

Democratic Representation in Latin America: Prospects and Challenges

This Special Issue of the *Journal of Politics in Latin America (JPLA)* aims to bring together articles analysing the prospects for and ongoing challenges to democratic representation in Latin America from a variety of perspectives. We welcome papers with a focus on:

- political parties, their (in)ability to challenge populism, and the personalisation of political offer as well as to channel popular demands
- party systems, increasing instability and volatility
- contentious politics, the positive and negative effects of social protest, and social movements on democratic representation
- public opinion, the declining trust in democracy, and traditional representative institutions
- institutional design and engineering as a potential way to deal with problems of representation: namely, the impact of mechanisms of direct democracy, democratic innovations, and new forms of descriptive representation
- the political economy of democratic disaffection, which will examine the relationship between socio-economic factors and democratic representation

Both cross-country and single-case studies are welcome. The accepted articles will be available online via Open Access, after having completed the peer-review process. They can take the form of a regular research article (max. 10,000 words) or a research note (min. 4,000 and max. 6,000 words), but they must show a *substantial empirical contribution* in both cases. Please pay attention to the following **deadlines**:

10 November 2022: Presentation of a one- to two-page abstract, describing the purpose of the article, the data, and the methodology. Please email your abstract to [Natalia Chudoba](#).

15 November 2022: Based on the abstract, we will invite authors to submit the full manuscript.

15 February 2023: Submission of the full manuscript, which will be sent out for peer review.

The processing of the manuscripts will be done through [JPLA's website](#) and following the peer-reviewed rules as applied to regular manuscript submissions, which are available [here](#).

We look forward to your proposals!

Rossana Castiglioni and Mariana Llanos (*JPLA* Editors)

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