Special Issue Guidelines

The Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia aims to publish one special issue per year themed around a current topic that is particularly salient at the moment. Special issues are handled by one or more guest editors and are comprised of papers that fulfill the same criteria of quality, originality, and scientific significance that are applied to regular papers. Prospective guest editors should have a strong background and network of contacts in order to successfully solicit papers, manage the peer-review process, ensure deadlines and maintain the journal’s high publishing standards.

Manuscripts for a special issue can be proposed by a guest editor or solicited by announcing a Call for Papers. Prospective guest editors must submit a formal proposal for a special issue to j.c.eastern.asia@gmail.com with the following information:

· The title of the Special Issue.

· A brief CV/s of the proposed guest editor/s.

· A draft of the Call for Papers (300-500 words) that would include a statement of the Special Issue’s significance for the Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia, the likely content to be covered and a list of topics for papers that would fit within the proposed theme.

· A timeline. The editors will provide specific timeframes for distributing calls for manuscripts, recruiting authors and reviewers, and reviewing submissions.

The JCEA Editorial Board will consider the proposal and the proposed guest editors will be informed whether or not they will be allowed to proceed.

Guest editors will be responsible for the submission, review, revision, and acceptance process with the assistance of the editor-in-chief and associate editors. Guest editors will also communicate deadlines and format to the contributing authors. If any conflict of interest between contributing authors, reviewers and guest editors exists, guest editor/s shall disclose that fact to the editor-in-chief to maintain the objectivity of the peer-review process. The final acceptance approval for each paper will be given by the editor-in-chief. The special issue should be completely themed with at least five papers. Guest editors will have to write a guest editorial (2-6 pages) describing the guest editor(s) intent on presenting the articles, addressing the issue at hand, and summarizing the article themes.

Guest editors are not paid for their work.