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Author Guidelines &
Submission Handbook

Preface

A Space for Your Ideas: MENA Insights is designed as a platform to publish work beyond the traditional academic journal article. Whether you have a research observation, a policy perspective, a book review, or a methodological reflection, we welcome contributions that spark meaningful dialogue across the region and beyond.

For any questions or inquiries, please reach to: mena-insights@ssl-mena.org

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1. Editorial Principles

Have Something to Say!

Every contribution should present a clear perspective, argument, or question. We value well-developed thoughts and constructive reflections just as much as full empirical studies.

Write for a Wider Audience

Our readership spans early-career scholars, senior academics, and policy practitioners. Write clearly, minimize jargon, and unpack specialized concepts for a broader audience.



2. Contribution Types & Length Guidelines

Format	VALUE	TYPE
Short Analysis & Commentaries	600 – 1,200 words	Focused perspectives on timely regional issues or events.
Blog Posts & Reflections	800 – 1,500 words	Fieldwork insights, academic reflections, or research ideas.
Policy Briefs	1,000 – 2,500 words	Actionable, evidence-based policy analyses and recommendations.
Book Reviews	800 – 1,500 words	Critical evaluations of relevant new publications.

3. Evidence & Referencing

All claims should be accurate and supported by reliable sources, including academic literature, official reports, datasets, or field interviews. Hyperlinks, footnotes, or brief source lists are preferred over full academic citations. MENA Insights is meant to communicate ideas accessibly, not to convert every piece into a formal journal manuscript.

4. Originality & Ethics

Authors are responsible for the integrity of their submissions. Contributions must be original work free of plagiarism, data fabrication, copyright violations, or defamatory content.

AI-Assisted Writing Policy

AI tools may be used for assistance in drafting or editing, but authors assume full responsibility for accuracy. AI must never be used to synthesize false references or data. Significant use of AI tools should be disclosed upon request.

5. Editorial & Review Process

Submissions undergo editorial review (not double-blind peer review) by the MENA Insights team for clarity, relevance, and analytical strength. The team may accept, request revisions, suggest formatting tweaks, or decline submissions that do not align with platform standards.

6. Submission Checklist

When preparing your email submission, please include the following components:

- **Title & Format Type:** State the working title and indicate the category (e.g., Policy Brief, Reflection).
- **Author Metadata:** Full name, institutional affiliation (if applicable), and email address (for website listing).
- **Short Bio:** A 50–100 word author biography written in the third person for publication.
- **Editable Document:** Text attached as a Word document (.docx), plus optional headshot and bio links.



Ready to Submit or Discuss an Idea?

We welcome both completed drafts and short initial proposals.

Send your submission or inquiry via email to:

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