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Author Guidelines for Election *Articles*

The aim of the *Annual Review of Regional Elections* is to systematically and comparatively report on regional elections across the globe. The focus of the articles will be on elections for representative and executive bodies for the most authoritative tier of regional government. Articles will have no more than 8,000 words and are double-blind peer reviewed. Also, it is possible to prepare supplementary materials which are published online and which are not included in the total word count.

In contrast to election reports we specifically expect election articles to have a clear analytical focus that aims to increase our understanding of regional electoral outcomes. A research angle can focus on the factors that impact on second-order election effects and/or degree of nationalization in regional elections, the impact of election results on democracy, or the electoral integrity of the conditions under which regional elections have been held. Authors can also look at the impact on the regional vote of independent variables such as territorial cleavages, regional authority, the state of the economy, or electoral systems. Furthermore, authors can also discuss the impact of regional outcomes on democracy (for example, accountability, party system consolidation, transition, etc.) or the electoral integrity of the conditions under which regional elections have been held. Authors are encouraged to choose your own analytical focus. ***Authors are strongly advised to get into touch with the editors to discuss their research idea for an election article before starting their research.***

Election articles should be structured as 'normal' articles. In case there has been research on regional elections it can be pointed out in the introduction, literature review and/or discussion how the regional election article will underline or will build up on previous findings. The conclusion/discussion should explain how the regional election article contributes to the previous election literature and should highlight the main insights from the analysis. Authors are encouraged to explain the basic conditions under which regional elections are held but, depending on the analytical focus, only particular descriptive information will be relevant. Examples of basic information are: vertical simultaneity (with local and national elections), horizontal simultaneity (with other regional elections), election timing (a specific day and month every four/five years?), electoral rules (PR/MAJ/Mixed, thresholds or specific rules for certain (ethnic) groups, and compulsory voting), characteristics and recent developments of regional government, and asymmetry in autonomy arrangements (if present). This information can be mentioned in a separate section on 'regional government and regional elections' or it can be mentioned in various sections. Authors can also refer to other publications that provide more detail.

Election data for previously held regional and national elections can be provided by Arjan Schakel in case of East and West European and OECD countries. Authors are also expected to submit regional election data with the article and further information and a format for the election data can be requested from Arjan Schakel. In this way, the annual reviews collectively allow for the development of a regional (election) database. Examples of election articles can be found in previous annual reviews which have been published since 2018.

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