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- English language;
- 3,000-6,000 words (for book reviews 500-1,200 words);
- an abstract of 50-200 words;
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- Footnotes (no endnotes);
- References and bibliography (Chicago Manual Style), for details see the paper requirements section at <http://www.personal.ceu.hu/PolSciJournal/>.

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CEU Political Science Journal is a newly emerged publication from the academic community of Central European University, Budapest. It is primarily targeted at graduate students from CEU, but valuable contributions from outside are also welcome. The Journal seeks to promote the Political Science Department and to provide prospective students with information regarding the academic level, the technical tools and approaches used, and the main areas of interest developed at CEU. In this sense, it enhances academic communication at graduate student level.

The Journal accepts now submissions for its first issue, volume 2. The theme of this issue is *Discourse analysis in the post-Communist Space*.

Post-Communist societies have met an avalanche of new discourses in the new democratized social space. In this sense, Discourse Analysis can be used as an excellent tool to trace the fundamental changes that took place within this space. The theme is broadly designed in order to make sure that the variety of approaches and subjects fit within it. The Journal contains a special *Work in Progress* section designated to present researches still under finalization and PhD research proposals. Moreover, starting with this number, we initiate a section of book reviews that approaches the relevant books in Political Science and related fields.

It is difficult to give a unique definition of Critical or Discourse Analysis as a research method. Rather than offering a particular method, Discourse Analysis, can be described as a way of approaching and thinking about problems. Going beyond the qualitative vs. quantitative dichotomy, Discourse Analysis is a way of questioning the basic assumptions these research methods have. Although Discourse Analysis does not provide a substantial answer to problems based on scientific research, it enables access to the deeper assumptions behind statements. As it traces the discourses of the actors of change, it can go beyond the references to the factual information to the projects that guide the activity of these actors. Since the inheritance of the communist period resumes in an art of discourse as a way of covering real intentions that expressing them, the task of researchers is even more difficult, as it is bound to deeply understand the context of the post-communist discourses.