

Special Issue Proposal Guidelines

Proposals are welcomed for Special Issues of *Japan Review*.

Special Issues of the *Japan Review* are issues of the journal published outside of its normal publication schedule, edited by Guest Editor(s), and devoted to a particular theme or interdisciplinary conversation pertinent to the field of Japanese Studies as a whole.

Special Issues are composed of between 8 and 12 research articles that make a collective contribution to the field. As with other research articles submitted to the journal, all research articles making up a Special Issue are published on the basis of a double-blind peer review process undertaken by at least two qualified referees.

Previous Special Issues have focussed on such topics as [Shunga](#), [Secularism](#), and [War and Tourism](#).

Proposal Submission

The Guest Editor(s) of potential Special Issues should submit a Special Issue Proposal which should detail the following:

- a) The rationale for the Special Issue;
- b) A statement of its place in, and contribution to, the field;
- c) The titles and abstracts of the constituent papers;
- d) Biographical data of Guest Editor(s) and Authors, and;
- e) The editorial and submission schedule.

This should be submitted as a single file to the Editorial Team (jr-editors AT nichibun.ac.jp, replacing AT with the @ mark).

Proposals will be reviewed by the Editorial Board of the journal, on the basis of their feasibility and potential contribution to both the aims of the journal and the field as a whole.

On the basis of these discussions, the Guest Editor(s) will be invited to 1) proceed; 2) re-submit a revised proposal; or 3) informed that their proposal has been rejected.

Special Issue Submission & Publication

Once a Special Issue Proposal has been accepted, it is the responsibility of the Guest Editor(s) to submit all of the research articles constituting the Special Issue by the agreed deadline. Manuscripts should be submitted in accord with the journal's [Guidelines for Authors](#).

All research articles submitted will be subject to double-blind peer review. Only manuscripts which pass through the normal review process are able to be published in the Special Issue.

Once Referee Reports have been received on all research articles making up the Special Issue, the Editorial Committee will review the Reports and take a final decision on publication.

Publication will be contingent on the articles for which the Referee Reports advise publication as being:

- a) Able to collectively meet the original aims set out for the Special Issue, and;
- b) At least 8 in number.

Publication is also contingent on the complete Special Issue, including research articles invited for publication, the Guest Editorial Introduction, and any other supplementary manuscripts, being submitted by the deadline mandated in the acceptance of the proposal.

A failure to meet the deadlines agreed between the journal and Guest Editor(s) may constitute grounds for the cancellation of the agreement to publish

If the Accepted Articles are no longer sufficient in number or scope to constitute a Special Issue, the Guest Editor(s) and/or individual authors of accepted articles will be invited to consider publication as either a [Special Section](#) of the journal, or as standalone research articles in the journal.

Guest Editorial Responsibilities

If publication of the Special Issue is agreed, the Guest Editor(s) will be responsible for:

- a) All communications between the editor of the journal and the Special Issues authors;
- b) Having the Issue's authors undertake revisions to their original submissions, on the basis of Reports supplied by the Referees of their manuscripts and the advice of the journal's editor, and;
- c) Ensuring that the final submission of all manuscripts is in accordance with the [Japan Review Style Guide](#).

The Guest Editor(s) must also submit an Introduction to the Special Issue, detailing its contribution and place in the field.