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### ***Structure of the Journal***

Each quarterly issues will preserve a thematic focus for at least 50-60% of its content but would also provide greater space than currently available to include articles on selected recurrent themes and contemporary policy issues. While the thematic content would remain primarily solicited, the remaining content could increasingly feature unsolicited contributions.

Each issue would normally comprise 12-15 articles which could be organized across the following sections (always retaining flexibility to best shape individual issues):

#### **Editorial**

##### **Thematic Section (7-10 articles)**

- **Framing the issue:** This section will include the Guest Editorial (in case of Guest Editorship) and 1-2 key articles or interviews that frame the thematic issue.
- **Understanding the issue:** It will include 3-4 articles that address different key aspects of the issue which is being addressed by the Journal. These tend to be articles that take a deeper dive into the issues and might be longer in length and feature greater depth of analysis.

- **Exploring alternatives & controversies:** It will include 3-4 articles that aim to capture the diversity of opinions and perspectives on the issues being addressed. If the previous section looks for depth, this section looks for breadth and therefore features diverse views on the issues as well as captures thoughts by constituencies and social groups which might often be on margins of the debate. It may also provide space to document local and regional struggles and experiments.

#### **Unplugged Section (4-7 articles)**

- **Development Hotline (working title):** This section will feature 1-2 solicited/unsolicited articles not directly related to the theme of the issue. These pieces would be submitted following the related call for articles (short commentaries - 2500 words max) on contemporary policy discussions.
- **Critical development policy outlook (working title):** This section will feature 3-5 unsolicited articles unrelated to the thematic issue and submitted following the related calls for articles for thematic streams/focus areas.

While consolidated over time, this structure is not fixed and can be flexibly interpreted and adapted to the circumstances of each journal issue.

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### *Submission*

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Most journal articles are solicited from selected authors. However, a call for papers is published on the journal website for each thematic issue with a deadline for abstracts and, once approved, for full articles. Additionally, unsolicited articles may be accepted (mostly for the 'Unplugged' section of the journal) after review by an external referee. A review process undertaken by Editor, Guest Editors (if appropriate) and Selected Peer Reviews (potentially including members of the Editorial Board) will determine if the article is to be published and provide for feedback and editorial guidance to authors (double anonymous peer review system). Please note that the journal enjoys a large and diversified readership interested primarily in the policy angle of selected themes. The journal does not therefore publish excessively technical articles and/or articles for a very narrow geographic and/or thematic focus. Please find below details of the house style and copyright information.

Unless otherwise stated, articles should not exceed 5,500-6,000 words including references. Authors are invited to observe word limits. Unsolicited articles that do not conform with word limits will not be considered.

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- Title of the article, author(s)' full name(s) with indication of corresponding author in case of co-authorship, including position and affiliation, physical address, telephone and e-mail address for each of the authors.
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- Max 5-line abstract.
- 5-7 keywords to describe the article (other than words featuring in the title).
- A conflict-of-interest statement, indicating that the contribution is free from any conflicts of interest, including all financial and non-financial interests and relationships.

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### *Editorial process for solicited and unsolicited articles*

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Once the draft article is submitted, the corresponding author will receive an acknowledgement and, unless major changes are necessary as a result of the editorial and/or peer review process, editing will be carried out by the Editor (and Guest Editor) to ensure that the article is clear and coherent, and all references are adequately included. An initial copy-editing will also be completed. If necessary and appropriate, this will be followed by a review process by selected members of the Editorial Advisory Board. At this stage, the corresponding author will receive the edited version of the article (both revision format and clean version) for his/her review (unless edits were of minor relevance).

Once the review and editorial process is complete, the article will be sent to production at Palgrave Macmillan. There, it will undergo another round of copy-editing and typesetting, and will then be shared with the corresponding author for final review through the Palgrave 'e.Proofing' system. Authors will be sent an URL which is valid only until the article is published online. The link is for proofing purposes only and may not be shared with third parties. The system will show an HTML version of the article that authors can correct online. In addition, authors can view/download a PDF version of the proof for their reference.

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The source should be indicated for all quotes (even very short ones) or any reference made to the work of other writers. Information obtained by means of personal communications should be acknowledged as such.

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