

Australian Journal of Political Science
2025 Call for Submissions for Symposia

PROPOSALS DUE: 30 June 2025

The [*Australian Journal of Political Science*](#) is launching a call for the publication of symposia on any topic of interest to our readership and members of the Australian Political Studies Association.

Up to **three** symposium proposals will be accepted, under **two separate streams**:

Stream 1 - Australian politics: Topics related to Australian politics, elections, political parties, electoral behaviour, public policy and/or institutions [1 proposal]

Stream 2: Open Call for IR & Political Science: Proposals on any topic in these fields are welcome. They can be related to any region outside Australia or take a global perspective [2 proposals].

Regardless of whether it is submitted via Stream 1 or Stream 2, a symposium proposal should address a coherent research topic and take the following format:

- A 1000-word introduction by the symposium editors
- 7-8 papers of 8000 words each
- Special consideration will be given to topics related to First Nations and minoritized community scholarship.

Symposium proposals should be no more than 2-3 pages long and provide the following details:

- The Stream under which the proposal is submitted (Stream 1 or Stream 2)
- The research question and themes the symposium will address
- The common theoretical or analytical frame that links the manuscripts
- Name of confirmed contributors (these should be people who have agreed to write papers)
- Provisional paper titles and abstracts
- The communications strategy that will be employed to promote the symposium, and any impact strategies

Submission of a symposium proposal will imply acceptance of the following symposium submission timeline:

- 1 December 2025 – Submission of full manuscripts to the *AJPS* (the symposium editors will be responsible for organizing and managing any informal editorial review processes before this deadline)
- 15 February 2026 – Double-blind refereeing processes completed and comments sent to authors
- 15 April 2026 – For manuscripts that have not been rejected, submission of revised manuscript to the *AJPS*
- 1 May 2026 – Final decision

Preliminary acceptance of symposium proposals will be made by the editors of the *AJPS* by 15 July 2025 and will be based on the following criteria:

- Topic – Is the topic timely, relevant, and likely to be of interest to the *AJPS* readership?

- Quality – Is the proposed symposium coherent and representative of a range of perspectives on and/or approaches to the chosen research question?
- Diversity – Does the symposium include papers written by men and women, early career researchers, more senior academics, and scholars from First Nation or other minoritized backgrounds?
- Communication and Impact – Is an effective strategy in place for promoting the symposium?

Final acceptance and publication in the journal are not guaranteed but will be determined by the editors after a double-blind refereeing process, administered by the *AJPS* editorial team.

All enquiries and symposium proposals should be submitted by email to Matteo Bonotti (matteo.bonotti@monash.edu) by **30 June 2025**.