

Global Sustainability Policy Review (GSPR) - Author Guidelines

1. About GSPR

GSPR is a peer-reviewed digital publication providing a platform for scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and sustainability advocates to share research, policy analyses, and practical insights on global sustainability challenges and solutions. The journal bridges the gap between academic research, policy development, and actionable sustainability initiatives.

2. Scope and Topics

GSPR welcomes submissions on, but not limited to:

- > Environmental policy, governance, and regulatory frameworks
- > Climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies
- > Renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable technologies
- > Circular economy and sustainable production/consumption
- > Green finance, ESG reporting, and sustainable business models
- > Education for sustainable development and green skills
- > Urban planning, transport, and sustainable infrastructure
- > Case studies and lessons from sustainability initiatives worldwide

3. Types of Contributions

- Research Articles: Original studies with robust methodology and clear policy relevance (max 6,000 words)
- > **Policy Briefs:** Concise analysis and recommendations on a specific policy issue (max 2,000 words)
- > Review Articles: Systematic or narrative reviews summarizing the state of knowledge on a sustainability topic (max 5,000 words)
- Case Studies: Practical examples demonstrating sustainability strategies or policies (max 3,000 words)
- > Commentaries & Perspectives: Thought-leadership pieces addressing emerging sustainability challenges (max 1,500 words)

4. Manuscript Preparation

4.1 Format

- File type: Word (.docx) or PDF
- > Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt, double-spaced
- > Margins: 1 inch (2.54 cm) all around
- Language: English (clear, concise, and professional)

4.2 Structure

Research/Review Articles:

- 1. Title (concise, informative)
- 2. Author(s) name(s) and affiliation(s)
- 3. Abstract (150–250 words)
- 4. Keywords (3–6)
- 5. Introduction
- 6. Methods / Approach
- 7. Results / Findings
- 8. Discussion / Implications for policy and practice
- 9. Conclusion
- 10. References (APA 7th edition recommended)

Policy Briefs / Commentaries:

- > Clear title
- Issue summary (context/problem)
- > Key findings
- > Policy recommendations / action points
- > References

4.3 Tables, Figures, and Illustrations

- ➤ High-resolution images (minimum 300 dpi)
- ➤ Numbered consecutively (e.g., Figure 1, Table 1)
- > Include clear captions and source attribution

5. Submission Process

- 1. Submit manuscripts via the official GSPR submission portal or designated email.
- 2. Include a cover letter stating the contribution type, author affiliations, and a brief statement of relevance to GSPR's mission.
- 3. Ensure all co-authors have approved the submission.

6. Peer Review

- > All submissions undergo double-blind peer review.
- > Review criteria include originality, policy relevance, methodology rigor, clarity, and contribution to sustainability practice.
- > Authors may be requested to revise and resubmit based on reviewers' feedback.

7. Ethical Considerations

- > Ensure originality; no plagiarism tolerated.
- > Properly cite all sources and references.
- > Disclose any conflicts of interest.
- > Research involving human or animal subjects must comply with ethical standards and relevant regulations.