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## **POLITIKON How-to-publish-guide**

### **Recommended Academic Paper Structure:**

- **Abstract**

No more than 150 words. Research question, original parts of research, conclusions.

- **Keywords**

5 to 10 keywords, from general to more specific (e.g., party politics, campaign strategies, regional elections, Norway, 1990s).

- **Introduction**

What is the research question and why should academics research it, scientific and societal relevance.

- **Literature review**

What has previously been written on the topic, what conclusions other researchers reached.

- **(Model construction) and Theoretical framework**

What theoretical framework and approach is used and why. If applicable, causal model may be shown at this point, or later, after data investigation.

- **Conceptualization and operationalization**

Definition of basic terms and their indicators, choice of variables and their validity testing. Formulation of hypotheses (explicit or implicit) based on the theory/theories. Elaboration of specific claim(s) in the investigated theory/theories. If applicable, description of the causal mechanism, i.e. the chain of events purported to link your explanatory variables to the specific outcome.

- **Methodology**

Description of the specific research method used (i.e., process-tracing, discursive analysis, MLA, etc.), its theoretical advantages and potential weaknesses and why it is chosen.

- **Data**

Description of the data used, number of cases, method of case-selection, source of data, method of data collection, sampling method.

- **Analysis and findings**

- What data show in detail, general tendencies and interesting particularities.

- **(Model construction) and Conclusions**

Causal models may be formulated and general conclusions reached. Conclusions may or may not specifically challenge or support findings in existing literature.

- **Future research**

Possibilities of future research for the researcher or other scholars, promising directions, requirements for future research.

- **List of References (Bibliography)**

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- **Appendixes**

Every data used shown so as to facilitate potential replications. If possible, data shared publicly and/or presented together with the manuscript.

## **Format of the paper:**

**Contents:** Title, author, abstract, paper, bibliography; short presentation of the author  
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- Academic style of writing and structure (see section “Recommended Academic Paper Structure”);
- Grammatically correct English;
- Between 2000 and 5000 words;
- APSA-Style in-text references;
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