

Submission Guidelines

International Journal of Cuban Studies

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We welcome the submission of academic articles in Spanish or English on any aspect related to Cuba, provided that they adhere to the aims and scope of the journal.

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1 Aims and Scope

The International Journal of Cuban Studies (IJCS) aims to provide a forum for objective investigation and informed debate on the nature of the Cuban experience: its historical context; its international image and relationships; its scientific, cultural and social achievements; and its future orientation. The IJCS is a peer-reviewed academic journal providing a publication opportunity for scholarly work on Cuba and related topics. It encourages submissions from the whole range of disciplines and from multi-disciplinary perspectives. The journal takes a broad view of the emerging and diverging positions held within Cuba and outside. Published worldwide, the journal encourages the exchange of experience and expertise between contributors and readers across continents and between countries.

2 Length

Articles must be at least 3,500 words in length, up to a maximum of 10,000.

3 Language

The IJCS publishes articles in both English and Spanish. Where possible, we ask that contributors write in English. Abstracts in both Spanish and English for all articles are welcome and will be used when provided.

4 Style

The journal aims for rigour and relevance. We wish to encourage a wide readership and to facilitate connections between academic disciplines. We are therefore interested in innovative articles that are written in a clear, accessible style with objective arguments that are evidence-based. Without compromising on academic rigour, contributors are requested to limit the use of specialised terminology to the essential. For the submission, please use the Harvard (also called “Author-Date”) system of referencing and please employ footnotes for clarification and emendation only. For academic quality, in-text citations should

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5 Format

Contributions should be formatted as A4 Microsoft Word files (Mac files must be converted), double-spaced and with ample margins. All pages, including those containing only tables and figures, should be numbered consecutively. A clear legible font should be used.

6 Title document

The following information should be provided in a separate document: the title of the article; an abstract of 150 words; a list of 5 or 6 keywords.

7 Biographical information

In a separate document send the email address and day-time telephone number for the corresponding author, and a short biographical note for each author. At a minimum these biographical notes must contain the author’s name and current affiliation as they should appear in the journal and details of her or his main appointment or position, and the institution or organization for which he or she works. It would be of interest to some readers to include a few of the author’s most important publications and current research interests, or any website link relative to indicating such work by the author.

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