

Bhutan Journal of Socio-Economic Studies
National Statistics Bureau

Call for Papers

Reminders to Authors

Bhutan Journal of Socio-Economic Studies (BJSES) will publish socio-economic research, analysis and evidence-based inquiry into policy issues of relevance and importance to Bhutan. Articles in BJSES will examine emerging social and economic issues and trends, using mainly quantitative analysis. It will consider the broad areas such as poverty, women, children, rural development, economic growth, housing, health and education, energy, environment, governance, Gross National Happiness (GNH), trade, marketing and finance, production of goods and services, public policies, statistics and econometrics, technology and innovation, case studies and management information systems, etc. However, in the inaugural issue of BJSES [to be launched on December 2011], the focus will be on social and environmental issues—particularly valuing social capital, natural resources and ecosystem services.

The goal of the BJSES is to produce quality articles useful to inform policy decisions. It will be an annual publication (to be released by every 20 December).

1. Submission of Manuscript

We strongly encourage electronic submission of manuscripts. The text, figures and tables should be included in a single Microsoft Word file (preferably in Arial). Authors may submit manuscripts as e-mail attachment to the Socio-Economic Research and Analysis Division, SEARD, NSB at seardnsb@gmail.com or in electronic version through other means. We will acknowledge the receipt of articles within 3 working days.

In case, manuscripts are not acceptable to Editorial Board (EB), we will expect authors to bear with us. If there are many quality submissions than required, the EB will keep them for the subsequent issues—and to do so—the EB will consult authors.

2. Article Types

Authors may submit us three types of manuscripts:

- (a) Research articles:** The articles should constitute original research and give sufficient details including methodologies or research models. The length of a full paper should not exceed 25 pages (A5). All portions of the manuscript must be typed single-spaced and all pages numbered starting from the title page. The *title page* should include the authors' full names and affiliations, the name of the corresponding authors, if there are any. Present addresses of authors should appear as a footnote. The *abstract* should be between 100 and 200 words. We will also attempt to translate the abstract into *Dzongkha*—the national language. Following the abstract, about 3 to 10 *key words* should be included to provide indexing references and a list of non-standard *abbreviations* should be added. The *acknowledgments* of people, grants, funds, etc should be brief. *Tables* should be kept to a minimum and be designed to be as simple as possible. *Figure legends* should be typed in numerical order on a separate sheet. *References* should be listed at the end of the paper in alphabetical order, and according to Harvard Referencing System.

(b) Short write-up: This may consist of a record or note on the results of small empirical investigations, evaluations, inventories and case studies. The style should not necessarily conform to that of full-length research papers and should be 4 to 6 printed pages (A5) in length. Short Communications are limited to a maximum of two figures and one table. They should present a complete study that is more limited in scope than is found in full-length papers. The items of manuscript preparation should include (1) Abstracts are limited to 100 words; (2) instead of a separate Materials and Methods section, research methods may be incorporated into Figure Legends and Table footnotes; (3) Results and Discussion should be combined into a single section.

(c) Reviews: Submissions of reviews, or opinions covering topics of contemporary socio-economic interest including policy reviews. Reviews should be concise and no longer than 4-6 printed pages (A5).

3. Review Process

The Editorial Board (EB) will review all manuscripts. If required, the EB will request the qualified outside reviewers. The EB will make decisions [as soon as possible] and send the comments to authors within 5 weeks. The EB will re-visit reviewed manuscripts. BJSES will publish manuscripts within 10 weeks of submission. *Proofs*- in addition to the typographical or minor clerical errors, the EB reserve the right to make some content change in case the reviewers are certain that the points made are likely to affect institutional integrity or provoke wide-scale public criticisms.

4. Copyright

Submission of a manuscript implies that the work described has not been published before (except in the form of an abstract or as part of a published lecture, or thesis) that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere; that if and when the manuscript is accepted for publication, the authors agree to automatic transfer of the copyright to the publisher. However, authors will be responsible for views or findings.

Authors will be entitled to two free copies of the issue of BJES in which their works are published.

5. Deadline

Authors shall submit articles, write-up or review by 30th July, 2011. Authors should note that this year's issue would be special as it being the inaugural issue of BJSES.

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