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How do I become an author?

In order to be an author of a manuscript submitted to the JST for publication, the individual must have contributed substantially to the conception and design of the research project. For instance, the individual could be involved in the acquisition of data, analysis and interpretation of data, drafting the manuscript, and revision of the manuscript for important intellectual content. The individual must approve the final version to be published and agree to be accountable for all aspects of the work.

Is there a publication fee for submitting to the JST?

There are no fees associated with publishing in the JST. Submitters do not need to pay anything and accepted papers do also not require any payment. There are no membership costs.

What type of papers does the JST accept?

The JST accepts original articles and essays (theoretical and empirical). We do not accept book reviews and research progress reports. We encourage research papers and essays of sociological interest from sociology and other social science disciplines. As an interdisciplinary journal, the JST will accept submissions within the scope of social sciences, including but not limited to the following topics: classical and contemporary social theory; families; aging; work and policy; life course; migration; criminology; health and mental health; race; class; colonialism; quantitative and qualitative methodology; globalization; internet and technology; gender and sexuality; demography, and many other issues that can be examined under a sociological lens. While each annual issue will usually focus on one central theme, the inaugural issue includes a breadth of sociological topics. For empirical papers, all research methodologies are accepted and welcome: quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. Please see the current [Call for Papers](#) for more information.

Manuscripts should be double-spaced and should not be more than 30 pages (including references, tables, and appendices). Please refer to the [Submission Guidelines](#) for a more detailed description.

Who can publish in the JST?

Anyone can submit an article for publication in the *Journal for Social Thought*. The JST encourages manuscript submissions from graduate students and academic professionals from all over the world who are writing on a variety of sociological topics. Independent researchers can also send academically focused research papers to be considered for publication. We especially welcome submissions from graduate students at Canadian universities and submissions on social issues that are relevant to Canada and Canadians.

Articles submitted should not be under review elsewhere or published in another journal.

What is the editorial process?

Upon submission, each manuscript will be subjected to a double-blind peer review process. First, each manuscript will be read by at least two members of the JST editorial board. Selected articles will then be sent to current graduate or post-doctoral students or faculty members who are selected as reviewers based on their areas of expertise. Each reviewer will work independently and provide a decision (i.e. Accept without Changes, Accept Pending Changes – major and minor revisions, or Reject) regarding the publication of the manuscript, which will be taken into consideration by the JST editorial board.

Can I re-publish my paper in another journal after it has been accepted in the JST?

After an article is accepted and published in JST, it cannot be re-published in another journal.

How do I submit an article?

All articles are [submitted online](#) through the JST website. Please refer to the [Submission Guidelines](#) for more information.

How do I upload additional files during the submission process?

Please adhere to the following guidelines when you are uploading the following additional files following the submission of the main manuscript text:

- **Title Page:** Please upload a separate Title Page that has the author names and full title in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx). Write in the description “Title Page”.
- **Tables:** Please upload your tables in Microsoft Excel format (.xls or .xlsx). They can be included in one file or multiple files. If all of the tables are in the same file write in the description “Tables”. If all of the tables are included as separate files write in the description “Table N” (with N being the table number).
- **Figures:** Please upload your figures in separate image files (.png or .jpg). Write in the description “Figure N” (with N being the figure number).
- **JST Authorship Agreement:** Please upload your signed Authorship Agreement form (.pdf). Write in the description “Authorship Agreement”.

If I am interested in reading the articles submitted to the JST, how do I do that?

All articles published by JST will be available only electronically. Articles from all previous issues are archived and can be found through the JST website, facilitated by the search bar. Published articles will also be indexed in databases such as Google Scholar, Proquest, or SocIndex to expand the readership of the journal.

How would I cite an article published in the JST?

Full attribution should be given to the author when citing an article in the JST. Below is an example of how to cite an article from the JST using the APA 6th style guide:

Smith, J. (2015). Effects of precarious work on work-life balance. *Journal for Social Thought*, 2(1), 46-58.

What is the format for citations in manuscripts?

When citing sources, authors are required to adhere to the APA 6th citation style of referencing. Please refer to the [Submission Guidelines](#) and [Author Resources](#) for more detailed information.

Can I become a peer reviewer?

Yes! The JST is always looking to expand its peer review network with dedicated and knowledgeable academics. Please refer to the [Peer Review](#) page for more information on how to become a peer reviewer.

Who can I contact for more information?

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