

SJCS

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Bi-annual Refereed Journal of Co-operative Studies and Allied Disciplines



Sri Lanka Journal of Co-operative Studies (SJCS) - Author Guidelines

The Sri Lanka Journal of Co-operative Studies (SJCS) is a Bi-annual Refereed Journal published by the National Institute of Co-operative Development (NICD).

1. Scope and Article Categories

1.1. Journal Scope and Focus

SJCS is a high-quality, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to advancing theoretical and practical knowledge in **Co-operative Studies and Allied Disciplines**. Submissions should focus on, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Co-operative Principles, Values, and Philosophy.
- Economics, Management, and Governance of Co-operative Enterprises.
- Socio-economic impact of Co-operatives, including poverty alleviation and community development.
- Co-operative Education, Training, and Leadership.
- Legal and Regulatory frameworks for Co-operatives.
- Innovation and Digitalization in the Co-operative Sector.

1.2. Accepted Article Categories

The journal accepts submissions under the following categories:

- **Original Research Articles:** Full-length papers presenting original data and findings.
- **Conceptual/Theoretical Papers:** Critical reviews or presentations of new theories and frameworks.
- **Literature Reviews:** Comprehensive and systematic reviews of existing scholarly work.
- **Case Studies:** In-depth analysis of specific co-operative enterprises, institutions, or programs.
- **Book Reviews:** Critical appraisals of newly published books relevant to the scope.

2. Submission and Review Process

2.1. Submission Method

- Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the Editor-in-Chief via the designated journal email address (prabath.nicdstaff@gmail.com).
- The manuscript must be submitted as two separate files:

1. **Title Page:** Containing the title, author names, affiliations, contact information, and acknowledgements.
2. **Main Manuscript:** Containing the title, abstract, keywords, and main text, **with all author-identifying information removed** to facilitate blind review.

2.2. Review Status

- **Refereed Journal:** The SJCS adheres to a rigorous **Blind Peer Review** process.
- **Process:** Submitted manuscripts are first checked by the Editorial Board for scope and formatting compliance. Suitable manuscripts are then sent to an expert reviewer for independent assessment. Final acceptance is subject to successful completion of the review process and necessary revisions.

3. Formatting and Style Requirements

Requirement	Specification
Language	English
Citation Style	All citations and the reference list must strictly adhere to the APA Style (latest edition).
Manuscript Length	Research articles are typically between 5,000 and 8,000 words (However, a strict word count limit is not essential).
Abstract & Keywords	Abstract should be 200–250 words and followed by 3–5 Keywords.
Font Style	Times New Roman, 12 pt.
Format	Submissions should be in Microsoft Word (.docx) or ODF format.

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