

## Special Issue Policy

The editors and the editorial board of the journal may publish one special issue per year, pursuant to their discretion. Interested parties may submit their proposals via e-mail to the journal for special issues, along with an introduction to the relevant scientific event. The editors and editorial board shall evaluate the proposals and ideas and, if accepted, may issue a call for papers for the special issue.

The criteria for special issues are outlined below.

## Special Issue Theme

Special issues of İçtimaiyat are composed of a collection of articles focused on a current and specific research theme in line with the scope and aims of the journal. The goal of the special issues is to gather different ideas, research, and experiences in a specific issue to contribute to academic writing.

The Journal of İçtimaiyat may publish special issues, at the discretion of the editorial board, either in response to calls for papers or based on requests from researchers or organizers of scientific events such as symposia or conferences. In this context, the editorial board of İçtimaiyat welcomes special issue proposals from relevant parties. Papers presented at conferences or symposia will be reviewed by members of the editorial board and associate editors of İçtimaiyat and the decision will be made depending on whether they will be published as part of a special issue or not.

In addition, the Journal of İçtimaiyat may issue a call for papers for a special issue consisting of research articles related to an important and current topic, at the discretion of the editorial board. This special issue will be made up of 8-10 related research articles, including an introduction and a conclusion article.

The main criteria for evaluating special issue proposals are:

- The significance and up-to-dateness of the topic or approach
- The novelty it will add to the relevant literature
- Its compatibility with the journal's publication policy and scope.

## Special Issue Article Format

The submission process for articles in the special issue will be conducted through the dergipark platform. The special issue should be planned to include approximately 20 articles, half of which should be in English and half in Turkish. However, the editorial board may adjust the number of articles published and the distribution of languages, if deemed necessary, as long as they announce it in advance. Articles should be prepared in accordance with the İçtimaiyat template and writing rules, similar to regular issues. Additionally, the editor of the special issue may determine the maximum and minimum number of pages for articles.

## Special Issue Article Process: (submission, review, and revision)

Articles accepted for the special issue will go through the peer-review process led by the chief editor or guest editor(s) of İçtimaiyat journal. The editor of the special issue is responsible for ensuring that the articles are in line with the theme and scope of the special issue, that they are submitted on time, and that the peer-review process is carried out according to the

recommendations of the reviewers. The article evaluation process is the same as for regular issues. In this process, the field editors of the İçtimaiyat journal may also be assigned as assistants to the special issue editor.

### **Special Issue Fee Policy**

The wage policy of İçtimaiyat magazine also applies to special issues.