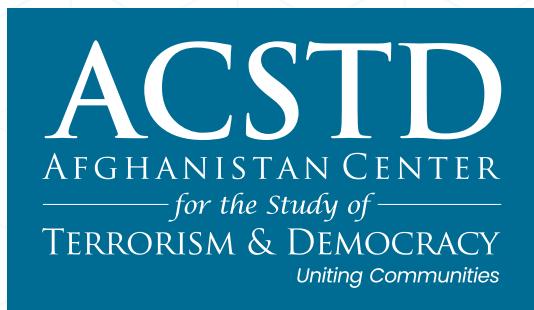




# Publish with ACSTD

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Submission Process and Guidelines for Authors



## ► Publish with ACSTD:

ACSTD provides a platform for insightful and impactful publications addressing ACSTD-relevant issues such as terrorism, extremism, democracy, governance, democratization and related areas. We welcome submissions from academics, practitioners, students, researchers, and experts to foster meaningful discourse and actionable solutions.

## ■ Publication Categories:

### Short Reads

**Commentary:**  
Brief, focused  
insights on  
current issues.

**Analyses:**  
Concise  
explorations  
offering quick  
understanding  
of key topics.

### Long Reads

**Research  
Article:**  
Comprehensive  
studies and in-  
depth articles  
on relevant  
subjects.

**Policy briefs:**  
Detailed  
recommendati  
ons and  
insights geared  
toward  
policymakers.

## ◀ 1 How to submit:

We invite submissions that align with ACSTD's mission to advance academic and policy-focused insights. Topics should include, but are not limited to, terrorism, counterterrorism, extremism, democracy, and governance in Afghanistan and the broader region.

### 1 Prepare your document:

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Ensure your article meets ACSTD's standards (see Author's Guidelines below).

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Follow the specified formatting and length requirements for your chosen category.

### 2 Submit via email:



Send your article via email to [info@acstd.org](mailto:info@acstd.org)



Use a subject line that reflects the type of submission (e.g., "Short Read Commentary Submission" or "Long Read Research Article Submission").

### 3 Include a short bio:

Attach a brief biography (up to 150 words) with your submission. Include your institutional affiliation and a summary of your relevant background.

#### 4 Editorial process:

Submissions will undergo editorial review. Authors can expect feedback within 4–8 weeks. Accepted pieces may be subject to editing for clarity, coherence, and adherence to ACSTD standards.

#### 5 Author's guidelines:

To ensure quality and consistency, please adhere to the following guidelines when submitting your work:



##### Content Focus

Articles must align with ACSTD's mission, addressing its topics including terrorism, counterterrorism, extremism, democracy, democratization, radicalization and related issues in Afghanistan and the broader region.



##### Originality and quality

Submissions must be original, unpublished work that meets high academic or policy standards. Content should be well-structured, with clear arguments and analysis based on evidence.



##### Length requirements

###### Short reads:

Commentaries & Analyses: 1,500–2,000 words.

###### Long reads:

Research Articles: 5,000–8,000 words (excluding bibliography).  
Policy Briefs: 2,000–3,000 words.





### Referencing

Cite all sources properly. We recommend using APA or Chicago referencing styles, applied consistently throughout the article.



### Language

Submissions are accepted in English, Pashto, and Dari.



### Formatting

Submit documents in Word format (.doc or .docx), using a 12-point font, double-spaced text, and numbered pages.

#### **Language-specific guidelines for Pashto and Dari submissions:**

Submissions in Pashto and Dari must adhere to Afghan academic, educational, and cultural standards to ensure relevance and accessibility for Afghan audiences. The following guidelines apply:

#### **Terminology:**

Use terminology consistent with Afghan academia and publications. Avoid terms and phrases derived from regional dialects that are unfamiliar or divergent from Afghan norms.

Writers are encouraged to consult recognized Afghan dictionaries and official publications for appropriate usage.

#### **Spelling:**

Follow standard Afghan spelling conventions. Avoid regional variations in Pashto or Dari script that could create confusion or reduce clarity.

 **Audience sensitivity:**

Content should reflect the diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds of Afghanistan. Avoid regional biases or overly localized idioms that may not resonate with national and international readers.

 **Tone and style:**

Maintain a neutral and academic tone suitable for scholarly or policy-related work.

Simplify complex ideas for broader accessibility while preserving the depth of analysis.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and sharing your insights with a national/global audience. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please contact us at [info@acstd.org](mailto:info@acstd.org).



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