Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
BLOG POLICY

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The Federation for the Humanities and Social Science (hereafter the Federation) blog is a space for Federation members and researchers in the humanities and social sciences to respectfully discuss ideas and issues of importance to the humanities and social sciences community. The Federation maintains a number of blog series: Federation blog, Congress Blog, Equity Matters and Bookmark it!, for our various followers.

This blog policy applies to all of our blog series and outlines everything a guest blog author may need, including: content guidelines; how to prepare your submission; how to submit your blog; and our editorial process.

Content guidelines

Federation-published blogs are a tool to both inform and engage with members and the broader humanities and social sciences (HSS) research community. As such, our blog content includes such topics as:

- News and stories about the Federation, our members and our partners

- Policy developments in the humanities and social sciences in Canada

- Analysis and opinions on current issues and events relevant to the HSS community and higher education sector

- News and updates on funding and collaboration opportunities

- Upcoming conferences, symposia and other knowledge exchange events in the HSS community

- New research, journal articles and books in the humanities and social sciences

- Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences programming and activities

Who can submit

In addition to posting blogs written by Federation staff and members of the Board of Directors, the Federation welcomes guest blog posts authored by:

- Researchers affiliated with member institutions and/or member scholarly associations

- Members of the post-secondary research community beyond our membership, but affiliated with an organization that works actively in and with higher education, and undertakes analysis, research and policy commentary

- Active partners of the Federation, as identified by the Federation

How to prepare your submission

- Submissions must relate to the mission and mandate of the Federation and must meet the content guidelines of this blog policy.

- Submissions must be original and must be respectful of any named organizations and individuals.

- Proprietary material (research, quotations, other source material) must be duly referenced and should include either a URL to the material in question or acknowledgement of the owner of the material — including owner's full name, organization, document name and publication date, as applicable.

- Blog posts should be between 300 and 500 words in length. Longer submissions are occasionally accepted and may be published as a short series, with the author's approval.

- Submissions can be made in either (or both) official language(s), and they will be posted in the language(s) in which they are provided. Submissions will not be translated at the Federation's expense.

How to submit your blog

- Submissions should be sent in Microsoft Word format to the Federation's communications team at communications@ideas-idees.ca.

- The author must provide his/her full name, title and institutional or organizational affiliation. The provision of a Twitter handle is optional but encouraged. The Federation will not use this personal information for any purposes other than to promote the blog submission.

- Although optional, the Federation encourages the inclusion of a visual element — a photo or an image, in JPG format — with any blog submission, provided that the photo/image is the property of the author and does not pose any copyright infringement issues.

Our editorial process

- The Federation reserves the right to edit blog submissions for accuracy, length, readability and clarity. If edits are significant, the Federation will seek author approval prior to publishing.

- The Federation reserves the right to refuse to post a blog submission if it does not meet the content guidelines of this blog policy, and will advise the author if such a decision is taken.

- Submissions that include offensive comments and tone, that are disrespectful, partisan, or that are overly promotional will not be posted.

- Approved submissions are generally posted within five business days. Priority is given to submissions of a time-sensitive nature and those that were requested and submitted for a specific and mutually agreed upon publication date.

Promotion

- The author's name, title, affiliation and Twitter handle will be used in publishing and promoting the blog submission on the Federation's corporate website and all Federation social media accounts.

- The author is encouraged to use the Federation's name and Twitter handle @ideas_idees to promote the blog on his/her personal platform(s).

Disclaimer

Guest blog submissions on the Federation blog reflect the opinion(s) of the author(s) and not those of the Federation or of its Board of Directors.

Additional information

For more information about the Federation's blog policy, please contact a member of the Federation communications team.

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