

FREE WEBINAR

SUBMITTING TO ACADEMIC JOURNALS

JOIN US FOR A LUNCH HOUR SESSION FULL OF
TIPS AND INSIGHTS FOR ARTS ACADEMICS

MONDAY, MAY 22

10 AM MST/ 12PM EST



- MEET WITH RSS JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF NAKITA VALERIO TO LEARN MORE
- CATERING TO EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS & CANADIAN RESEARCHERS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

REGISTER NOW

rssjournal.ca
i-rss.org

May 22, 2023

with Nakita Valerio
RSS Journal



Outline

- A bit about me, I-RSS and RSS Journal
- Submitting to Journals
 - Writing & Research
 - Finding a Journal
 - Submitting a Paper
 - The Process
 - Rejection & Publication
 - Becoming a Reviewer
- Current Call for Papers

I-RSS and the RSS Journal

- The Institute for Religious and Socio-Political Studies (I-RSS) uses **inter-disciplinary academic research** to actively shape and contribute to the discourse about Muslims and Islam in North America, especially Canada.
- RSS journal is a diamond access, double blind, peer-reviewed academic journal published through the University of Alberta. The Journal publishes research articles and book reviews that are relevant to its primary topic of studying Muslims in Canada. It is an interdisciplinary journal that accepts submissions for annual publications from researchers working in the fields of sociology, education religious studies, history, political science, psychology, and media studies, etc.

Writing and Researching

- Pull from your existing research areas and writing
- Can you rework a chapter from your thesis/dissertation?
- Can you update an article you wrote awhile ago?
- Do you have a conference presentation that can be adapted?
- Writing for a Call for Papers, following a research interest
- What do you want to work on?
 - Literature reviews, secondary analyses, primary research
 - Book reviews
 - Theoretical contributions

Finding a Journal

- Check your bibliographies!
- Check your listserv for Call for Papers (CFPs)
- Keywords help a lot:
 - Google Scholar, Research Libraries Search Bar, DOAJ
 - <https://www.library.ualberta.ca/>
 - <https://www.jstor.org/publishers>
 - <https://academic.oup.com/journals>
 - <https://doaj.org/>
- Read articles about Journals in your field
 - <https://guides.nyu.edu/mideast/journals>
- Join associations and societies in your field to receive CFPs
- Become a reviewer

Submitting a Paper

- Read the eligibility and submission guidelines carefully
 - Page formatting, file type, font style and size
 - CITATIONS
- Keep track of due dates - how often do they publish?
 - Rolling submissions
- Know your audience (big journals aren't always the best for you)
- Exclusive submissions are still common in academic journals
- Know their copyright policies & what you'd be signing onto
- If their website instructs that you can reach out beforehand for information, feel free to do so!
- NOTE: Most journals do not reach out to ask for publications and you should almost never have to pay to submit an article somewhere.

The Process

- Sign up for their website workflow
- Upload your documents and other information they may require
- Expect to wait- there may be no receipt of submission
 - 6 to 12 months minimum; yes, sometimes longer!
 - Know the level of your journal (Blind? Peer review? Double?)
- Initial comments and requested revisions
- Journal decision
- Follow up on comments and edits (pay attention to deadlines)
- More waiting!

Rejection & Publication

- Rejections are the norm! Don't be defeated by them
- If you're submitting many places, keep track of rejections in a spreadsheet so you don't submit the same place again.
- Consider other avenues to publication (anthology, book chapters)
- Celebrate your publication! It's a big deal!
- Share with the DOI (digital object identifier), include on your CV, on your academic website and other online avenues

Becoming a Reviewer

- Good way to build a relationship with a journal
 - Receive announcements sent through their web portal
 - Build collegial rapport and network
 - Get to know what the journal is looking for better
- Not a guarantee of publication
- Segway to possible book reviews

Current Call for Papers: Muslim Community Experiences in Canada

- Religious and Socio-Political Studies Journal (RSSJ) - a double-blind, peer-reviewed, open access interdisciplinary journal from the Institute for Religious and Socio-Political Studies (I-RSS) - is calling for article contributions for our 3rd issue. We aim to provide an interdisciplinary forum for current thinking about community for Muslims in Canada.
- We invite submissions for this collection dedicated to local, regional, national, and global community identity, experiences and discussions, as well as examinations of how group and individual identity interact. We also invite community organizations to share submissions with us pertaining to their areas of service. Insights from a broad spectrum of areas are welcomed, including: traditional Islamic sciences, philosophy, digital humanities & media studies, history, anthropology, sociology, psychology, and literature.
- **Submissions will be welcomed until 30th June, 2023.**
- rssjournal.ca

Questions?

Keep in touch on Instagram & Facebook,
subscribe to our newsletter at i-rss.org,
add yourself on rssjournal.ca