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Meet the Journal of Politics Editorial Team

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Editorial Team

- **Vera E. Troeger**, lead editor, Universities of Hamburg and Warwick
 - Political Methodology, Comparative Politics, CPE, PE, Public Policy, Gender and Politics
- **Cameron Thies**, deputy lead editor, Arizona State University
 - IR, FPA, Conflict Processes, IPE
- **Heike Klüver**, associate editor, Humboldt University, Berlin,
 - Comparative Political Behavior, Parties, Coalition Governments, Interest Groups
- **Miki Kitilson**, associate editor, Arizona State University
 - Political Institutions, American Politics, Democratic Inclusion, Gender and Politics
- **Indridi Indridason**, associate editor, University of California - Riverside
 - Formal and Quantitative Methods, Political Economy, Coalition Formation
- **Patrick Egan**, associate editor, New York University
 - U.S. Political Attitudes and Behavior, Public Policy, Partisanship, Identity

The Journal of Politics is one of the flagship journals of the discipline and it is a great honor being entrusted with leading such a prestigious journal.

To maintain and enhance the high quality of publications, we will structure our work around several key aims:

1. A team of editors that is experienced, diverse with respect to background and location and covers broad fields in political science and beyond.
2. We will support high and consistent standards of quality and fairness through editorial checks and balances.
3. We will enhance data access, reproducibility and transparency by introducing new measure such as pre-registration, replication, check of formal proofs.
4. We will strengthen the recognition of the JOP beyond political science by expanding its focus on interdisciplinary research.
5. We will strive to increase diversity through outreach activities. Targeted at underrepresented sub-fields and groups.
6. We will implement a media and outreach strategy to increase scholarly impact in order to push up the journal's ranking and hence visibility in the profession.

- **collaborative but hierarchical:** balance numbers across subfields and ensure similar quality standards across subfields.
- **checks and balances:** avoid conflicts of interest, benefit from overlapping expertise of editors.
- **desk rejects:** at several stages, reduce turn around times and reviewer fatigue, increase efficiency.
- combination of scholarly input from board members/ reviewers and editorial judgement

New Features

Data Access and Transparency are important to preserve the reputation of our discipline.

- **Pre-registration:** phased in for experimental work
- **Replication** of empirical analyses, phasing in replication of qualitative analyses.
- **Plagiarism checks**
- **Replication of mathematical theorems:** still in preparation
- **Single-blind review:** discussion about trialling an option
- **Systematic Analysis** of submissions, potential biases of editorial process: collecting more data on authors and reviewers to inform outreach activities etc.