



The Dialogue Submission Guidelines

What kind of work may be submitted?

- Works, including but not limited to, research papers, academic course papers, theses, and policy briefs
- The content of the submission can be in the fields of political science, policy, international relations, economics, history, or related disciplines
- Submission of interdisciplinary work is also encouraged

Formatting Guidelines and Submission Requirements:

Anonymity and Length

- Please remove your name and any identifying information from the submission document
- Policy briefs and reviews: **500–1,250 words**
- Academic papers, theses, and research papers: **3,000+ words**, excluding citations
- Submissions may include an optional 100–200-word abstract

File and Citation Style

- Submissions must be uploaded as an **editable Microsoft Word document**
- Citations and formatting must follow **Chicago style** using endnotes
- Use complete endnotes with a bibliography at the end

General Formatting

- 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins on all sides, double-spaced, left-justified, first line of each paragraph indented by 0.5 inches, no page numbers

Title Page

- Each submission must include a title page
- Center the title approximately one-third of the way down the page
- If using a subtitle, end the title line with a colon and place the subtitle on the next line

Headings

- Use distinct heading levels for sections, subsections, and subheadings

Endnote Formatting (Chicago Style)

- Endnotes must appear on a separate page titled “Notes” (not “Endnotes”)
- Use Times New Roman, 10-point font
- Single-space each entry; double-space between entries



- Indent the first line of each note
- Use Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3) in superscript font
- Place note numbers at the end of the sentence, after all punctuation
- Never reuse a note number, even for repeated sources
- Use shortened forms for sources cited more than once
- Multiple sources in a single note should be separated by semicolons
- Do not use multiple note numbers at the end of a sentence

Additional Guidelines

- Do not attach .eps image files separately
- Submit through **SMU Scholar** (linked on *The Dialogue* website)
- Questions may be directed to **tower@smu.edu** with “The Dialogue” in the subject line

What happens after you submit to *The Dialogue*?

- Submissions are considered by the editorial board, comprised of SMU students and overseen by Tower Center faculty
- We review all submissions and make selections based on strength of analysis, compelling evidence, and forward-thinking ideas
- Should your submission be selected, it will be published on the Digital Commons Network, an open-source platform for scholarly articles, as well as in a printed journal at the end of the spring semester