Asian Currents Publication Guidelines
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Who are we?

- Asian Currents is the blog of the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA)
- Asian Currents aims to connect Australia's academic experts on Asia with journalists, policymakers, business people, artists, and other educators
- The current Editor of Asian Currents is Natasha Naidu (natasha.naidu@unsw.edu.au)

What do we publish?

Asian Currents publishes articles which are topical contributions by anyone on any matter pertaining to Asia, a country in Asia, Australia's relationship with Asia / a country in Asia, Asian Studies, and/or Asian Studies in Australia.

Without limiting that broad scope, suggestions for Asian Currents articles also include:
- Abbreviated and revised forms of research articles published in Asian Studies Review (prepared in consultation with the Editor of Asia Currents);
- Book reviews of recent books published by ASAA members or in a monograph series published by the ASAA;
- Summaries or reflections on events held in Australia relating to Asian Studies, especially if supported by or in collaboration with the ASAA;
- Write-ups of recent conference presentations, especially from conferences supported by or in collaboration with the ASAA; and
- Analyses or responses to ASAA publications, including its recent report on Australia's Asia Education Imperative.

Who can submit?

Anyone is eligible, and encouraged, to submit a piece to Asian Currents.

We especially welcome submissions from:
- Students, including undergraduates, Masters students and PhD students;
- Post-doctoral researchers and Early Career Researchers; and
- Members of the ASAA.

What are we looking for?

Asian Currents welcomes submissions of articles that are:
- Between 1,000 and 1,500 words;
- Written in non-technical language for an informed, general readership as well as for Asia specialists;
- Have references embedded in the text as hyperlinks rather than as footnotes or at the end of the article; and
- Are submitted in a Microsoft Word document format.

Asian Currents is especially looking for pieces that:

- Are relevant and clearly linked to a current topic, state of affairs, news item etc;
- Articulate one clear argument or point of view;
- Are factually accurate, demonstrated by the use of hyperlink citations to support factual assertions;
- Are written in clear and plain English; and
- Are within the thematic scope of Asian Currents as a blog (ie related to Asia, a country in Asia, Australia's relationship with Asia / a country in Asia, Asian Studies and/or Asian Studies in Australia).

What should I expect from the process?

- Prior to submitting, familiarise yourself with the style and scope of Asian Currents by reading previous articles published on the blog
- The Editor welcomes pitches if you would first like to get a sense of your topic's suitability for the blog: natasha.naidu@unsw.edu.au
- Submissions can be made anytime through the online form or by email to the Editor: natasha.naidu@unsw.edu.au
- The Editor will acknowledge receipt of your submission by email
- The Editor will then review your submission. Additional reviews may be conducted by members of the ASAA Council
- You will be informed of a publication decision within two weeks of submitting your piece
- If your piece is accepted for publication, it's acceptance may be conditional on you making further revisions prior to publication
- Your piece will then be subject to an editorial process
- The Editor aims to have your piece online on the blog within one month of you first submitting to Asian Currents

What if my piece is not accepted for publication?

If your piece is not accepted for publication in Asian Currents, this does not mean it is not a good piece. Asian Currents runs on very limited administrative and editorial support. We need to prioritise pieces that are a good fit for the blog. It is within the discretion of the Asian Currents Editor to provide feedback on unsuccessful submissions.