

## Writing an article proposal for Forced Migration Review

Thank you for your interest in writing for Forced Migration Review!

Before you start writing your article, you will need to contact us with a proposal of what you plan to write about so that we can give you feedback. We know that authors put significant time and effort into writing their articles so we let you know at this initial stage if we think an article on the topic merits being reviewed in full. If we accept your proposal, we usually give specific feedback to help you to shape your article for FMR.

### Step 1: Planning your proposal

Before writing your proposal, we ask you to:

- read the call for articles carefully all the way through (including the final sections)
- consider what aspect/s you have the knowledge and experience to write about in some depth\* and how you will make it useful for our global readership
- check our website to make sure your article fits with FMR's core focus as detailed in section 1 of our general [Guidance for authors](#)
- take note of the submissions deadline given in the call for articles: you need to have enough time to write your proposal, receive our feedback (it will usually take us a week to respond), and write the article in time to submit it by or on the date given as the deadline for submissions
- consider how you will structure your article to provide an introduction, analysis of issues and challenges, discussion of good/poor practice, and presentation of conclusions and recommendations, etc.

*\*It is important that you have considerable prior knowledge or experience of the topic you are proposing to write about. Sometimes authors offer to start researching a topic in order to develop an article for us but it is very unlikely that we would publish this kind of piece.*

### Step 2: Writing your email with your article proposal

You need to email the Editors at [fmr@geh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:fmr@geh.ox.ac.uk) to propose an article.

Firstly, please introduce yourself briefly, telling us:

- your name and job title/affiliation (or situation if you are displaced / not currently working), plus location if relevant
- if you are co-authoring this with anyone (please provide their affiliations also)

- which question/s in the call for articles you are responding to
- what main angles of discussion you plan to include in your article
- what you think you bring to the topic in terms of experience, knowledge and/or perspective; this might be related to your role, your background or your research interests)

Secondly, please outline the structure and main points of your article. You will need to:

- provide two or three sentences giving an overview of the content of the article
- provide a few sentences or short paragraphs or bullet points to outline the structure of the article and the main points you will covering
- state how the article will be useful to others in terms of policy and practice
- indicate if you will be including or reflecting the voices and experiences of people directly affected by your topic

All this needs to be written in your email, not in an attachment.

Please **do not** do the following:

- send us your CV
- send us other articles you have written or links to publications/your thesis
- provide your proposal in attachment form
- send us any images

### **Step 3: What happens next**

After we have received your proposal, we will respond (usually within a week to 10 days) to let you know whether your proposal article is likely to be of interest. If we encourage you to submit it, we will also advise you on any ways to improve its suitability and relevance. We will then also send you our submission requirements. These requirements state how to present your article in the correct format for us, and must be followed carefully.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

FMR Editors

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