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CALL FOR EMPIRICAL RESEARCH PAPERS

General

1. The National Security Journal is a bi-annual peer reviewed Journal of National Defence University-Kenya (NDU-K) produced by the University's Centre for Security and Strategic Studies (CSSS), a National 'Think tank' in Defence, Security, Policy and Strategy. The Journal is a publication dedicated to promoting scholarly debate in the field of Defence, Security, Policy and Strategy through research. The theme for this particular edition, Volume 1 Issue 2 which is scheduled for publication in July 2023 is *Security Institutions in National Development*.

2. CSSS invites *well researched, scholarly and empirical research papers* based on the above theme from Stakeholders, Scholars and Practitioners. These *empirical Papers* should be original, well researched and analytical with realistic and relevant policy recommendations and should not be under publications elsewhere. To allow for initial review, kindly submit your Abstract to the Editorial Board by **Thursday 23rd February 2023**.

Guidelines for Submission

3. Guidelines for submission are as follows:

a. **Manuscript Submission Format.** All text must be *typed in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1.5 line spacing. Margins should be at least 1 inch on all four sides.* You may cite your own work by using the appropriate formal writing voice/avoid the use of first-person pronouns. The paper should have the following sections/headings:

(1) **Introduction.** The introduction is a critical component of the article writing process. An introduction not only presents your topic and your position on it, but it also (places/contextualizes) your argument within the larger academic area. Take note of any pertinent controversies or disagreements in the field. Finish with a brief summary of the overarching goal of the work and a comment on whether or not that goal was met.

(2) **Theoretical basis.** Provide the theoretical lenses through which your work can be understood. Salient debates within the area of study should be evident.

(3) **Methodology.** Provide the research design, target population, sampling procedures adopted and method of analysis.

(3) **Discussion/Analysis of Findings.** Provide information to give context to the topic.

- Present this clearly and feel free to use subheadings in this section.
- The article must demonstrate a wide readership and be intellectually persuasive.
- All statements made in the article, including in this section of the article, should be supported. Over citation in an article is discouraged.
- The paper should as much as possible use the language of the subject matter.
- Avoid value-laden words, phraseology and/or statements. They communicate bias and affect the reader's perception of the author's objectivity.
- Factcheck all content that involves numbers, places, volume, years, degrees of severity, and income among others.

(5) **Conclusion.** Summarizes the article's key points.

(6) **Recommendations.** Are based on analysis and should be bulleted.

(7) **References (Sources).** The APA Style Version 7 (2020) referencing style is to be used. Include links to online sources.

b. **Abstract.** Papers will be preceded by an abstract of between 200 - 300 words describing the purpose, methods, general findings and recommendations of the study and should contain a minimum of five (5) key words listed in alphabetical order.

c. **Title Page.** The complete manuscript title, name(s) and addresses of author(s), institutional affiliations and status should be clearly stated on this page.

d. **Page Numbering.** Pages should be numbered consecutively.

e. **Biography Page.** Please provide a short biography (fewer than 100 words) for yourself and each author, if the paper is the work of more than one author.

f. **Authors.** The author(s) are responsible for securing permission to reproduce all copyrighted figures or materials before they are published by this Journal. A copy of the written permission must be included with the manuscript submission. Where applicable, author(s) must submit a copy of research permit and documents of authorisation.

g. **Timelines.** The following timelines will be observed:

- Submission of Abstracts by 23rd February 2023
- Roundtable discussion and approval of Abstracts by 09th March 2023
- Submission of Full Papers by 30th April 2023
- Peer review to end by 30th May 2023
- Feedback to Authors after Peer review by 2nd June 2023
- Resubmission of corrected Papers by 9th June 2023

- Copy editing to be done by 23rd June 2023
- Design, typesetting and Publication by 7th July 2023
- Launch of Volume 1 Issue 2 by 17th July 2023

Conclusion

4. Accepted Papers which should be between 6,000 and 7,000 Words in length including text and references (excluding tables and figures) will be prepared and launched as per the above programme and can be subsequently accessed on the NDU-K website: <http://www.ndu.ac.ke>.

5. Submission of Abstract and Papers in soft copy (MS Word) should be addressed to the Director, CSSS and Journal Chief Editor through the email address *director-csss@ndu.ac.ke* and copied to *jjkimuyu@ndu.ac.ke* and *peterlinusouma@gmail.com*. Clarification can be made through cell phone numbers +254723484697, +254722966508 and +254723469420.