

Journal of Public Affairs and Change

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Call for Papers

Journal of Public Affairs and Change aims to provide researchers and the academy a forum to develop a body of knowledge on *public affairs*. The bi-annual journal will publish articles, reviews, case studies, viewpoints and research results from practitioners of all professions, academics, and other specialists. It will encompass a broad range of theoretical, empirical and methodological topics. We will publish both invited articles on special topics and manuscripts submitted to the editors for peer review. Articles will be assessed on topic suitability, originality, strength of scholarship, and cogency of argument.

JPAC is an online, open access journal currently, with plans to also produce print copies in future.

We also plan to get Journal's content indexed in such standard resources as *International Political Science Abstracts* and *The Philosopher's Index*.

The editors are currently seeking submissions for the issue. The focus is on : **'End of the Welfare State?'**

Asa Briggs, in a classic essay on welfare state, identified three principal elements. These were:

- A guarantee of minimum standards, including a minimum income;
- Social protection in the event of insecurity; and
- The provision of services at the best level possible.

Its proponents consider welfare state as central to democracy as it will ensure equity, freedom and humane society.

Those left and right of politics have critiqued the concept of welfare state. The left argued that welfare state by offering few crumbs blunts the revolutionary fervour of the working class and coopts them. The welfare state despite its veneer merely promotes the interest of the bourgeoisie. The right, argue that welfare state by offering citizens a cradle-to-grave

system of unconditional government support, creates intrusive governments, stifles personal responsibility and individual freedom. Of late there is also concern over the rise of competitive populism where contesting parties promise to give voters not just education or health care but anything from cable TV to laptop; politicians have a major interest in the ballooning welfare state. There are some who view the Government's record on welfare is disappointing and point out to the innumerable institutional failures it suffers from.

Yet, there is concern over states withdrawing and leaving the marginalized at the mercy of vagaries of the market. So, the issue is has welfare state outlived its utility? If so what kind of state should replace it? What are expectations of the citizens? The June issue of JPAC seeks to address these issues.

We would like to focus on issues such as

- Theoretical exploration of welfare
- Role of different welfare actors- State, Market, Civil Society.
- Neo-liberalism and Welfare schemes.
- Welfare policy or electoral populism
- Role of public private partnership,
- Social sector wise impact of welfare policy and alternatives
- Institutional framework and welfare.

The list is only illustrative and we are open to submissions that come within the theme for the next issue.

Deadline for submissions is **June 30, 2017**.

Submissions must include a cover letter that provides:

- Manuscript title
- Names, positions, and institutional affiliations of each author. Corresponding with author's telephone number, postal and e-mail address.

Manuscripts must conform to the current edition of the **American Psychological Association Manual (APA)**.

Papers should be no more than 6000 words, including references or commentaries on a current issue not more than 2000 word. Book Reviews should be about 1500 words

Manuscripts must include an abstract of approximately 150 words. Tables/figures should be submitted as separate documents. Title and author information should be on a separate page. There should be no mention of the author in the inside pages of the submission. Manuscripts must be submitted electronically in a format compatible with Microsoft Office. Submission emails must be addressed to editors.jpac@gmail.com with the subject line “Submission to JPAC”.