

Call for Papers - Journal on Policy and Complex Systems

Special Issue: Complexity, Policy, and Economics

The Journal on Policy and Complex Systems is proud to announce a special issue focused on complexity, policy, and economics. This issue is edited by Pietro Terna, Riccardo Boero, Marco Mazzoli, Matteo Morini, and Michele Sonnessa.

The main requirement for submitted papers is that they connect economics and policy in the complexity framework (CF).

Papers can be articulated as:

General and methodological fields:

- theoretical bases for economics and policy framework, in the CF;
- simulation tools in a CF for economics and policy;
- complex networks for economic analysis in policy perspective.

Focused fields, mainly as examples:

- market design for power systems, grid modernization, and distributed energy resources integration;
- incentivizing foundational social mechanisms for economic growth (e.g., trust, reputation, etc.);
- climate change impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability: regional economic growth and hazard mitigation policies;
- consumer behavior;
- public good pricing.

Journal of Policy and Complex Systems Aims and Scope

The Journal of Policy and Complex Systems aims to promote professional and public understanding of the relationship between policy studies and complex systems thinking, evolving greater understanding and engagement. Through its publication, JPCS hopes to establish a venue for reporting results of exploring, developing, and evaluating policies using cutting edge computational approaches to policy research, including complexity theory, agent-based modeling/simulation, chaos theory, fractals, dynamical systems, and the science of networks. It also aims to establish a repository of data and systems developed through research efforts reported in the journal. It is the hope of the journal and all of those involved in its publication, to bring together a community of multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary scholars to address common societal concerns, including social scientists, natural scientists, computational scientists, humanists, policy analysts, public administrators, and policy makers.

Article submission length should be between 5,000 to 7,000 words and include simulations (if applicable). Submissions will be considered on a rolling basis, and should be emailed to Pietro Terna at pietro.terna@unito.it. Submissions received after October 31, 2018 will not be considered for the special issue.

Submission Guidelines

The Journal on Policy and Complex Systems (JPCS) is a journal of the Policy Studies Organization – an international and interdisciplinary group associated with the American Political Science Association (APSA). The JPCS publishes international academic research of distinction and excellence pertinent to the field of complexity in public policy.

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The JPCS accepts Research Articles and Letters to the Editor. Article submission length should be between 5,000 to 7,000 words and include simulations (if applicable), while Letters to the Editor should be 300 words or less. Submissions should be submitted electronically, via email, to Pietro Terna at pietro.terna@unito.it.

Manuscript Formatting

Font size must be 12 point Times New Roman for all parts of the submission and submitted on standard 8.5 inch by 11 inch paper with one inch margins on all four sides. All submissions should be in either MS Word or PDF formats. Authors who prefer different programs for submission should contact the Managing Editor, Liz Johnson, prior to submission at email address Ljohnson1@carolina.rr.com. Text, abstract, footnotes, citations, appendix materials, and references should be double-spaced. Tables and graphs should be single spaced while all other text should be double-spaced. An abstract of no more than 150 words must be accompanied by a list of key words below the abstract on a separate page.

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An added feature of the journal is the inclusion of live simulations from accepted research on the journal website. Authors should include the name of the software program and computer code for simulations with their submission.

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