

# **Evangelical Review of Society and Politics**

## **Instructions for the Submission of Manuscripts**

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### **CORE VALUES**

The journal subscribes to the historic decisions of the early church councils. We hold dearly to the deity of Christ, the virgin conception, salvation through Jesus Christ, and the Trinity. We also believe in the unity of Scripture and consider the Bible as the final authority on all issues of faith and practice. This high view of Scripture demands that all submissions are underpinned by a thoughtful biblical and theological analysis.

*ERSP* also welcomes non-Evangelical contributors to submit biblically consistent critiques of Evangelical political and social thought, providing they are suitably respectful of our values and beliefs, and that submissions are of interest and relevance to the aims and readership of the journal. Articles appearing in *ERSP* do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editors.

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The purpose of *ERSP* is to bring an international and scholarly Evangelical analysis to bear upon a range of social and political issues of national and international interest. The Editors are committed to presenting the full spectrum of Evangelical thought in order to provide readers (whether Evangelical or those analysing Evangelical phenomena) with thoughtful, scholarly debate and original research that is biblically based and theologically sound. Scholarly submissions that are suitably respectful of the Evangelical Christian tradition are invited from across the disciplinary spectrum. Given the broad and interdisciplinary nature of the journal, the following topics merely serve to offer contributors some idea of suitable material. The following list is by no means exhaustive.

**CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS**, for example, separation of church and state, the religious right's impact on U.S. politics, the religious left and revolution in Central America, Pentecostalism and politics in Latin America, Evangelicalism and social issues in Africa, Christian lobbying in the UK, Christians in public office, Christian voting patterns, persecution etc.

**ETHICAL AND MORAL ISSUES**. War, capital punishment, abortion, human sexuality, euthanasia, medical ethics, legislating morality, pacifism.

**ECONOMIC ISSUES**, including poverty, wealth creation and distribution, tax, Christian analyses of and approaches to social injustice, ethical investments, industrialisation, globalisation etc.

**HISTORICAL STUDIES**, such as Evangelicals and slavery, Protestants and social action in Victorian Britain, cooperation between Protestant missionaries and Liberal elites in Latin America, studies exploring church-state relations in former communist lands, and so on.

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**OTHER TOPICS**, including the media, free speech, education, criminal law, international law, Evangelical critiques of Anarchism, Capitalism, Communism, Socialism, etc.

**If in doubt, feel free to email the Editors and verify the suitability of topics.** Contributors may tackle issues from either their own disciplinary field or a multi-disciplinary perspective, providing articles are underpinned by a biblical and theological analysis.

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Please submit all articles by email as a Word attachment to either of the Editors, Dr Calvin Smith (calvin@midbible.ac.uk) or Stephen Vantassel (stephenvantassel@hotmail.com). Bearing in mind the peer-review process, the Editors usually aim to send comments back to contributors within one calendar month of receipt.

## **LENGTH OF ARTICLES**

Articles must be 5000-6000 words in length, excluding footnotes but including quotations in the text. Avoid excessive use of lengthy footnotes, however.

## **FORMATTING YOUR ARTICLE**

*The following formatting rules only apply once a manuscript has been accepted for publication. Prior to acceptance, the Editors are happy to consider an article for publication which may be formatted differently.*

All submissions should be submitted in Word format. Use one font only throughout (size 12), which should be either Arial, Courier, New Times Roman, or Verdana

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Quotations longer than two lines should be italicised and included as a separate indented paragraph. These should not be double-spaced. You may italicise for emphasis, but use sparingly. Avoid bold type, except for headings, or unless absolutely necessary.

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Avoid excessive use of lengthy quotations.

Due to the international nature of the journal, contributors are free to follow the spelling conventions of their country. Thus, `colour`, `centred` and `neighbour` (UK), or `color`, `centered` and `neighbor` (US) are all acceptable. However, contributors should ensure they are consistent throughout and that they follow rigidly the conventions for their own country. If in doubt, refer to standard reference works.

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Steigenga, Timothy J. *The Politics of the Spirit: The Political Implications of Pentecostalized Religion in Costa Rica and Guatemala*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2001, 106 (not p 106).

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