



**Department of Social Sciences  
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka**

## **RAJARATA UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY**



### **ARTICLE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

#### **Aims and Scope**

**Perspectives** (පරිසාරවිද්‍යා) is a peer-reviewed academic journal published bi-annually by the **Department of Social Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka**. The Rajarata Undergraduate Journal of Sociology aims to publish high-quality undergraduate research covering a broad range of topics in Sociology. The journal provides a platform for undergraduate students, young researchers, and emerging scholars to present theoretical and empirical research that contributes to sociological knowledge and critical social understanding. It encourages innovative ideas, research-based analysis, and evidence-driven discussions that address contemporary social issues at local, national, and global levels. The journal welcomes submissions from undergraduate students of universities, research institutes, and academic programs in Sociology.

#### **2. Types of Submissions**

The journal accepts the following categories:

- Research Articles (3,000–5,000 words)
- Review Articles (2,000–4,000 words)
- Short Communications / Field Reports (1,500–2,500 words)
- Book Reviews (800–1,500 words)

#### **3. Submission Requirements**

##### **3.1 Originality**

- Submissions must be original and unpublished work.
- Manuscripts should not be under consideration elsewhere.
- All submissions will be checked for plagiarism.

##### **3.2 Authorship**

- Only undergraduate students are eligible to submit.
- Co-authored papers are allowed (e.g., student–student or student–supervisor).
- The corresponding author must clearly indicate their university or institutional affiliation.

#### **4. Manuscript Formatting Guidelines**

##### **4.1 General Format**

- Language: English/ Sinhala
- File format: Microsoft Word (.docx)
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt/ Iskola Potha

- Line spacing: 1.5
- Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Alignment: Justified
- Tables, Graphs, and Figures:
  - Should be numbered
  - Title above the table/figure
  - Source below the table/figure
- File Format: Both MS Word (.doc or .docx) and PDF
- Plagiarism: Below 20%

## 4.2 Structure of the Manuscript

Manuscripts should include:

1. Title Page
  - Title of the article
  - Author name(s)
  - Institutional affiliation(s)
  - Email address of corresponding author
2. Abstract (150–250 words)
  - Clearly summarize the study, methods, and findings
3. Keywords (4–6 keywords)
4. Main Text
 

Suggested structure for research articles:

  - Introduction
  - Literature Review
  - Methodology
  - Results/Findings
  - Discussion
  - Conclusion
5. References
6. Appendices (if applicable)

## 5. References

### APA 7th Edition (Summarized Version)

#### Citing in Your Paper (In-Text Citation)

If the author's name is part of the sentence, include the year in parentheses.

#### Example:

According to Smith (2020), sociological research helps understand social behavior.

Sociological research helps understand social behavior (Smith, 2020).

If citing a page:

(Smith, 2020)

#### Author Type

Author Type	Parenthetical Citation	Narrative Citation
One author	(Perera, 2020)	Perera (2020)
Two authors	(Perera & Silva, 2020)	Perera and Silva (2020)
Three or more authors	(Perera et al., 2020)	Perera et al. (2020)
Organization	(UNESCO, 2021)	UNESCO (2021)
No author	("Social change," 2020)	Social change (2020)

## List of References (Examples)

### Books

Giddens, A. (2009). *Sociology*. Polity Press.  
 Macionis, J. (2012). *Social problems*. Pearson.

### E-books

Haralambos, M., & Holborn, M. (2013). *Sociology: Themes and perspectives*. Collins.

### Chapters in Books

Durkheim, E. (1971). Social structure and theory. In A. Smith (Ed.), *Contemporary sociological theory* (pp. 45–60). Oxford University Press.

### Journal Articles

Perera, N., & Silva, K. (2021). Youth unemployment and social change in Sri Lanka. *Journal of Social Studies*, 12(2), 45–60.

### Newspaper Article

Perera, S. (2020, July 12). Social inequality in Sri Lanka. *Daily News*, p. 5.

### Websites

World Bank. (2021). Poverty and inequality. <https://www.worldbank.org>

### Thesis/Dissertation

Silva, R. (2020). *Gender and rural development in Sri Lanka* (Master's thesis, University of Colombo).

## 6. Ethical Responsibility

- Manuscripts must be original and unpublished.
- Authors must ensure proper citation and avoid plagiarism.
- Ethical clearance and copyright permission are the responsibility of the author.
- The editorial board reserves the right to accept or reject submissions.

## **7. Review Process**

- All submissions undergo a double-blind peer review process.
- Authors may be required to revise their manuscripts based on reviewer feedback.
- The editorial board reserves the right to accept, reject, or request modifications.

## **8. Contact Information**

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