

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
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**Political Polarization in times of pandemic and populism**

The phenomenon of political polarization is emerging as one of the most pressing global problems of the coming decade. It has recently received particular attention in academia, the media, and politics. The triad of polarization, pandemic and populism is leading to greater political instability, conflict, and social tensions on a global scale. Polarization is fueled by the fact that the pandemic and its countermeasures are disproportionately affecting poorer citizens and their livelihood. Polarization has detrimental effects on society, politics and economic interactions on almost all levels.

A wide range of academic disciplines have addressed various facets, consequences and causes of political, social, and economic polarization from different perspectives and with different methodological approaches.

SPP is calling for contributions related to the broad topic of polarization with a political, economic or social focus and encourages researchers in related disciplines to submit their papers for this call of papers to the special issue Vol.1 2022.

**Topics of interest**

Statistics, Politics and Policy seeks contributions addressing polarization in, but not limited to, the following topics and fields:

- Political Communication
- Voting Behavior and Elections
- Political Mobilization and Participation
- Economic Policies and Development
- Political Systems and Democracy
- The Measurement of Polarization
- Longitudinal, Intra- and International Comparisons
- Welfare States and Polarization
- Education and Social Policies
- Gender, Racial and Ethnic Polarization
- COVID-19 and Polarization

These are just a few examples of a multitude of different topics and questions that might arise

in the course of studying this subject, and which are suitable for the call.

**Submission Instructions**

All research related works are welcome. Please note that contribution length is either research note (6.000 words max.) or research article (11.000 words max.). Contributions with new and innovative approaches are highly encouraged.

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