

## Call for Papers

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We are cordially inviting authors to submit their manuscripts for the first volume of 2021. It will contain two issues, due to appear in mid and late 2021, respectively. Information about the different kinds of welcomed contributions can be found under the tab [Submission Guidelines](#) and on the following pages. There are no submission, processing, or publication fees, nor any charges for reading *Journal ASAP*. We aim to make first decisions on submissions within four weeks.

For more details, please visit the *Journal ASAP* website (<http://journalasap.org/index.php/asap>).

Feel free to contact us.

Best Regards,

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## Author Guidelines

Thank you for considering us for your manuscript. *Academics Stand Against Poverty (Journal ASAP)* is a multidisciplinary open-access English-language journal that publishes quality articles describing original and unpublished results of theoretical, empirical, normative or analytical research on poverty-related topics. *Journal ASAP* has electronic (ISSN 2690-3458) and print versions (ISSN 2690-3431). Its mission is to publish high-quality articles that genuinely promote understanding, prevention and eradication of poverty and its effects. It encourages contributions by authors from the global South and authors who articulate the needs and concerns of the global poor.

Original articles that fit *Journal ASAP*'s mission and are not under review elsewhere can be submitted through our [website](#)'s online system by clicking "Make a new submission" and following the instructions. We prefer that manuscripts be double-spaced Microsoft Word files, following the style of the American Psychological Association (APA) 6th edition. They should contain a brief abstract (under 200 words) highlighting core arguments and achievements, 4-9 keywords, and a bibliography limited to cited publications. Tables and figures should be within the text.

To facilitate double-blind reviewing, please do not include author names or author-identifying information in your submission; instead, name the author(s) in a separate document, nominating one main correspondent when there are multiple authors. We would appreciate, but do not require, one-page author biographies providing educational background, workplace, research interests, and highlights of previously published work.

### Types of Articles

*Journal ASAP* publishes Research Essays, Review Papers, Research Notes, Reports, Book Reviews, Opinions, Letters and Interviews.

**Research Essays** present mature work, requiring a clear hypothesis or research question and a well-developed argument as well as suitable presentation of the relevant background, methodology, data and analysis. A typical research essay will be around 8,000 words (including abstract, figures, tables, references, and bibliography). Longer research essays may in some cases be accepted.

**Review Papers** are articles that present the current state of understanding on a topic. Review papers survey, summarize, and assess previously published work, providing a useful introduction to the existing literature and conveying the current state of a field of study. A typical review paper is around 8,000 words (including abstract, figures, tables, references, and bibliography).

**Research Notes** are short, often preliminary, studies or descriptions of a poverty-relevant topic that is worthy or in the process of development through further research. A typical research note will be under 2,000 words (including abstract, figures, tables, references, and bibliography).

**Reports** are notices on poverty-related issues or events. They may analyze a topic discussed at a recent conference or symposium, for example, or an ongoing debate about a poverty-related law, policy, initiative, treaty, or decision. Also in this category, we welcome analyses of current methods or practices by governmental agencies or nongovernmental organizations. Reports will

normally not exceed 2,000 words. Prior discussion of a planned report with the Editors is encouraged but does not guarantee final acceptance.

**Book Reviews** are critical discussions of one or more recent books on a poverty-related topic. They will typically be up to 2000 words, but we are open to longer reviews of multiple or especially important books. We maintain a list of poverty-focused books in all languages, to which everyone is invited to contribute.

**Opinion** is a forum for the exchange of expert views on poverty. Opinion pieces are invited by the Editors and reviewed only by them. They will typically be under 3,000 words.

**Letters** are comments on recent publications in *Journal ASAP* or author responses to such comments. Letters should be under 700 words and require no abstract or keywords.

**Interviews** are conversations with prominent experts and policy makers aimed to elicit their reflections on poverty-relevant issues and challenges. They are initiated by the editors.

**Special Issues** will bring together diverse experts on a poverty-related theme. We are open to guest-editing proposals, to be sent, with the proponent's CVs, to [editor@journalasap.org](mailto:editor@journalasap.org). Decisions will be made within one month.

### Article Preparation Checklist

1. Your contribution fits *Journal ASAP's* mission and one of the listed article types.
2. It is unpublished and not committed or under consideration elsewhere (unless an explanation is provided in the cover letter).
3. The submitted electronic file is in Microsoft Word and follows the guidelines provided.
4. Where available, URLs for the references have been provided.
5. The text is double-spaced, uses 12-point font, employs italics rather than underlining (except for URL addresses), and all illustrations, figures, and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points.

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This year, [Global Financial Integrity](#), [Academics Stand Against Poverty](#) and Yale's [Global Justice Program](#) will be awarding the ninth annual Amartya Sen Prizes to the two best original essays examining one particular component of illicit financial flows, the resulting harms, and possible avenues of reform. Essays should be about 7,000 to 9,000 words long. There is a first prize of USD 5,000 and a second prize of USD 3,000. Winning essays must be available for publication in [Academics Stand Against Poverty Journal](#).

Illicit financial flows are explicitly recognized as an obstacle to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and singled out as target #4 of SDG 16. They are defined as cross-border movements of funds that are illegally earned, transferred, or used – such as funds earned through illegal trafficking in persons, drugs or weapons; funds illegally transferred through mispriced exchanges (e.g., among affiliates of a multinational firm seeking to shift profits to reduce taxes); goods misinvoiced or funds moved in order to evade taxes; and funds used for corruption of or by public or corporate officials.

Components of illicit financial flows can be delimited by sector or geographically. Delimitation by sector might focus your essay on some specific activity, business or industry – such as art, real estate, health care, technology, entertainment, shipping, weapons, agriculture, sports, gaming, education, politics, tourism, natural resource extraction, banking and financial services – or on an even narrower subsector such as the diamond trade, hunting, insurance, or prostitution. Delimitation by geography might further narrow the essay's focus to some region, country, or province.

Your essay should describe the problematic activity and evaluate the adverse effects that make it problematic. You should estimate, in quantitative terms if possible, the magnitude of the relevant outflows as well as the damage they do to affected institutions and populations. This might include harm from abuse, exploitation and impoverishment of individuals, harm through subdued economic activity and reduced prosperity, and/or harm through diminished tax revenues that depress public spending.

Your essay should also explain the persistence of the harmful activity in terms of relevant incentives and enabling conditions and, based on your explanation, propose plausible ways to curtail the problem. Such reform efforts might be proposed at diverse levels, including supranational rules and regimes, national rules, corporate policies, professional ethics, individual initiatives, or any combination thereof. The task is to identify who has the responsibility, the capacity and (potentially) the knowledge and motivation to change behavior toward effective curtailment. Special consideration will be given to papers that provide a detailed description of how change may come about in a particular geographical or sectoral context.

We welcome authors from diverse academic disciplines and from outside the academy. Please send your entry by email attachment on or before 31 August 2022 to Tom Cardamone at [SenPrize@gfintegrity.org](mailto:SenPrize@gfintegrity.org). While your message should identify you, your essay should be stripped of self-identifying references, formatted for blind review.