

Submission guidelines:

- **Format:** Submit as a Word document, using Times New Roman, 12 pt font, single line spacing.
- **Topics:** Focus on political and/or social issues related to Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe.
- **Content Type:** We accept op-eds and analytical pieces (please note that we are not interested in content that has been published elsewhere).
- **Pitch:** Submit a brief pitch of up to 100 words.
- **Length:** Articles should be between 800 and 1,200 words.
- **Language:** (British) English or German.
- **Citations:** Use in-text citations with direct links to sources. Hyperlink no more than three words.
- **Author Information:** Provide a brief bio and a photo of the author.
- **Images:** Include a suitable image to illustrate the blog, if available, and for use as a cover photo.
- **Style Guide** (for articles written in English): See page two.

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Style Guide

Names of regions and countries

Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (*rather than e.g. South-Eastern*)

Spelling

We use **British (not American)** spelling

e.g. colour (not color); organise (not organize); programme (not program)

Transliteration

For Russian words, please use the [BGN/PCGN](#) system.

For Latin alphabets, please preserve any special characters.

Dates

8 July 2024 (*NOT 8th July / the 8th of July / July 8 etc*)

Numbers

Write out numbers one to ten, use figures from 11 onwards.

Pay attention to commas and dots! DE and EN is always opposite.

DE 10,5% = EN 10.5%

DE 1.000€ = EN 1,000€

Long number example: DE 1.000.000,53€ = EN 1,000,000.53€

For more detailed style guidelines, please refer to the [University of Oxford Style Guide](#)