** Call for Special Issues (2x) Editors **
Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties

Applications are invited for the editorship of **two special issues** of the *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (JEPOP)*, under the general supervision of the current editorial team and the associate editors.

We are accepting proposals for two separate special issues. **The first special issue is thematic**, and focuses, broadly speaking, on dynamics of **disinformation, conspiracy theories, and affective polarization**. We are particularly keen to receive proposals that tackle these issues in a comparative fashion, and/or focusing on the psychological mechanisms associated with the processing of (and resistance against) disinformation and fake news, the underpinnings and consequences of beliefs in conspiracy theories, and the individual and group roots of affective polarization and outgroup principle dislike. Proposals that cut across several of these topics - e.g., whether an affinity towards conspiracy theories lowers the defense mechanisms against persuasive disinformation - are particularly welcomed. The deadline to submit a proposal for this first, thematic special issue is **April 16, 2023.**

The second special issue is general and does not have a set theme - proposals that tackle any research topic that is in line with the general scope of the journal are welcomed. The deadline to submit a proposal for this second, general special issue is **March 31, 2023.**

For both calls, proposals should be for **6-8 articles each of up to 8,000 words in length, to which an editorial introduction will be added**. Proposals should be concise (no longer than 2000 words) and may come from practitioners as well as academics. While proposals are equally welcome from early career or more established scholars, proposals that strike a balance between junior and senior scholars, as well as a gender balance, in editors and/or authors will be particularly appreciated.

JEPOP will provide a **financial support (up to £1,500)** to each selected team of guest editors to support logistic costs associated with the work on the special issue, e.g., the organization of a workshop to discuss and finalize the contributions.

Proposals should include the following: (i) a clear account of the research theme, detailing its scientific and societal relevance, (ii) a schedule of work and precise timeline, (iii) a preliminary idea on how to use the financial contribution provided by *JEPOP* (£1,500), (iv) the names of proposed or confirmed contributors, and (v) titles and abstracts for each suggested article in the special issue; abstracts should be concise (approx. 200 words each) and should include a brief description of the proposed research questions and a mention of the data used, e.g., CSES, ANES.

Proposals will be considered by the *JEPOP* editors and associate editors based on (i) fit with the theme of the call (for the thematic one) (ii) likely interest to *JEPOP* readers, (iii) originality and rigor of the proposed papers, (iv) diversity of the proposed editorial team and authors. The decision of the Selection Panel is final and there is no appeal. The successful team will be informed by early May 2023.

The *JEPOP* editorial team will manage the peer-review process with the input from the guest editor(s) on selecting reviewers. All papers will be reviewed according to normal *JEPOP* standards. Expected publication of the two special issues is in 2024.

Any further procedural enquiries may be addressed to the Editorial Team at jepop@binghamton.edu

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