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Author Guidelines for Election *Reports*

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 reports and articles will be on elections for representative and executive bodies for the most authoritative tier of regional government. Annual reviews feature election articles and election reports. Election reports are NOT peer reviewed but they are reviewed by the annual review editors Arjan Schakel and Valentyna Romanova. Another difference is that reports have no more than 4,500 words, whereas articles may go up to 8,000 words.

The introduction to an election report should provide some basic information about the regional elections (e.g. date, horizontal/vertical simultaneity, some detail on the campaign) and it should highlight one or two interesting or remarkable features of the election outcomes which will be discussed in more depth later in the report.

The election report should contain a descriptive part which explains the basic conditions under which the regional elections were held such as 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). This section should also discuss the characteristics and recent developments of regional government and should explain asymmetry in autonomy arrangements (when present).

The election report should include a section where the election outcomes of the regional election and (tentative) explanations for these results are discussed. Authors can compare the regional election results to the previously held national election. Authors can also focus on second-order election effects, i.e. vote share swings between regional and previously held national elections for government and opposition, small and new parties and turnout. Furthermore, authors can also address the broader context under which the regional elections have been held and discuss issues such as candidates, electoral manifestos, party systems, campaigns, major events, media coverage, public opinion polls, etc. Authors should especially do so when they think these factors are important for a good understanding of the regional electoral outcomes.

The discussion in election reports is short and should provide a summary of the key findings and discuss the implications of those key findings.

Election reports should be submitted through the online submission portal ScholarOne manuscripts (https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/frfs).

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.

Before uploading your manuscript, it's important to proofread your text carefully. In case you need help, Regional & Federal Studies advises Taylor & Francis Editing Services.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the editors of the *Annual Review of Regional Elections* Arjan Schakel (arjan.schakel@uib.no) and Valentyna Romanova (v.romanova@ukma.edu.ua).