

## **Guide to submitting a special issue proposal to *Modern Italy***

Thank you for your interest in publishing with us. Before submitting a full proposal, please e-mail an outline of your idea and approximate timeline to the general editors via our editorial assistant at [modernitaly@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:modernitaly@ntu.ac.uk). We will endeavour to give a quick indication of feasibility and available slots. Regrettably, there are periods when we have to turn away special issue proposals owing to the number already commissioned and the number currently under review. If a special issue looks feasible, we will invite you to make a formal proposal, along the lines laid out in this document. Full proposals should be submitted at least 18 months before the proposed publication date.

### **All proposals must include:**

**Proposed Title** of Special Issue

**Name(s), affiliation(s) and a brief bio/CV** of the proposed guest editor(s).

**A rationale of about 300-500 words**, setting out how the issue will contribute to the journal's themes and scope. Explain how this issue will make an original and timely contribution to the field. Why now? And which readerships of the journal is it aimed at?

**Issue structure:** What types of contributions are being proposed? In addition to the traditional article form and an editorial introduction, will other content be included, e.g. commentary, round-table discussions, or 'contexts and debates' articles?

**A list of contributors** and a paragraph each on their affiliation/biography, as well as the titles, abstracts, and lengths of their proposed contributions. Where a given author has published extensively on a subject already, please indicate the new and original contribution to be made by the proposed paper.

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### **Other general information**

#### **Word limits**

The maximum extent of any special issue (including all content, references, bibliographies, biographies etc., but excluding book reviews) is **60,000** words.

#### **Refereeing**

Journal policy is that all essays are blind-reviewed by a minimum of **two** independent referees. Guest editors select reviewers and manage the refereeing process via the journal's ScholarOne interface, with the exception of their own research contribution(s), which will be handled by the journal's general editors. We will monitor the review process of your issue, provide advice and support, and reserve the right to intervene if we feel it is necessary.

#### **Permissions**

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**What happens now?** Your proposal will be sent out to at least one external reviewer and may be circulated to appropriate members of our editorial board. We will share the review with you and provide a response as soon as we can. **Further information will be provided if your special issue proposal is accepted.**

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