

# CALL FOR PAPERS



Thematic issue of *Studia Politica Slovaca* Journal no. 2/2021

## POLITICAL SYSTEM: A MOTOR OR A BRAKE IN CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION?

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Dear author(s),

You are invited to submit a paper for possible inclusion in a thematic issue of *Studia Politica Slovaca* (SPS), which is a scientific peer-reviewed journal for political theory, political systems, political thought, recent political history and international relations. The publisher of the journal is the *Institute of Political Science*, which is part of the *Slovak Academy of Sciences* in Bratislava, Slovak Republic. The journal is published twice a year in printed as well as online open access version.

For the purpose of the thematic issue **"Political system: a motor or a brake in climate change mitigation?"** no. 2/2021 of the SPS, the journal welcomes research articles, discussions and book reviews in keeping with the editorial policy of the SPS available on the journal's website ([www.sps.sav.sk](http://www.sps.sav.sk)).

The deadline for proposal and abstract submission is 15 March 2021 and for paper submission - 30 June 2021. The issue is scheduled for December 2021. In addition, the authors of accepted papers will be invited to present their papers at the virtual workshop organized by the *Institute of Political Science* in autumn 2021. Participation in the workshop and publication in the journal is free of charge.

Below please find more details about the topic description, scope, planned schedule and other information. The Editorial Board looks forward to receiving your proposals in response to the call, and is happy to answer your questions, which may be sent to [politica.slovaca@savba.sk](mailto:politica.slovaca@savba.sk).

Sincerely,

Ms. Jana Sivičková  
Mr. Michael Augustín  
Executive Editors of the *Studia Politica Slovaca* Journal

## **PROBLEM DESCRIPTION**

Climate change governance is one of the biggest challenges for contemporary political systems in terms of the future of human civilization. These systems have historically evolved into a configuration that aims to handle and prevent certain types of problems. However, they are now being asked to adapt in order to be able to cope with the emerging challenges of climate change mitigation. A certain "institutional inertia" of political systems hinders the development of effective and timely action.

The influence of interest groups, but also of public opinion, which fears the adverse effects of policies on mitigating the effects of global warming, has often been a major barrier to such policies. Agreements at the global level are a prerequisite for moving towards global change, but their weakness lies in the complexity of achieving these agreements, their enforceability and long time frames. Regarding the changing of government factor, which leads political elites to adopt short-term programs, there is a well-known natural tendency for governments to postpone adequate reaction and adopt less ambitious policies.

There are emerging discussions as to whether the current political model of representative democracy is appropriate for a fundamental change of approach in promoting effective climate change mitigation policies. Another moot point is whether depoliticized forms of political decision or authoritarian regimes may offer more workable conditions for achieving higher climate goals, which would then bring about the necessary paradigmatic shift in approach to climate change. Climate change governance requires the political system to play a constructive role in changing perceptions of interest, creating new institutional actors, building a potential for societal majority and "alliances of change" in favor of mitigating the anthropogenic impacts of global warming, adjusting legal norms, regulating economic activity and in changing public opinion, thinking, expectations and social norms in general.

There is also a risk that some climate change mitigation policies may have various side-effects on social policies, achieved welfare level, income or property inequalities, rise of poverty or, depending on implementation, conflict with some human rights. These are the elements that normally have a stabilizing effect on the political system and justify its specific form. The legitimacy and political justification of such policies is therefore also discussed. Will we be forced to sacrifice our political values and social gains in order to save our planet?

## **SCOPE**

We encourage authors to submit their papers on any related topic of their choice. Possible topics include:

- National and international climate change governance
- The degree of responsiveness and the potential of (democratic/undemocratic) political systems and their institutional bodies for adaptation and for bringing a

"Copernican turn" in the perception of interests and priorities, their ability to play an active part in mitigating climate change

- Conceivable, feasible and justifiable political means to stop climate change (reform or revolution, democratic or authoritarian path)
- The sustainability of the social model and the achievements of the welfare state in the face of climate change mitigation
- The aspect of human rights, freedom, equality, solidarity, the concept of ownership and the idea of "common" in the promotion of policies and measures to mitigate climate change and its impacts (potential conflict of individual/collective economic and social rights with climate change mitigation policies)
- Potential social impacts of climate change mitigation policies and their implications for inequality (the impact on employment, income, wealth, living standards, welfare and related negative side-effects)
- The problem of legitimacy and the preconditions for political justification/ recognition of climate change mitigation policies

## SCHEDULE

Timely submission of the papers is critical to the success of this schedule. The procedures and timetable enumerated below will apply.

### *1 Deadline for Proposals*

As of 1 February 2021, authors can submit a proposal for their paper including **the title, the genre** (research article, discussion or book review), **the abstract** (max. 200 words), which should include a brief description of the topic(s) to be addressed, the adopted approach (methodology), the goal and the added value (originality) of the paper. Proposals, along with **authors' contact information**, should be submitted via e-mail to the address [politica.slovaca@savba.sk](mailto:politica.slovaca@savba.sk). **The deadline** for proposal submission is **15 March 2021**.

### *2 Acceptance of Proposals*

As of 16 March 2021, the Editorial Board will make a decision on all proposals. The number of accepted proposals is limited. **The Executive Editors will contact authors regarding their proposals acceptance by the end of March at the latest.**

### *3 Deadline for paper submission and peer-review process*

**The deadline** for the **paper submission is 30 June 2021**. However, the review procedure begins on the day the article is submitted if the paper is sent before the deadline. The journal accepts original manuscripts at the email address [politica.slovaca@savba.sk](mailto:politica.slovaca@savba.sk). After receiving the manuscript, the editors verify compliance with the formal requirements. Subsequently, the paper is submitted for

anonymous peer review. Please be informed that any costs associated with the necessary proofreading and editing services are covered by the author himself/herself.

The author is informed about the result of the review procedure through a review report, the conclusion of which may be as follows:

- *the paper is recommended to be published* – the text is submitted to the Editorial board for review
- *the paper is suitable for publication after minor revision* – the modified version of the text is forwarded to the editorial board for review
- *the paper is suitable for publication after a fundamental modification of the text* – the modified version of the text is resent to the reviewer, who formulates his/her final recommendation on the publishing / non-publishing of the paper; in the case of acceptance, the text is forwarded to the editorial board for consideration
- *the article is not recommended to be published* – the article is rejected and will not be published.

After the review procedure, the paper is evaluated by individual members of the Editorial Board. The paper may also be returned to the author for revision based on the comments of the members of the Editorial Board. The publishing of the paper is decided by the Editorial Board at its meeting by voting.

#### ***4 Approving Completed Papers***

All authors will be notified as to the results of the peer-review process based on the date of their paper submission but no later than **15 August 2021**. Subsequently, the authors should revise the text and incorporate the reviewers' comments and submit their final version by **15 September 2020**. All authors will receive a final statement on the article no later than **30 September 2021**.

#### ***5 Presenting the Papers***

The authors of accepted papers will be invited to present their papers at the virtual workshop organized by the *Institute of Political Science* in **autumn 2021** (probably in October, exact date to be defined). Each invited author should make every effort to attend the workshop and present his/her paper. These authors will be contacted in advance of the meeting.

#### ***6 Issue Publishing and Distribution***

**The editorial work** on the issue is scheduled for **November 2021**, the **printing and distribution for December 2021**. The editors reserve the right to postpone the printing and distribution to January 2022 depending on the publisher's workload. Each **author will receive two copies** of the printed version of the issue. **The online version** of the issue will be published on the website of the SPS and will be available under an open access license CC BY 4.0.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## *Publication ethics*

Please note that the publication ethics of the *Studia Politica Slovaca* respects the *Code of Ethics* of the *Slovak Academy of Sciences* and is based on the *Code of Ethics of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)* and *Elsevier Ethics in Research and Publication*.

## *Text formatting*

The Editorial Board accepts texts in Word format (\* .doc, \* .rtf, \* .docx) in the English language, which should include brief information about the authors: e-mail, affiliation, workplace address, phone number, or a link to a web page.

Research articles consist of an abstract of up to 200 words, key words in English and a referencing system. Abstracts, keywords or referencing systems are not required for the Discussion and Book reviews sections.

Please, find all the details regarding text formatting, including the article template [here](#).

## *Length of texts*

Research article: 10 – 25 standard pages

Discussion: 5 – 15 standard pages

Book reviews: 5 – 10 standard pages

1 standard page = 1,800 characters with spaces

## *Referencing system*

The *Studia Politica Slovaca* Journal requires the **Harvard referencing style**. Based on this referencing system, the author uses footnotes while the reference to the original source is mentioned directly in the text in parentheses. **Citations** within the Harvard style are based on the ISO standard STN ISO 690: 2012.

- If the author's name is entered directly in the text, it is followed by the year in parentheses, e.g. Taylor (1998).
- If the author's name is not mentioned in the sentence, the name and year must be entered in parentheses in the form of a surname (lower case letters), a space and a year, e.g. (Taylor 2001).
- In references to specific parts of the source, the location of the relevant part, such as page number or page range, may be entered in parentheses after the year, e.g. (Novák 2002, pp. 103-105).

- References to different sources with the same author and year should have a lower case letter after the year in parentheses to distinguish the entry, e.g. Novák (2004a, p. 120); (Novák 2004b, p. 15).
- When citing two resources, these are entered in the same parentheses and separated by a semicolon and a space, e.g. (Novák 1998; Petrovský 1999).
- If the source has two or three authors, use a hyphen between the authors' surnames, e.g. (Novák – Petrovský 2005 p. 23).
- If the source has more than three authors, use „et al.“ after the surname of the first author, e.g. (Novák et al. 1995, p. 347).
- If the source does not have a specific author, enter the name of the source, or part of the source title in parentheses in such a way that the source can be identified in the bibliography, e.g. (The government decided to shorten the deadline... 2003), (Road traffic rules will be tightened 2010), (Political program 2006), (Official portal of the Ministry of the Interior 2020).

### ***Reference list***

Bibliography is arranged alphabetically according to the author's surname. If the document does not have an author, the reference list is arranged according to the source name. The author states the year of publication in parentheses, followed by a lower case letter to distinguish individual references and citations of the same year. In the case of two or three authors, use a hyphen, in the case of more than three authors, „et al.“ followed by the place of publication, the name of the publisher and the number of pages. The sources that a DOI identifier has been assigned for must also be specified.

#### Book, monograph:

AUTHOR SURNAME, first name (year published). Title. Place of publication: publisher, pages. DOI: link.

WIESNER, Adam (2020). Monkey on My Back: An Autoethnographic Narrative of a Therapeutic Experience. Bratislava: Ústav etnológie a sociálnej antropológie SAV – VEDA SAV, 2020, 224 p. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.31577/2020.9788022418249>.

#### Article / study in journal

AUTHOR SURNAME, first name (year published). Title of article In Title of journal, volume, issue, page numbers. DOI: link.

GIZICKI, Wojciech (2020). Global and regional security. A return to military strength (?) In *Studia Politica Slovaca*, 13, 1, p. 4-17.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.31577/SPS.2020-1.1>.

#### Collection of articles / Edited book

EDITOR SURNAME, first name (ed. / eds.) (year published). Title. Place of publication: publisher, pages. DOI: link.

MARUŠIAK, Juraj – FERENCOVÁ, Michaela (eds) (2005). Teoretické prístupy k identitám a ich praktické aplikácie. Bratislava: VEDA – vydavateľstvo Slovenskej akadémie vied, 2005, 222 p.

Chapter in a collection of articles or edited book

AUTHOR SURNAME, first name (year published). Title of chapter In EDITOR SURNAME, first name (ed. / eds.). Title of collection of articles / edited book. Place of publication: publisher, page numbers. DOI: link.

KUSÁ, Zuzana (2005). Metodologické otázky výskumu premien kolektívnych a osobnostných identít In MARUŠIAK, Juraj – FERENCOVÁ, Michaela (eds.). Teoretické prístupy k identitám a ich praktické aplikácie. Bratislava: VEDA – vydavateľstvo Slovenskej akadémie vied, 2005, p. 10 – 31.

Newspaper article (printed version)

AUTHOR SURNAME, first name (year published). Title of article In Newspaper title, volume, issue, date, page numbers.

AUGUSTÍN, Michael (2020). Milovaný hriešnik Sarkozy In Pravda, XXX., 273, 25. 11. 2020, p. 31.

Newspaper article (online version)

AUTHOR SURNAME, first name (year published). Title of article [online] In Newspaper title, date. Available at: link.

AUGUSTÍN, Michael (2020). Milovaný hriešnik Sarkozy [online] In Pravda.sk, 25. 11. 2020. Available at: <https://nazory.pravda.sk/komentare-a-glosy/clanok/569736-milovany-hriesnik-sarkozy/>.

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SCHWAB, Klaus (2020). Now is the time for a 'great reset' [online]. Available at: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/now-is-the-time-for-a-great-reset/>.