



# PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES JOURNAL

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ISSUE:**

## Call for Papers Power and Conflict

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Power dynamics are ubiquitous to protracted conflict. Such power can come in many forms. It can flow from top to bottom; it can be hard or soft; and it can enrich the lives of many or fill the pockets of a few at the expense of many. Even for conflicts within democratic states the relations between and within conflicting groups center on power, that is, the capacity of one group to dominate, rule over, control or alter the behavior of another group. Yet, the field of conflict analysis and resolution has failed to give due recognition to power as a distinct and cardinal category of protracted conflict.

The objective of this special issue of *Peace and Conflict Studies* is to showcase the centrality of power within this field. We invite authors to submit a case study, a thematic analysis across multiple cases, or a general perspective for understanding power within contemporary protracted conflicts. Authors can choose to focus on state governments, marginalized communities, grass-root peace movements, or militant rebel groups. In evaluating submissions, no single methodology is privileged in advance.

Manuscripts should be electronic (Microsoft Word, Times Roman 12-point font only) and no longer than thirty double-spaced pages of text (or 7,500 –10,000 words). Authors should submit a package with two documents that includes one with title, author name(s) and email contact information, brief author bio(s), an abstract of the article (no more than 200 words), and a brief list of key words or phrases. The second document should be the actual manuscript, beginning with an introduction and having no author identifying information (i.e., blind). All submissions should be prepared according to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition, American Psychological Association), which pertains especially to citations, headings, and reference format (though PCS guidelines allow single-spaced, rather than double-spaced, references). In addition, we have the following journal-specific guidelines:

- *Footnotes/Endnotes:* Please do not use footnotes or endnotes; please incorporate all relevant information into the body of the article. Footnotes and Endnotes are not compliant with APA style.
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- Manuscript Title (Initial caps, lower case, not bold or italics)
- Abstract (maximum 200 words, not bold or italics)
- Author(s) Bios
- Manuscript Keywords or Keyword phrases
- Disciplines that best describe the submission (if desired, for further searchability; the online form offers a list from which to choose)
- Optional* Cover Letter for the editors of PCS

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- Manuscript Full Text
  - Include Title, but NO author identification;
  - Format in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, 12pt, double-spaced;
  - Follow APA guidelines for grammar, headings, citations, and references (6th Edition, American Psychological Association);
  - Length should be approximately 7,500 – 10,000 word-count or 25-30 pages, double-spaced
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