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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Journal of Global Security Studies (JoGSS) aims to publish first-rate work addressing the variety of methodological, epistemological, theoretical, normative, and empirical concerns reflected in the field of global security studies. More importantly, it encourages dialogue and engagement among different parts of the field.

This report discusses the development and operations of JoGSS from January 1, 2016 through December 15, 2016. In the past 12 months, the editorial team has successfully completed the journal's first volume and has refined and improved many of the processes for the journal's submission, review and production phases.

- Our editorial team processed 161 new manuscripts during the reporting period. This constitutes an increase of 55% from the previous reporting period.
- We accepted 9.7% of submissions.
- Women authored 22.3% of original manuscripts submitted and 36.4% of manuscripts accepted.
- Articles in the first issue of JoGSS were downloaded 15,550 times, and in total, articles appearing in the first volume were downloaded 25,474 times from February 15 – December 15, 2016.
- Ayşe Zarakol joined the JoGSS editorial team in December 2016, replacing Associate Editor Kimberly Marten. Bear Braumoeller will be joining the team as an associate editor sometime in the spring of 2017.

- We have recently invited new members to the editorial board in an effort to reach different audiences in the security field.

Because of the efforts and contributions of editors, the editorial board, reviewers, and authors, JoGSS is well-positioned to improve the quality, quantity, and diversity of its published articles in its next operating year.

## **MANUSCRIPT FLOW**

JoGSS accepts four types of manuscripts: research articles, research innovations, review essays, and forums (a compilation of articles around a common theme). Of the total number of manuscript submissions to JoGSS—original and revised—87% were research articles; see Table 1. This is in line with submissions received in 2015; 88 % were research articles that year.

**Table 1:** *Manuscript Submissions by Type*

<b>Manuscript Type</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Forum</b>	5	6	11
<b>Research Article</b>	141	56	197
<b>Research Innovation</b>	10	0	10
<b>Review Essay</b>	5	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>226</b>

JoGSS also accepts proposals for special issues outside of the ScholarOne submission system. The process for publishing special issues begins with authors submitting a proposal to the JoGSS editorial office by email. Each proposal is reviewed by a committee comprised of editorial

board members. JoGSS received eight special issue proposals during the reporting period, and encouraged one to be developed into a special issue. The others were judged more suitable to be forums, and the authors were asked to revise and resubmit as such. The special issue proposals are not accounted for in the original manuscript totals listed below since they are sent to a committee for review, and turnaround time is not captured for those decisions. To include them would thus skew the other related metrics.

During the past year, JoGSS received 161 new (original) manuscripts. Sixty-six of those manuscripts (29.2%) were co-authored submissions. Of that total, 21.8% were rejected without review; 32.2% were rejected after review; 25.6% were sent back to the author(s) to revise and resubmit; and 4.3% were conditionally accepted. Twenty-six manuscripts were with reviewers or awaiting a decision.

**Table 2: Original Manuscript Decisions**

Manuscript Status	No.	Percentage
Immediate Reject	35	21.8
Reject after Review	52	32.2
Revise and Resubmit	41	25.6
Conditional Accept	7	4.3
Awaiting Review	26	16.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>100</b>

JoGSS received 61 revised manuscripts during the reporting period, and 33.8% were accepted for publication.

**Table 3: Revised Manuscript Decisions**

Manuscript Status	No.	Percentage
Accept	22	33.8
Conditional Accept	21	32.3
Revise and Resubmit	13	20
Reject	4	6.2
Awaiting Review	5	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100</b>

## TURNAROUND TIME

The average time to decision for an original manuscript was approximately 51 days; see Table 4, below. The average time to a final decision, 58

days, is a decrease in two days from the previous year.

**Table 4: Turnaround Time**

Journal Statistics	Prior 12 Mo.
Avg. days from submission to first decision	51
Avg. Reviewer turnaround time (days) – <b>Original</b>	33
Avg. Reviewer turnaround time (days) – <b>Revision</b>	28
Avg. Time to Assign Reviewer (days) – <b>Original</b>	9
Avg. Time to Assign Reviewer (days) – <b>Revision</b>	11
Avg. days from submission to final decision	58

## AUTHOR PARTICIPATION

Women accounted for 36 (22.3%) of the 161 authors that submitted original manuscripts to JoGSS in this reporting period; see Table 5. This is a decrease from the previous year when 34% of submitting authors were women.

Women were the corresponding authors on 36.4% of accepted manuscripts. This is also a decrease from last year, though at that time only twelve articles in total had been accepted to the journal, with eight of those authored by women.

**Table 5: Author Gender**

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Male	117	72.7
Female	36	22.3
Unknown	8	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>100</b>

We are hoping to increase the number of submissions by women in the coming year with concerted outreach.

Geographically, authors that submit to JoGSS are concentrated in the U.S. (47.8%), though authors from 31 countries submitted to JoGSS during this period; see Table 6.

Table 6: Authorship by Country

Country	Frequency	Percent
United States	77	47.8
United Kingdom	22	13.7
Canada	10	6.3
Australia	9	5.6
Germany	9	5.6
Denmark	3	1.9
Norway	3	1.9
India	2	1.2
Nigeria	2	1.2
Pakistan	2	1.2
Switzerland	2	1.2
Belgium	1	0.62
Brazil	1	0.62
Ethiopia	1	0.62
Hong Kong	1	0.62
India	1	0.62
Israel	1	0.62
Italy	1	0.62
Jordan	1	0.62
Morocco	1	0.62
Netherlands	1	0.62
New Zealand	1	0.62
Portugal	1	0.62
Romania	1	0.62
Singapore	1	0.62
South Africa	1	0.62
Spain	1	0.62
Sweden	1	0.62
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0.62
Turkey	1	0.62
United Arab Emirates	1	0.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>100</b>

## REVIEWER PARTICIPATION

Women accounted for 26% of the total reviewers participating during this reporting period (see Table 7). We did not collect information about the location of reviewers. This is due to the current set up of ScholarOne system and something we were not aware of until gathering the information for this report. We are working with OUP to capture this information in the future.

Table 7: Reviewer Gender

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Male	350	74
Female	123	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>100</b>

## OTHER METRICS AND OUTREACH

The first issue of the Journal was well received, garnering an impressive 15,500 article downloads from February 15 to December 15, 2016. In early December, the most downloaded article from the first issue, “The Dynamics of Global Power Politics: A Framework for Analysis,” by Daniel Nexon and Stacie Goddard, had been retrieved 3,324 times by readers.

Working with OUP, we have tried to alert potential readers about the new journal. Among other efforts, we have initiated the following outreach efforts:

- Use of newly-created JoGSS Twitter (@Journal\_of\_GSS) and Facebook accounts;
- Several targeted pay-per-click campaigns on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Reddit, including Twitter ads on @Journal\_of\_GSS;
- Translated LinkedIn ads targeted to Spanish-speaking users in the field;
- Banner advertisements on ForeignAffairs.com;
- Email campaigns sent to rented lists (4,000+) of users in the field directing to the first issue and the instructions to authors page;
- Social media posts across OUP’s channels – Tumblr, @OUPPolitics Twitter, OUPblog, with video of Editor-in-Chief Deborah Avant on YouTube; and
- International conference presence.

We have noticed efforts by other journals—such as the European Journal of International Security’s reception at ISA—and will consult with our board and OUP about additional steps we might take to increase readership, submissions, and the diversity of both.

JoGSS recently received a grant from the ISA’s Special Project Fund to curate a second special issue on Exclusion, Inclusion, and Global Security. A call for proposals for this issue went out in January 2017. Funds from the grant will allow us

to invite prospective participants in the special issue to a workshop in January 2018 to share views and receive feedback from leaders in the field.

### **A NOTE ON PRODUCTION ISSUES**

We faced many hurdles with the production process beginning with the first issue and continuing through the year. These included problems with copyediting (not correcting obvious errors); typesetting (creating errors during the typesetting process); and

dissemination (posting a not-yet-approved article on advanced access). The OUP team has been responsive to these issues by appointing a new copyeditor to the journal, selecting a new team of typesetters, and by establishing workflow procedures that will prevent the release of unapproved articles to the public.

We have also hired three PhD students to work with the production team in the editorial office. This has vastly improved the pre-production and production processes.

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## **APPENDIX**

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