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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report covers Jan 1 to Nov 14, 2018, which is the third full year of our management of the journal. The journal transitioned in April from Arizona State to the University of Iowa with Klaus Brummer and Brian Lai taking over as co-editor in chiefs. We have almost addressed the backlog from the previous editorial team. We have made good progress on this front even as our number of submissions have continued to increase. We have continued to promote our manuscripts through social media. We introduced video abstracts and we are beginning a pre-submission exchange.

**BACKLOG**

After our last issue (14(4)), we have 36 articles/research notes in the queue to publish (this includes everything that has been accepted for publication). We are publishing about 7 manuscripts per issue, which puts us at a one year and one to two issue queue of papers. Our goal is to try and reduce this further.
**Impact Factor**

The 2017 Impact Factor increased to 1.386 from .841 in the previous year. The impact factor was .477 when we took over the journal. OUP has data on altmetrics for each article, which shows the number of shares on social media and online sources. Our goal is to continue to raise the impact factor of the journal. To overcome the backlog, we released issues with more articles, which has the potential to hurt the impact factor. We are working to raise the impact factor through use of the OUP blog, social media, a video presence, virtual issues, and curated collection related to global conferences.

**Manuscript Flow**

As of November 14, 2018, we received 198 original submissions (185 original articles and 13 research notes). We also approved two special issue requests which are currently under review. One is on Parties and Foreign Policy and the other is on Gender and Foreign Policy. Per our policy, all manuscripts are going through the regular review process.

Of these 198 original submissions, 23.7% were desk rejected. This is lower than the previous year. Most manuscripts receiving desk rejects are for fit with the journal, exceptional sloppiness in presentation/style/formatting, or originality problems that are not readily resolvable.

67.7% were rejected after review and 8.6% or 17 of these 198 received a revise and resubmit.

**Turn Around Time**

Our turn around time for original submission to first decision is 63.05 days, excluding desk rejects. This is 5 days higher than our previous two years but still lower than when we took over the journal. Our goal is to lower that this year.

**Author Participation, Sex, and Geography**

61% of original manuscripts submitted this year are solo-authored (120 of them).

29% of original manuscripts submitted this year have at least one female author (57 of them). This is down from last year. We had submissions from 41 countries: Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Republic of, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe.

Most manuscripts come from the US, UK, and Australia (48% combined). Original submissions from China, Germany, and Turkey were about 5% from each country. These are the next highest countries.
**Replication**

We continue our replication policy. Articles published with quantitative analysis post their data and command files to the FPA Dataverse ([https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/FPA](https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/FPA)). Christopher Junk and Cody Schmidt replicate the results and work with authors when results are not initially replicated. This is part of the ScholarOne System. There are currently 83 datasets archived on this site.

**Marketing and Social Media**

We had one curated collection this year for ISA-Quinto where we highlighted articles published by scholars in the region.

We continue to advertise our manuscripts on social media. The FPA twitter account has 1206 followers. Over the last 3 month period, we averaged 469 impressions per day and a 1.1% daily engagement rate. We post around 2 times per week. Our twitter address is @FPA_Jrnl.

We had one OUP blog post on “What to do About Syria” by Editorial Board Member Reed Wood.

We began recording video abstracts for every published article. Two of these are on advance access. Once we have about 5 on advance access, we will launch the FPA YouTube site. The goal of this site is to have video content that draws people to our articles. The video abstracts vary in length but ask authors two questions 1) summary of their article and 2) a question about how their research applies to a current foreign policy issue (this question is specific to each article).

**Pre-Submission Exchange**

Based on conversations with the JoGSS editorial team and the Global South Task Force at ISA, we are implementing a pre-submission exchange for scholars in the Global South and others who may not have access to receive feedback on their research. We intend to launch this in December as we worked out how to do originality reports for those submitting.