



Call for articles 2014

The *Bdl* call for articles for the forthcoming Issue is now open. We encourage proposals of theoretical and empirical works in and across fields of political analysis regarding the following theme: “Free Speech and Privacy”

OUTLINE:

In recent history, and especially since September 11, 2001, Free Speech and Privacy Studies and perspectives have achieved significant academic success. Despite the freedom of speech having continually been present in academic research, throughout the 1990s and the beginning of the 21st century, privacy and free speech issues have become increasingly visible on the political agenda and in academic debates. In this context, and considering the topic’s relevance in this period of crisis and political change, *Bdl* aims at analysing free speech’s relationship with politics starting from the following general question: - to what extent is freedom of speech essential for achieving the objectives of a liberal-democratic order and for the definition of the common good? What kind of trade-offs are there between freedom of speech and other constitutive elements and basic freedoms of a pluralistic and liberal order? What kind of constraints (if any) should the latter pose to freedom of speech? What are the theoretical aspects of “privacy”? What characteristics do they have? How do they configure spaces, subjects, means and ends? What institutional arrangement and social practices are appropriate to uphold and implement free speech principles?

Without rejecting the importance of empirical analysis, we specifically call for articles that uncover the theoretical aspects of free speech questions. We welcome articles from diverse disciplinary vantage points —such as International Relations Theory, Political Philosophy, Political Science, Philosophy of Law.

PROPOSED SESSIONS OF THIS ISSUE:

- 1. Freedom of speech always and everywhere?**
- 2. The value of free speech in social media.**
- 3. Internet—a democratic space?**
- 4. Responsibility and liability: costs and consequences.**

ABOUT US

Biblioteca della libertà is a quarterly journal open-access, peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary and international in scope, published by the Centro Einaudi and which was launched in 1964 to fill a genuine need for think and work in and between the liberal area, trying to analyse, problematize, scrutinise and solve its main political and theoretical dilemmas. From his birth, the journal seeks to promote lively discussions and debates, in terms of relevant theoretical stances, for established academics and the wider community by publishing articles that avoid unnecessary jargon without sacrificing academic rigour. *Bdl* publishes original papers, review papers, conceptual framework, analytical models, case studies, empirical research. Special issues devoted to important topics in political theory and social science will occasionally be published.

Therefore it welcomes, and hopes to foster, works cutting across a variety of disciplinary concerns, among them political science, political philosophy, international politics, policy studies, social sciences, economics. Contributions are invited on a range of empirical and theoretical topics, such as right and good, justice and injustice, equality, power and liberty, welfare studies, policy issues and socio-political-legal processes as democratization, multiculturalism, pluralism. *Bdl* publishes work from disciplines that have a positive and normative dimension, including philosophy, law, economics, and social and political theory, with priority given to papers extending understanding in relatively under-explored political, social, theoretical and policy-related areas, and those employing innovative or under-used methodological approaches or theoretical frameworks.

The forthcoming issues of the journal will continue to realize the ambition of theorizing about the mechanisms, processes and institutions relevant to liberal universe.

Timeline:

The following timeline will be followed for considering proposed papers:

June, 30th: full articles of 7,000-8,000 words due

July, 31st: comments from editors and reviewers returned to authors

September, 15th : final copy submitted to publisher

We will follow our standard double-blind review process for special issue articles. Two reviewers are selected and asked individually to evaluate all of the articles that are under consideration for the special issue. The journal is published in online version (only occasionally in print version, see n. 206/207).

How to send articles

Manuscripts should be no longer than 8,000 words (text) and 1,000 words (notes), although other lengths and formats will occasionally be accepted and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The entire paper must be double-spaced and 12-point font. Notes should be placed at the end of each page, also double-spaced, 11-point font. All identifying information should be removed from the manuscript. Manuscripts that do not meet the submission standards will not be considered. All papers will be anonymously reviewed.

Authors must prepare and submit two separate files to *Bdl* to **bdl@centroeinaudi.it**:

- (1) One 'Main Document' which contains only your manuscript;
- (2) One 'Supplementary File' that includes a title page with full contact information; a brief biographical paragraph noting current affiliation, research interests, and recent publications; an abstract of no more than 150 words; and five keywords to facilitate electronic access. Contact the editorial office (fiorenti@centroeinaudi.it) if you encounter difficulties with your online submission.

Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in the journal. Authors submitting manuscripts to the journal should not simultaneously submit them to another journal, nor should manuscripts have been published elsewhere in substantially similar form or with substantially similar content. Queries concerning what constitutes prior publication should be addressed to the editor.

Reviewing

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