



## **Royal Asiatic Society Journal – Call for Submissions**

The Royal Asiatic Society China (RAS) has been publishing its journal in Shanghai since 1858, providing fascinating insights into the lives, interests and activities of the expatriate community since the beginning of modern foreign involvement in China. We are proud to continue this important endeavour for the benefit of our members and the wider community of China watchers.

The RAS Journal is now receiving submissions for the 2019 edition. This year, we are delighted to announce that we will now be paying honoraria to contributing authors. Contributing authors will receive 1,000 RMB for articles (between 3,000 and 8,000 words), and 350 RMB for book reviews. The deadline for submissions is 1 July 2019. The 2019 RAS Journal will be published in November.

The journal generally comprises scholarly articles describing original research and observations, book reviews and reports of activities. Translations from Chinese into English are also welcome. The scope of the journal is broad: we hope the journal will help to inform readers about life in China and Asia – past, present and future. Although authors may write about any subject of interest to China scholars, please note that material that may contravene the guidelines established by the Chinese government for speech and publications will not be accepted.

In addition, the journal will feature a Young Scholar's Essay. Students under the age of 20 may submit a research essay in English (maximum 5000 words) on any subject related to China. The editing team will select the most outstanding essay for inclusion into the RAS Journal. Teachers may contact the RAS Journal Editor for more information.

For more information about the Royal Asiatic Society and the Journal, please visit our website at: [www.royalasiaticsociety.org.cn](http://www.royalasiaticsociety.org.cn), or contact the Journal Editor, Tracey Willard, at [editor@royalasiaticsociety.org.cn](mailto:editor@royalasiaticsociety.org.cn). You can view past examples of the RAS Journal at the Royal Asiatic Society Library, located in The House of Roosevelt, Number 27 on The Bund, Shanghai (see our website for details of opening hours). The library holds an almost complete set of journals going back to 1858, which document the earliest years of the expatriate community in Shanghai, and the Royal Asiatic Society's history in China.

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## Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society China - Instructions to Authors

*The Royal Asiatic Society China (RAS) publishes the RAS Journal annually in Shanghai and online. The journal includes a collection of original research articles and book reviews on topics of Asian scholarship, with a focus on China. The journal is released in November each year.*

- ◇ *All articles must be original and previously unpublished.* Articles should be between 3,000 and 8,000 words, including notes and references. Book reviews should be no more than 2500 words. Authors wishing to be considered for inclusion in this year's journal should first submit an outline of the intended article or a formal abstract to the journal editor, Tracey Willard at: [editor@royalasiaticsociety.org.cn](mailto:editor@royalasiaticsociety.org.cn).
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- ◇ Authors whose articles are selected for inclusion into the journal will receive a commission of 1000RMB per article, 350RMB per book review. For contributing authors outside of China, payment of commission to overseas accounts may be made via PayPal or other arrangements, subject to approval by the editor.
- ◇ **Article submission final deadline:** 1 July 2018 (no extensions will be granted). Projected publication timeframe: early November 2018. Projected distribution timeframe: Late November 2018.
- ◇ For further information about the Royal Asiatic Society Journal and submission of articles, please contact the journal editor at [editor@royalasiaticsociety.org.cn](mailto:editor@royalasiaticsociety.org.cn).