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1. Primary empirical and conceptual focus on international migration.
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3. Strong and convincing argument for the significance, or value added, of the research/findings.
4. Clear and compelling prose written for an interdisciplinary and international audience.
5. Rigorous engagement with relevant literatures and fully substantiated claims.

6. Obvious connections between the research questions, literature review, empirical material, analysis, and conclusions.

### **What does review at IMR entail?**

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## How do I submit a manuscript to IMR?

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### *Submission Style Format:*

All submitted manuscripts must be typed in 12-pt Times New Roman font and double-spaced, including indented matter, footnotes, and references. *Submissions with comments or tracked changes will be returned without full review.* All documents will be converted to .pdf format and renamed by ScholarOne. Papers must be submitted in Microsoft Word format. Submissions prepared in LaTeX may be accepted for initial review; however, if papers are accepted for publication, manuscripts must be converted to Word format.

*IMR* manuscripts should be 10,000 words or less, including citations. Significantly longer manuscripts are better suited for another outlet, although they may be considered for publication in *IMR*, depending on their topic and scope. *IMR* also publishes a small number of shorter essays, described in detail below, whose length ranges from 2,500 to 5,000 words.

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Tajfel, H., and J. C. Turner. 1986. "The Social Identity Theory of Intergroup Behavior." In *Psychology of Intergroup Relations*, edited by S. Worchel and W. G. Austin, 7-24. Chicago: Nelson-Hall.

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*IMR Country/Region Reports*

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*IMR* Country Reports will be a maximum of 2,500 words and should include the following elements:

- (1) A succinct, thorough, and well-organized discussion of *BOTH* the current state of international migration dynamics in the given country/region *AND* the current state of scholarship on international migration in the given country/region. The latter element can reflect studies of the given country/region, as well as studies by scholars in the given country/region.
- (2) The disciplinary orientation of migration studies in the given country/region, as well as common methods used by migration scholars there.
- (3) Emerging research agendas or topics in the given country/region.
- (4) The lessons a close study of the given country/region can offer to the wider study of international migration.

*IMR* Country/Region Reports are peer reviewed, frequently by a combination of the *IMR* editorial team and editorial board. Authors are encouraged to review country/region reports published in the journal as examples for their own submissions.

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In addition to its full-length journal articles, *IMR* publishes a small number of shorter essays.

- *IMR* Methods Notes are designed to offer critical reflection on a method(s) associated with the interdisciplinary study of international migration or to make the case for an underutilized method.
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- *IMR* Teaching Notes are designed to offer critical insight into the challenges, benefits, and possibilities of teaching the topic of international migration.

*IMR* Methods, Teaching, and Research Notes undergo external review overseen by an *IMR* editor. All three contributions should be 5,000 words or less. Authors interested in *IMR* Methods, Research, or Teaching Notes are encouraged to review methods/research/teaching notes published in the journal as examples for their own submissions.

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