

Manuscript types

Eight types of manuscripts, commented on below, are considered for peer-reviewed publication in *Przestrzeń Społeczna (Social Space)*. While there is no specific word limit, submitted work should aim to be as concise as possible. This should not be at the expense of scientific accuracy and completeness. Since we are reluctant to burden our referees with very long manuscripts, authors should make necessary deletions prior to submitting the text. The indicative length of individual types of texts, including notes, references, tables and figures, where applicable, are noted below.

Editorials are a kind of foreword to the each issue of the journal. They present general social questions related to the profile of the journal and its editorial policy. Editorials are authored by the Editor-in-Chief and reviewed by all members of the editorial team. Editorials are published bi-lingually, i.e. in Polish and English, the two versions are, however, parallel rather than one being a literal translation of the other.

Articles are theoretical or theoretically based empirical analyses of investigated issues. They report original and previously unpublished substantial scientific results within the journal's scope. They should significantly extend knowledge within the social sciences. The optimal length of an article is 20 standard pages, spaced 1.5 (40,000 spaces), including the abstract.

Essays are original studies that are shorter than conventional research articles or are research articles that report on themes of interest to the social science research community but do not fit the conventions of research articles. Even though they should be set in the context of scientific literature, they can also refer to literary art. They need not have References section. The optimal length of essays is 15 standard pages (30,000 spaces).

Progress reports are brief texts referring to provisional but promising results of empirical investigations in progress, which include a solid conceptual/theoretical background. The optimal length of a progress report is 12 standard pages (24,000 spaces).

Review essays provide an organised critical synthesis of information on an important topic. Authors are invited to submit manuscripts that review critically one (preferably) or

(possibly) a number of books, issued not earlier than five, and preferably not earlier than three, years before the reviewing, being of importance to the Polish, European, and world readership in ways that go beyond the standard book review. The review essays interpret and evaluate the underlying themes from a current body of related literature. The optimal length of a review essay is five to 10 standard pages (10,000 to 20,000 spaces). Review essays should have titles of their own and include complete bibliographical information of each item under review at the beginning of the manuscript, and should also include an abstract. Review essays are reviewed by two members of the journal's Editorial Team or Editorial Board.

Book reviews. A priority is given to books recommended in the 'Books to review' section. Unsolicited reviews of books of importance to the Polish and European readership, issued not earlier than five, and preferably not earlier than three, years before the reviewing may also be accepted for publication. The optimal length of a book review is three to five standard pages (6,000 to 10,000 spaces). Book reviews should have titles of their own and include complete bibliographical information of the book under review at the beginning of the manuscript while abstracts are unnecessary. Please do not confuse the book review with its summary nor the scientific with commercial book review. Book reviews are reviewed by two members of the journal's Editorial Team.

Critiques include critical reflections of current texts by other authors, which are shorter than books, i.e. usually articles, published outside the *PS/SS* journal. The criticised article should be of importance to the Polish, European or world readership. The optimal length of a critique is five to seven standard pages (10,000 to 14,000 spaces), including references. The critique should have a title of its own, an English-language abstract if the critique is in Polish, and to clearly indicate the bibliographical information of the criticised article. Critiques are reviewed by two members of the journal's Editorial Team or Editorial Board. The author of the criticised article is invited to comment on the critique while the critic may reply to the comment.

Commentaries continue the discussion of preceding papers beyond the limits of immediate interactive discussion. They may be longer and submitted later than the comments exchanged in the interactive public discussion of papers. Commentaries are limited to two standard pages (4,000 spaces). They are peer-reviewed by two Editorial Team members.

The original author is invited to write a response of up to two standard pages (4,000 spaces), and these are reviewed by the same referees. The manuscript should have a title of its own, which should be supplemented with 'A commentary on...' or 'A reply to...'.