

CALL FOR PAPERS

Statistics, Politics and Policy

Special Issue: Elections – Electoral Systems, Campaigns and Debates – Innovations in Electoral Analysis

Elections represent one of the cornerstones of democracy, shaping nations' political landscapes and reflecting voters' evolving preferences. Understanding the dynamics of elections, their outcomes, and the institutional frameworks that shape them is essential for academics and policy-makers alike. In light of recent electoral events in the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the European Parliament and beyond, *Statistics, Politics and Policy* invites submissions for a special issue dedicated to the study of elections, electoral debates and electoral systems, and innovations in electoral analysis itself.

Scope and Topics

We welcome contributions from political science, statistics, sociology, economics, law, and related fields that address one or more of the following areas:

1. Electoral Outcomes and Voting Behavior

- What statistical and methodological approaches best capture voter behavior in different electoral contexts?
- How have recent elections reflected shifts in political alignments, voter polarization, and turnout trends?
- What role has electoral forecasting played in recent elections, and how can models be improved?

2. Electoral Debates and Campaign Strategies

- How have political debates and campaign rhetoric evolved in recent election cycles?
- How do digital campaigns, micro-targeting, and AI-driven strategies shape voter engagement and outcomes?
- To what extent have misinformation and disinformation campaigns influenced recent elections?

3. Electoral Systems and Institutional Frameworks

- How do different electoral systems shape electoral competition and political representation?
- What role do electoral reforms play in enhancing voter representation and trust in democratic institutions?
- Do electoral systems promote polarization of societies?

4. European and Comparative Perspectives

- How have recent elections across Europe shaped the trajectory of European integration and political cooperation?
- What are the commonalities and differences in electoral trends across major European democracies?

5. Innovations in Electoral Analysis

- How can big data, machine learning, and computational social science contribute to election studies?
- What are the challenges in measuring electoral fairness, voter suppression, and democratic backsliding?
- How can statistical models account for dynamic and multi-level political influences in elections?

Submission Guidelines

We invite both theoretical and empirical papers, as well as case studies and comparative analyses. Submissions should be original and not under review elsewhere. Papers should follow the formatting guidelines of *Statistics, Politics and Policy* and be submitted through the journal's platform <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/dgspp>

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Rewarding outstanding work

The Emil J. Gumbel Prize for an outstanding contribution to *Statistics, Politics and Policy* will again be awarded by the Editorial Board in 2025.

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