

Sciences Po Energy Review

Open Submission Guidelines

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This document explains the guidelines for open submissions to the **debate section** and the **critical essays** section of the Sciences Po Energy Review's second issue. If you have any questions, please contact energy-review-scpolst@sciencespo.fr

We welcome submissions from graduate students, young professionals, and research scholars working in energy finance and related fields.

Debate Section - Summary

The debate section will deep-dive into debates under the theme of the issue. The debate topics will be pre-announced. Submissions must argue for or against the issue's pre-selected debate topics. Students may submit one detailed argument for one debate. If more than one student is interested in representing the same argument, a co-authored submission is encouraged. **Otherwise, if multiple submissions represent the same argument, the editors will choose only one submission to avoid redundancy.**

For this reason, interested contributors should reach out to us first, before completing their argument, to confirm that a particular position is available for contribution (energy-review-scpolst@sciencespo.fr). We also request that you provide a short writing sample (min. 200 words). The writing sample should be on a topic relevant to your proposal. It can be a sample of past coursework or be written specifically for submission. See instructions below (section: Debate Argument Query Email) for what to include in this initial email.

Contributors are welcome to build on work they have created previously or with newly written arguments. A professional, academic English writing style should be used. Submissions should aim for a length of 750-1,000 words (excluding bibliography).

Debate Argument Query Email

Before completing a submission to the Debate Section, we ask that you confirm with us that a particular position is available for submission. This is to avoid potential contributors completing unnecessary writing that would not be selected for publishing, due to similar arguments already being submitted. The query email should include:

- Selected debate topic (pick one from the pre-selected topics in the issue)
- **One paragraph summary of your position/core argument**
- **Writing sample (min. 200 words)**
 - The writing sample should be on a topic relevant or directly related to your proposed argument
 - It can be a sample of past coursework or a newly written sample
- Personal details
 - Your E-Mail/contact
 - First and last name, as you'd like them to appear if your submission is selected +

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- Whether you are writing individually, or in a team.
 - If in a team, include names + contact emails of all other authors.

Critical Essays Section - Summary

The critical essays section will collect submissions on diverse topics relevant to the theme of the issue. An individual may submit up to one critical essay per issue. Submissions are encouraged to be an informed opinion, research, and/or review-style piece to reflect upon/raise awareness of a topic, or to be a longer article that presents arguments in a more scholarly style. Authors are welcome to build on work they have created previously or with newly written arguments. A professional, academic English writing style should be used. Contributors are welcome to co-author pieces. If multiple submissions covering similar topics are received, the editors may choose to delay submissions to future issues to avoid redundancy.

Submissions should aim for a length of 1,500-3,000 words (excluding bibliography).

A previous email (including a writing sample) is **not** necessary before sending a potential submission.

Submissions Requirements (both debates and critical essays)

We expect submissions to follow the following format requirements:

- Reference via Chicago's footnotes system.
- [Sciences Po academic honesty rules](#) apply. We may run your submission through an AI or plagiarism detector.
- Submissions will be edited by the Energy Review board and may require revisions on the part of the student.
- If you wish to suggest subheadings, bold-set and left-align them on a separate line.
- Include a title that directly describes the content. It should be no more than 100 characters.
- Do not indent the start of paragraphs. Leave one clear line of space between paragraphs.
- Prepare your article in a Microsoft Word and send it together with a short author biography and a photo (voluntary).

Timeline - What to expect

<i>Action</i>	<i>Second Issue Deadline</i>
Call for submissions	5 December, 2024
Debate / critical essay submission deadline	5 January, 2025

Editors return edits for accepted submissions - communicate rejections	19 January, 2024
Writers return corrected draft - if minor adjustments needed	27 January, 2025
Writers return corrected draft - if major adjustments needed	3 February, 2025
Publication of Issue 2	25 February, 2025

On or before the initial submission deadline, submissions should be emailed to energy-review-scpolst@sciencespo.fr detailing:

- Which section you are submitting to (Debate or Critical Essay Section)
- If submitting to the debate section:
 - Selected debate topic (pick one from the pre-selected topics in the issue)
 - One-sentence summary of your core argument
- Whether you write individually, or in a team.
 - If in a team, include names + contact emails of all other authors
- Personal details
 - Your E-Mail/contact
 - First and last name, as you'd like them to appear if your submission is selected + printed
 - Your relevant academic, institutional, and/or professional affiliations
 - Your submission, following the technical requirements above

Our peer review process - How, who, and why

The Sciences Po Energy Review uses an 'open peer-review' system, where the identities of authors and reviewers are known to each other. In addition to our pool of peer-reviewers, we may seek feedback from academics or professionals with specific expertise related to the topic of your paper.

When you receive feedback from the peer-reviewers on your submission, your submission may:

1. Be accepted without revision
2. Require minor revisions
3. Require major revisions
4. Be unfit for publication

In case 1, you have nothing else to do, your paper **will be published** soon. **In cases 2-3**, you will receive **comments and requests for revisions**, which we expect you to implement within 2 weeks.

In case 4, your paper **will not be published**. Please see below for the reasons a submission may be rejected.

Reasons for potential rejection of a submission

The editorial team might not be able to include all submissions in the current issue. Submissions that feature in a topic with an exceptionally high rate of submissions, or do not follow the professional/academic English requirements and the technical requirements after edits may be declined. **Any submissions detected to be plagiarised or AI-generated will be firmly rejected.**

In the case of a rejection, the editorial team may leave open the option to either form a team of co-authors for the current issue (if many submissions are received on the same topic) or to include the submission in a future issue.

Sciences Po Energy Review Founding Statement

The Sciences Po Energy Review is a publication to advance dialogue about energy. Motivated by the pressing global need for energy transitions, the journal primarily employs a social scientific approach without being constrained by any single discipline. We propose a series of edited issues to feature graduate student writing, highlight and develop contributors by placing them in conversation with peers and experts, and strengthen existing debates and research about energy at Sciences Po and beyond. The publication employs varied and thought-provoking formats to achieve a holistic synthesis of developments and issues in the sphere of energy.