Author Guidelines *Scientific Note*

1. General

The audience of *Scientific Note* is interested in social issues and public affairs. As an author, it is therefore important to captivate a **broad audience** with an **understandable, lively style and a clear line of argument**. The aim of a Scientific Note is to communicate your findings to this wide audience in an accessible, appealing and (if possible) creative and/or innovative way. This means that the focus is on content rather than method or scientific relevance.

2. Form and Style Requirements

- The guideline for a Scientific Note is **3500 words** (excluding references);
- Think of a catchy title and possibly an explanatory subtitle.
- **Structure**: start the article with a clear and appealing introduction, which also addresses the research question. It is not necessary to use a strictly academic format or to divide your article into pieces such as the 'theoretical framework' and 'analyses'. Try to not make your piece rigid, but write an ongoing story in which the reader is taken along in your argument. Based on this, determine the structure of the center of your paper. Make use of speaking subheadings. End the article with a clear conclusion.
- Public Note applies APA rules for referencing. Literature references are given in brackets in the running text: (Bovens, 't Hart & Twist, 2007, p.42-43) or (Noordegraaf, 2004).

3. Delivery

- Submit the article by e-mail in Word, with the following title: 'Last name author, author initial(s), title article'.
- The editors appreciate it if the author makes suggestions for **photographs, illustrations or pictures** to accompany the article. Make sure the images are of good quality (300 dpi). In case of photographs, please supply the originals. Provide the images with clear captions and sources.
- In addition to the article, submit an **abstract** (max. 150 words) for the website, which summarises the article in a short and appealing way (think of: what are you researching, why is it relevant, what are the main findings).
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