comply with the following in order to be considered:

- Work must be original and unpublished
- **Citations should be formatted as endnotes** according to the Chicago Manual of Style. **Footnotes are no accepted.**
- Articles must include a cover letter with the author's name, address, e-mail address, daytime phone number, brief biography (max. 300 words) and picture.

- Authors must sign a consent form signed by the author.
- Authors are required to cooperate with editing and fact checking, and to comply with Journal-mandated deadlines.
- Authors who fail to meet these requirements may not be published.

Submissions will be considered for the print version and/or online versions of the Latin America Policy Journal.

PROCESS

For the Print Edition please email your submission to lapj@hks.harvard.edu by **December 31st, 2016**. The Latin America Policy Journal will be launched in April-May 2017.

For the Blog: Articles will be published on a rolling basis on the LAPJ's website and can be submitted by email to lapj@hks.harvard.edu.