

Guidelines for Contributors

TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The WCJ publishes the following types of contributions.

Articles

Original articles (3,000–7,000 words) are original contributions following theoretical and conceptual innovation, development of theories and concepts, methodological perspectives, and rigorous empirical analysis.

Research notes and commentaries

Research notes (2,000–3,000 words) offer a novel contribution to our understanding of customs and border management. This can include the presentation and discussion of new or updated datasets, the introduction of new data, policy debate, analyses that challenge conventional wisdom, novel theoretical or conceptual insights, as well as practical applications, case studies, issues and solutions.

Special reports and reviews

This category includes various types of contributions (300–1,000 words) such as reviews of books, publications, systems and practices.

Letters to the Editor

We invite Letters to the Editor (300–700 words) that address items previously published in the Journal as well as topics related to all aspects of customs activity. Authors of letters are asked to include their name and address (or a pseudonym) for publication in the Journal. As well, authors are asked to provide full contact details so that, should the need arise, the Editor-in-Chief can contact them.

Editorial and peer review process

All submissions to this journal undergo rigorous peer-review which assures that contributions meet the highest standards. The WCJ follows a two-stage process in evaluating submissions starting with initial screening by the Editorial Team, which evaluates submissions for content, suitability for the journal and prospect of eventual publication. The Editorial Team may reject the submission based on the initial screening. Submissions that pass the review by the Editorial Team are then sent to external reviewers. Only the most promising and original contributions may be sent for external peer review.

Articles, research notes and commentaries are subjected to review by at least two reviewers who are experts in the field, and may include members of the Editorial Board and external academic experts and professionals. Our peer review process is confidential and double-blind, which means that both the reviewer and the author identities are concealed from the reviewers, and vice versa, throughout the review process.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please ensure that you follow these instructions carefully when submitting your contribution to avoid rejection and unnecessary delays and to reduce administrative burden.

Online submission

Manuscripts and any additional files/information need to be submitted by the corresponding author through the Scholastica journal management platform. To submit your contribution to the WCJ, you must register as an author on the Scholastica website (https://app.scholasticahq.com/users/sign_up).

It is assumed that the submission of a manuscript to the WCJ means that it has not been, and will not be, submitted elsewhere at the same time. If a paper is under review elsewhere, this will be considered grounds for a priori rejection of the manuscript.

You must ensure that your manuscript and any additional files/information follow all format and style requirements contained in the WCJ Style Guide (<https://worldcustomsjournal.org/style-guide>).