JOURNAL OF ONLINE TRUST AND SAFETY

Submission Information for Peer-Review Articles

The first issue is in development and will be published at the end of October 2021. Future issues will have submission deadlines. For the second issue, the deadlines are:

- Submission deadline: November 1, 2021
- Desk decisions: November 3, 2021
- Publication date: February 2022

Emulating successful practices developed by the [Journal of Quantitative Description](), we provide the option for authors to submit a letter of inquiry. Letters can be emailed to [trustandsafetyjournal@stanford.edu](). Letters of inquiry should not exceed 500 words, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the research question or problem being addressed?
2. What data is being used to answer this question? Please provide detail on how the dataset was constructed and what it is representative of.
3. What analysis is being done on the dataset?
4. If the topic is not in one of our [priority areas](), how does this research relate to online trust and safety?

We will desk reject liberally at the letter of inquiry stage in an effort to optimize people's time and effort, only sending papers out for review that we feel would have a realistic chance of acceptance should the reviews come back positively. We will respond to letters of inquiry within two weeks.

The journal will have no word count minimum or maximum, and there are no formatting requirements for initial submissions. Authors will have the opportunity to recommend up to five reviewers and exclude up to two reviewers. Authors may submit an article even if they did not submit a letter of inquiry. Articles can be submitted through our journal website, which will be published in the coming weeks.

Reviewers will be paid for their review if it meets quality standards and is completed within two weeks. Authors will have two weeks to revise and resubmit their manuscript. At this stage, authors will be asked to put their article into a LaTeX template, though the journal can provide LaTeX support if the author has not used it. There may be additional formatting requirements at this time. The journal will provide light copyediting for all accepted papers.

We will convene a short virtual event the day each issue is published, during which authors will have the opportunity to summarize their articles. This event will be open to the public, and we will invite members of the media alongside trust and safety staff from online platforms.

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Submission Information for Editorials and Journalistic Investigations

The journal will publish editorials, journalistic investigations, and other research that is not well suited for the peer-review section. We have more flexible deadlines for these submissions, so please reach out to us if you are interested in contributing, including for the first issue, which will be published in October 2021. Email the journal at: trustandsafetyjournal@stanford.edu.