Near East Institute Blogs - Editorial Policy (pdf)

The aim of *Near East Institute Blogs* is to;

- promote a wider understanding and awareness of the cutting-edge research carried out at the Near East University that has relevance to public policy-making in Cyprus and internationally
- make academic research accessible to wider stakeholders to increase its impact

Articles will give the views of the author(s), and not the position of *Near East Institute Blogs*, the, nor of the Near East University.

Author Guidelines

The NEI Blogs welcome the submission of material that focuses topical areas of research as it pertains to aspects of public policy in Cyprus and internationally.

The Blogs draw primarily on the community of academics and researchers at the Near East University, but contributions from other higher education institutions, civil society organisations and research bodies with an interest in public policy issues are welcome.

Contributions to the blog are neither academic papers nor bureaucratic publications.

It is expected that posts will contain some degree of opinion, and this will usually be fine, providing the views expressed have an evidence base.

The best posts typically have the following elements:

- **Relevance** – A clear link to a current policy issue that fits under one of the themes
- **Style** – Blogs tend to be direct and *informal* in order to be accessible to a wider audience.
- **Further Reading** – We strongly encourage authors to include visual aids (pictures and videos) as well as some links to additional sources and useful evidence.

We would usually expect contributors to write on topics and areas in which they have academic expertise, but this is not an absolute condition, so long as articles meet the key criteria outlined above.

Posts that cover events should focus on what key points, findings or arguments were highlighted in the event, whilst linking them to the wider policy debate rather than to just report that an event happened.

Occasionally we may request that authors complete minor, stylistic amendments to articles or may edit the piece to enhance readability to the blog's wider audience.

These edits can include:

- Shortening of text if the article is above our stated *2,000 word limit*
- Removal of specialist jargon or overly academic language that might confuse the reader
- The addition of a narrative-style title to sum up the post's main findings
- Re-ordering of content

Where major edits have been made, the final version will be sent back to the author for approval. Occasionally, further information may be requested to aid the production of visual materials to support the post.

Where there is any concern from the blog team about any content submitted, publication may be delayed in order to seek further advice from the Editor-in-Chief and/or appropriate University staff and advisors. If this is the case, the contributor will be informed.

If you are unsure whether what you plan to write will be suitable and accepted, please contact the Blog Team (details below) for advice.

Submissions

Please submit your articles to nei@neu.edu.tr with the sunject line "Manuscript Submission". All contributions that are submitted for publication will be acknowledged by a member of the NEI Blog editorial and production team as soon as possible.

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