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Submission Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in Demokratizatsiya. Please adhere to the following guidelines when submitting your text for publication. All article submissions and questions should be addressed to Editor Robert Orttung and Managing Editor Ellen Powell at demjournal@gwu.edu.

Types of Articles

Demokratizatsiya accepts two types of articles: full-length articles (6,000–10,000 words) and shorter “Perspectives” pieces (2,000-2,500 words). At the editors’ discretion, other types of submissions may also be considered.

Subject Matter

We welcome submissions of articles on issues surrounding post-Soviet democratization by recognized and emerging academics, journalists, practitioners, and other specialists. We are especially interested in scholarly articles that have policy relevance.

Typically, each manuscript should include a clearly defined research question, theoretical framework, explanation of methodology, empirical data, analysis of the data, and conclusion. We are also open to big-picture think pieces. Please consult with the editors if you have a manuscript that deviates widely from these guidelines.

Publication Process

There are no costs associated with submitting a manuscript to Demokratizatsiya or having it published. Each manuscript submitted will be evaluated by the editors to ensure that the subject matter is suitable for the journal and it has a chance of passing peer review. Manuscripts that meet these criteria will then be sent for double-blind peer review by at least two reviewers with published scholarship on related topics.

After acknowledging receipt, we hope to respond to each submission within four months. We will only accept a manuscript for peer review if the manuscript is not being considered for publication by any other journal.

Manuscripts that do not conform to the following style guide may be returned to the author for revision.

Formatting

The entire document should be double-spaced with 1-inch margins on all sides. Times New Roman size 10 should be used for the main text and Times New Roman size 8 for footnotes. Levels of headings should be indicated as follows:

- Heading 1
- Heading 2
Title Page

The title page (Times New Roman, size 10) should provide the title of the article, the names of all authors, the affiliation of each author, a short bio of no more than 100 words for each author, a contact email address for each author, and any acknowledgements.

Abstract

All full-length articles (not Perspectives pieces) should include an abstract of approximately 100 words. The abstract should identify the research question being asked, indicate what data is used to answer it, and suggest the article’s findings. No keywords are required.

Figures, Tables and Artwork

Figures and artwork should be submitted as separate files. Tables constructed in Microsoft Word may be left in the text, while those constructed in Microsoft Excel should be submitted as separate files.

The locations of figures or artwork should be marked in the text by callouts, eg., <Figure 1 about here>.

For quality purposes, we prefer figures in Excel and artwork as PNG images. Do not submit any images that have been copied into Word, as this dramatically reduces their quality.

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| а  б  в  г  д  е, ё  ж  з  и  й  к  л  м  н  о  п |
| a  b  v  g  d  e  zh  z  i  i  k  l  m  n  o  p |
| р  с  т  у  ф  х  ц  ч  ш  щ  ё  ъ  э  ю  я |
| r  s  t  u  f  kh  ts  ch  sh  shch  ”  ’  e  iu  ia |

All place names should be transliterated following these guidelines, with the exception of English-language names that are in common usage (Moscow, St. Petersburg, etc.)
Reference Guidelines

Demokratizatsiya uses footnote references. There is no need to include a bibliography at the end of the text.

Some notes on style:
- Unless authors go by initials (eg., E.J. Dionne), please use their full names.
- For non-English language sources, the transliterated title (following the Library of Congress guide above) should be given first, followed by the translated title in square brackets […]. Titles in brackets should not be italicized or placed in quotation marks.
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Books

Page numbers are optional for books.

Author(s)


Subsequent references: Sifneos, Imperial Odessa.

Edited book


Subsequent references: Lowenthal, Exporting Democracy.

Chapter in an edited book


Subsequent references: Shekhovtsov, “Alexander Dugin.”

Non-English language book


Subsequent references: McFaul and Petrov, Politicheskii al’manakh Rossii.
Journal Articles


Subsequent references: Van Antwerp and Brown, “The Electoral Model without Elections?”

Thesis, Dissertation or Unpublished Manuscript


Subsequent references: Hale, “Statehood at Stake.”

Conference Paper (remove all hyperlinks)


Subsequent references: Rafi, “Re-Working the Philosophy.”

Newspaper and Magazine Articles (remove all hyperlinks)


Subsequent references: Hille and Foy, “The Russian Election.”


Subsequent references: Korchenkova, “Vsia vlast’ sub”ektam.”

Internet References (remove all hyperlinks)


Subsequent references: Central Asia Program, Uzbekistan Initiative.

Subsequent references: Fond Razvitiia Grazhdanskogo Obshchestva, *Reiting effektivnosti gubernatorov*.

**Interviews**


*If you have any questions about Demokratizatsiya’s submission and reference guidelines, please feel free to contact us at demjournal@gwu.edu.*