Association of Population Centers ArXiv (APCA) Moderation

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Purpose

APCA accepts research papers in the population sciences, broadly defined. We accept work from scholars who are faculty or postdoctoral affiliates of the Association of Population Centers (APC) population centers. Papers can also be authored by ABD student affiliates of APC population centers; faculty affiliates must submit the papers on student affiliates' behalf. Authorship and affiliations must be clearly stated on the title page.

APCA papers are hosted by SocArXiv, and are subject to their moderation policy (here).

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APCA accepts papers at any stage of the publication process (preprints, working papers, post-prints), in any version the authors have the legal right to share.

We ask authors to provide a subject area (e.g., population, sociology, geography).

We do not assess the quality of the work or verify copyright status. Acceptance is not a statement about research quality.

Papers must be individual works (not edited collections).

Subject to volume demands, we expect to post papers submitted for moderation within 3 business days.

We only accept papers in English at this time.

Papers should be in MS Word or PDF formats.

If a paper is not accepted, we will notify authors of the reason. Authors are free to resubmit such work after addressing the issues raised by the moderator. Authors also may contact Betsy Alafoginis betsy@popassoc.org to discuss or appeal a moderation decision.

Authors who have committed other ethical violations may be blocked from further posting.

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