

## About the Journal

### Aims and Scope

In the early 1990s, Madan Bhandari embarked on the conceptual journey of “People’s Multiparty Democracy (PMPD): A Program of the Nepali Revolution,” weaving together the tapestry of Marxist-Leninist philosophy with that of Nepali experiences and global practices. Since its inception, the Madan Bhandari Foundation (MBF) has ardently amplified the pertinence of PMPD, magnifying Bhandari’s multifaceted legacy and contributions across the spectrum of contemporary Nepali society.

*Journal of State, Society, and Development: PMPD Perspectives* stands as an erudite and peer-reviewed research journal meticulously curated to galvanize scholars and luminaries alike. Its purpose is to furnish a platform of repute for the dissemination of Bhandari’s monumental contributions across disciplines. These subjects encompass areas of state-building, societal metamorphosis, political economy, environmental dynamics, and the pursuit of advancement and prosperity. The journal’s expanse of research articles endeavors to investigate into the crux of Nepali state affairs, oriented resolutely toward the betterment of its populace, within the unceasing current of global political dynamism. In this quest, the journal adopts the unique vantage point of PMPD as a guiding light.

The research articles chosen for publication within these pages are anticipated to be meticulously researched and impeccably documented, and their methodologies delineated. The findings presented should rest upon the bedrock of irrefutable facts, stringent scientific procedures, and cogent, logically constructed arguments. Furthermore, these articles should be intricately interwoven with ongoing academic debates, both national and international, relevant to the tapestry of contemporary issues and agendas. It is paramount that these contributions remain rooted in the most recent scholarly discussions within the author’s domain of expertise, reflecting a robust engagement with currents of thoughts. The hallmark of these articles lies not only in their ideas but also in their skillful articulation, ensuring that complex concepts are conveyed with clarity and grace that resonates sound academic excellence.

### Guidelines for Authors

The Guidelines offer precise instructions pertaining to composition and submission of articles and reviews intended for publication in the journal. These directives cater to both publishers and editors and are grounded in the “Guidelines for the Minimum Standards and Classification of Peer-Reviewed Journals Published in Nepal, 2018,” established by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Nepal, as well as the guidelines formulated by *NepJol*. The purpose of these comprehensive guidelines is to provide a robust framework that aids authors, reviewers, and editors in upholding exact quality benchmarks while simultaneously nurturing an environment of professional rectitude and steadfast assurance.

1. Manuscripts written in both English and Nepali will be eligible for consideration for publication.
2. Manuscripts are required to have a word count ranging from 3000 to 5000 in Times New Roman font at 11-point size, including figures, charts, and pictures. To gain further insight into specific directives, authors are encouraged to adhere to the guidelines stipulated by the APA 7th edition. A standard journal manuscript is expected to incorporate the subsequent components:
  - **Title:** It should be short, accurate, and focused on the substance of the manuscript [with a length of not exceeding 15 words].
  - **Affiliation:** The author/s’ affiliation should be clearly stated in the article. It should include name/s, position/s, affiliating institution/s, address/es, phone number/s, and email account/s.

- **Abstract:** It should be a summary of the article, major argument/thesis statement/statement of the problem, research questions, objectives, methodology, findings, and significance of the study. The length of the Abstract is expected to be limited to 250 words.
  - **Keywords:** The author/s should include 5 to 7 words or phrases.
  - **Main Text:** The original research article must have the major contents:
    - Introduction — incorporating major argument/thesis statement
    - Methodology — explicating theoretical perspective, a conceptual frame, research design, tools, and materials
    - Results and discussions
    - Conclusion
  - **References and In-Text Citations:** Reference and in-text citation styles should follow the APA 7th edition.
  - **Acknowledgments** [Optional]: If the manuscript is based on the funded research projects, the author/s should acknowledge the funding institution.
  - **Annex:** The author can include an annex (if necessary).
4. Interested scholar/s may contact at e-mail [mbfnepal@gmail.com](mailto:mbfnepal@gmail.com) for any further information.

### **Reviewers' Guidelines and Submission Process**

1. The author should submit an MS Word, document to [mbfnepal@gmail.com](mailto:mbfnepal@gmail.com) or the official corresponding address of the *State, Society, and Development: PMPD Perspectives* throughout the year.
2. Major procedures after the submission of the article
 

The journal follows a double-blind review process. After intensively reviewing articles, reviewers make their specific recommendations based on the given review templates. The review process follows the following steps.

**Step 1:** The Editorial Board does an initial screening of the article. If the article meets the minimum requirements of the journal, the Board sends it to two reviewers electronically from the experts' roster. The author is notified of the status of the article even in the case of rejection from the initial screening process.

**Step 2:** The Editorial Board sends the article to reviewers with a review template specifying the stipulated review time of two weeks. Upon receiving the reviewers' comments, the article is sent back to the author with feedback.

**Step 3:** The author is expected to revise his or her article within two weeks based on the feedback from the reviewers and the Editorial Board.

**Step 4:** The Editorial Board makes the final decision based on the author's revision against the reviewers' comments. If necessary, the Board can send the revised article back to the reviewers for verification. Thereafter, the Board shall decide to accept or reject the article. The Editorial Board decides the acceptance or rejection of the article based on the reviewers' recommendation.
3. An e-copy of the journal would be availed on the website of the Madan Bhandari Foundation for download without any cost.