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Joining The Project

Who can join this project?

Participation in this volume is upon **invitation only**. The Editorial Committee identifies, reviews, and then nominates subject experts based on their research record, visibility in the field, and demonstrated expertise, and then invitations are extended for collaborations. In some cases, the Committee also recognizes young and dynamic scholars who demonstrate strong potential and promise in their research trajectory, extending invitations to encourage fresh perspectives alongside established voices.

However, interested scholars may also **submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for review**. EOIs will be screened by the Committee, and formal invitations will only be extended if the proposed expertise aligns with the scope of the book and the quality standards of the project.

This nomination-based model is to ensure that the volume reflects the highest level of academic rigor and thought leadership in the domain. It also preserves balance across topics, methods, and regions, while maintaining the credibility of the book as a reference work for the academic and practitioner community.

The Editorial Committee follows an open and inclusive approach. Selection of contributors is based solely on academic merit, expertise, and relevance to the project's scope. The Committee does not discriminate on the basis of nationality, institution, gender, religion, ethnicity, or professional background. Our aim is to ensure that the volume reflects the highest scholarly standards while embracing diversity of perspectives and global representation.

If invited, what roles and capacities are available to join this project?

Invited contributors may participate in the project in one of the following capacities:

- **Editor** – overseeing the volume, reviewing chapters, and guiding the overall structure and quality of the book.
- **Chapter Author** – contributing chapters within their expertise. Each author may contribute a maximum of **two chapters** in total, whether as sole author or co-author. This limit is set to ensure balanced participation, diverse author representation, and compliance with editorial quality standards.
- **Combined Role (Editor + Author)** – serving as an Editor while also contributing one or two chapters to the book.

Note: Contributors who wish to participate in a combined capacity — serving both as Editor/Co-Editor and as a Chapter Author — must complete the registration process for each role separately, as outlined in the respective guidelines later in the document.

If not invited, what is the process for submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI)?

If you have not received a direct invitation to join as an Editor or Chapter Author but would like to be considered, you may submit an **Expression of Interest (EOI)**.

- Step 1.** Complete the EOI form: <https://www.gbppublications.com/eoi-505875>
- Step 2.** The Editorial Committee will screen all EOIs for suitability and alignment with the project's objectives.
- Step 3.** If found suitable, you will be issued a **formal invitation to participate**. Only after receiving this invitation may you proceed with official registration as an Editor or Chapter Author.

You may also submit your EOI manually via editorial@eurasian-research.com. Your EOI should include a short curriculum vitae (maximum two pages), your ORCID ID, a link to your Google Scholar profile, and a brief description of your primary areas of expertise. You may also indicate any proposed chapter(s) you are interested in authoring (optional, up to a maximum of two), in addition to your editorial duties. This information will enable the Editorial Committee to make a considered assessment of your suitability for the role. All Expressions of Interest will be carefully reviewed, and candidates deemed appropriate will be extended a formal invitation. Only upon receipt of this invitation will you be eligible to complete the official registration process and assume the role of Editor.

Editors – Process, Role & Responsibilities

How to join as an Editor?

If you have received a formal invitation to serve as an Editor or Co-Editor, please register at the following link to confirm your participation: <https://www.gbppublications.com/editor-505875>

What is the role and responsibilities of an Editor?

Editors are responsible for shaping the scholarly content and structural integrity of the volume. They oversee the screening of proposed chapters, ensuring that each submission is aligned with the thematic scope of the book, meets the required quality standards, and contributes meaningfully to the overall objectives of the project. Beyond evaluating individual contributions. They also refine the sequencing and organization of chapters to create a logical and impactful flow from beginning to end. In this way, Editors safeguard both the academic rigor of each chapter and the structural harmony of the book as a whole, ensuring that it stands as a well-integrated and authoritative reference in its field.

What recognition do Editors receive in the published book?

Editors will be formally acknowledged on the book's title page, front matter, and in all prominent bibliographic records. Their names will appear on the cover, in the metadata of major indexing and distribution platforms, and in any promotional or cataloging material issued by the publisher. This ensures that their role in curating and shaping the volume is permanently associated with the book as a scholarly reference.

How many Editors will be onboard for this book?

We aim to board three to four Editors, ensuring a well-rounded balance of expertise across themes, disciplines, and regions. This model provides diversity of perspectives while maintaining a manageable and efficient editorial process. The sequence of Editors' names in the book follows standard academic convention: the Lead Editor is listed first, followed by Co-Editors in alphabetical or agreed order, as reflected on the title page, front matter, and all bibliographic records.

Chapter Authors – Process, Selection & Submission

How to join as a Chapter Author?

The following is a step-by-step guide of joining as a chapter author for this project:

Step 1. Decide Your Chapter Focus

- Decide on the chapter you wish to contribute. You may either select from the tentative Table of Contents (allocation is on a first-come, first-served basis) or propose a new chapter title that aligns with the book's theme.
- If you wish to choose a chapter from the tentative Table of Contents, please email editorial@eurasian-research.com to confirm availability. You will be informed if the selected chapter slot is still open or already taken. If you are proposing a new chapter title (outside the tentative TOC), you may proceed directly to abstract submission.

Step 2. Abstract Submission

- Authors first submit an extended abstract (800–1,000 words) describing the proposed chapter via <https://www.gbppublications.com/abstract-505875>
- The abstract should outline the title, motivation, methodology/conceptual basis, and expected contribution.

Step 3. Abstract Acceptance

- The Editorial Committee reviews the abstract to confirm its fit, originality, and scholarly merit. Decisions will be communicated within 30 days of the abstract submission deadline and successful authors receive a provisional acceptance notice.

Step 4. Chapter Allocation

- Once the abstract is accepted, authors are formally allocated a chapter slot.
- Allocation ensures no duplication and maintains the overall structure of the book.

Step 5. Registration & Fee Payment

- Authors then complete the official registration with GBP Publications through: <https://www.gbppublications.com/author-505875>
- At this stage, the open access publication fee (net amount; after incorporating ERI Research Grant) is payable to confirm participation.

Step 6. Full Chapter Submission

- Author to submit the complete chapter, following the formatting guidelines via <https://www.gbppublications.com/chapter-505875>

Step 7. Peer Review

- Chapters undergo double-blind peer review by at least two reviewers.
- Review outcomes: Accept, Minor Revisions, Major Revisions, or Reject. As per the publisher's refund policy, full refund will be provided if the final chapter is rejected after peer review (except in cases of plagiarism, withdrawal, or missed deadlines).

Step 8. Corrections & Resubmission

- Authors address reviewer and editorial comments within the given timeframe.
- Revised chapters are re-evaluated before final acceptance.

Should a chapter be selected from the tentative TOC or can a new chapter be proposed?

The Institute has suggested this theme for the book as it reflects areas that are in demand and needed in the current academic and professional discourse. Authors may select a chapter from the tentative Table of Contents that best matches their expertise or research interests. Chapters are allocated on a *first-come, first-served* basis to maintain balance and avoid duplication. Please indicate your selection via editorial@eurasian-research.com to confirm availability. You will be informed if the selected chapter slot is still open or already taken.

In addition, authors may also propose a new chapter outside of the tentative TOC, provided it aligns with the overall theme of the book. All such proposals will be reviewed by the Editorial Committee to ensure quality, relevance, and consistency with the objectives of the project. If you are proposing a new chapter title (outside the tentative TOC), you may proceed directly to abstract submission.

What formatting should be used, and how many words are required?

Contributors are only required to submit a clean, well-structured manuscript. The publisher will handle full typesetting and final formatting. To ensure consistency and quality across chapters, please follow these submission norms:

- **Word Count:** Chapters should normally be 6,000–8,000 words (including references, tables, and figures). Contributions below 5,000 words are considered too short, and anything beyond 9,000 words requires prior editorial approval.
- **Referencing Style:** Use APA 7th edition for all in-text citations and references, unless otherwise specified by the Editorial Committee.
- **Basic Manuscript Format:** Submit in MS Word (.docx) with clear section headings and subheadings. Use Times New Roman, size 12, double-spaced. No special formatting, auto-numbering, or embedded styles are needed—keep the file simple.
- **Figures and Tables:** Insert where relevant in the text (with labels and captions), and also supply separately in high-resolution (minimum 300 dpi for images).
- **Abstract and Keywords:** Each chapter should include an abstract of 150–200 words and 4–6 keywords to aid discoverability and indexing.
- **Originality:** Submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under review elsewhere. The publisher runs plagiarism and similarity checks before acceptance.

Fees, Grants & Payments

Are there any fees to pay, and how are they handled?

Yes, a publication fee is payable directly to the publisher. This project follows an open access model, in which each listed Editor and Chapter Author contributes an open access fee to cover the costs of production, peer review management, copyediting, typesetting, digital hosting, and DOI assignment. This model ensures that the book is published under an open license, making it freely and permanently available worldwide without paywalls, subscription barriers, or institutional restrictions. By supporting the cost of open access publishing, contributors directly enable their work — and the collective volume — to reach the widest possible audience, thereby enhancing global visibility, academic recognition, and citation potential.

Is there any funding or research grant available?

Yes. Each contributing Editor or Author will receive the **ERI Open Access Publication (OAP) Grant**, which covers **40% of the publication fee**. This grant is provided to directly support open access dissemination of the book and to recognize the contributor's active participation in the project. By

reducing the individual financial burden, the grant ensures that the project remains inclusive, sustainable, and academically independent.

What is the publication fee for this project?

As per the acceptance letter of the publisher, the open-access publication fee is payable directly to the publisher. Each contributor automatically receives the ERI Open Access Publication (OAP) Grant, which covers 40% of the total fee, thereby reducing the net amount payable. The applicable fees are:

Category	Standard Fee (£)	Net Payable (after OAP Grant) (£)
Editor*	£800	£480
Chapter	£300	£180

* Publication fee for editors includes **one complimentary CPC waiver** for the Editor's own chapter, if contributed. *The fee remains the same even if no chapter is submitted, as the waiver is an inclusive benefit.*

Why do Editors have to pay a publication fee?

The publication fee for editors reflects the allocation of resources required to formally integrate editors into the scholarly publishing process. In an open-access model, production and dissemination costs are distributed across participants to ensure transparency and sustainability. For editors, this contribution supports a range of essential services, including the waiver of one Chapter Processing Charge (CPC) for their own scholarly contribution, the preparation and inclusion of editorial information in the book's cover, title matter, and acknowledgements, the registration of metadata in ISBN and DOI systems, the maintenance of accurate cataloguing records, and the provision of a dedicated editorial profile within the publisher's digital infrastructure. It also sustains the processes of global dissemination—through indexing platforms and distribution channels—and formal documentation of editorial responsibilities through certification. The fee is therefore mechanism to underwrite the professional, technical, and bibliographic services attached to the editorial role.

Do co-authors of chapter also need to pay separately?

As per the acceptance letter of the publisher, only the primary (or corresponding) author of each chapter is responsible for the publication fee. Co-authors may be listed in any number and do not have any fee obligation. This ensures that a chapter, regardless of the number of contributors, carries a single fee payment tied to the corresponding author.

Are there any additional grants for contributors from low-income countries?

Yes — in addition to the ERI Open Access Publication (OAP) Grant, which covers 40% of the publication fee for all contributing Editors and Authors, contributors from **low-income countries**

(LIC)¹ are eligible for an **additional 50% support** through the **ERI LIC Author Support Grant**. This additional award helps reduce the remaining financial burden and promotes inclusive participation in the open access model.

<i>Category</i>	Net Payable for Low-Income Countries (after both Grants) (£)
<i>Editor</i>	£240
<i>Chapter</i>	£90

How can the publication fee be paid?

The publication fee is paid directly to the publisher via their secure payment system. Contributors may choose from the following methods:

- **Online Payment:** Fees can be settled instantly through the publisher's website using a credit or debit card. An official receipt is automatically generated and emailed to the contributor immediately after payment.
- **Bank Transfer:** Manual bank transfers are also accepted. Once payment is processed, the publisher issues the receipt via email.
- **Institutional or Departmental Payment:** Contributors who wish to have the fee covered by their university, department, or research institute may request an official invoice via the following Invoice request form: <https://www.gbppublications.com/invoice-505875>

The request can also be made manually via email and should include:

- Full name of the institution (i.e., the entity in whose name the invoice should be issued)
- Department or unit name (if applicable)
- Full billing address
- Contact details (email, phone)
- VAT / Tax number (if applicable)

¹ The following countries are eligible for the additional ERI LIC Author Support Grant in addition to the standard ERI Open Access Publication (OAP) Grant: Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia (The), Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Please note that certain jurisdictions are not included in this list as they remain subject to international sanctions and restrictions. Their exclusion reflects compliance with global regulatory standards.

The manual invoice request must be sent directly to the publisher at info@gbppublications.com, with the book title stated in the subject line. Alternatively, contributors may request an invoice through the editorial team at editorial@eurasian-research.com, who will coordinate with the publisher on their behalf.

When is the fee payable?

The fee is payable at the time of registration. This ensures that each role and chapter allocation is confirmed in an orderly manner and avoids duplication or last-minute withdrawals. Collecting the fee upfront also allows the Publisher to plan and secure essential services such as editing, typesetting, open access hosting, and distribution, which are critical for the timely release and quality of the book.

Contributors & Visibility

Who are the other Editors or Authors?

As the registration period is still open, the finalized list of Editors and Authors for this volume has not yet been published. However, we consistently invite distinguished and highly accomplished academicians, researchers, and thought leaders to join our projects—ensuring exceptional scholarship, thematic diversity, and academic credibility.

To get a clear sense of the caliber we typically attract, please refer to our most recent book with GBP Publications London: *[Sustainable Corporate Governance: Advanced Theories and Innovations Shaping the Future of Corporate Leadership](#)* (June 2025), edited and authored by a team including (de) Beaufort Viviane, Alfredo Enrione, Donald Winchester, Hans Strikwerda, Majdi Anwar Quttainah, Mannar Ahmed, Mohamed M. Shamil, Progress Hove-Sibanda, Talles Vianna Brugni, and Wei Shen.

Will contributors receive recognition or certificates for their participation?

Yes. All contributors (Editors and Authors) will receive an official certificate of contribution issued jointly by the Editorial Team and the Publisher. This certificate recognizes your role in the project and may be used for academic, professional, or institutional purposes.

Peer Review & Screening Process

Will the chapters go through peer review?

Yes. All chapters submitted for this volume will undergo a **double-blind peer review**, which is fully managed by the Publisher. This means that reviewers will not know the identity of the author(s), and authors will not know the identity of the reviewers.

The Publisher coordinates the entire process as follows: the Editorial Committee first screens the submission for originality, thematic fit, and formatting compliance. The blinded version of the chapter is then sent to qualified academic reviewers arranged by the Publisher. Based on their feedback,

authors may be asked to revise and resubmit their work before final acceptance. Only chapters that meet the required quality standards after this process will be included in the book.

What type of peer review is followed (single-blind, double-blind)?

The publisher conducts a **double-blind peer review** process. Both authors and reviewers remain anonymous to ensure unbiased evaluation. Authors are only required to submit their chapters in the standard format, and the publisher will prepare the blinded version for reviewers.

What if a full chapter is rejected at screening and review?

All submissions undergo a quality review to maintain the academic integrity of the book. In the unlikely event that a full chapter does not pass the screening and review stage, contributors will be given the opportunity to revise and resubmit their chapter in line with the reviewers' feedback.

If, after revision or reallocation, the contribution still does not meet the required quality standards and cannot be included in the volume, the publication fee paid at the time of registration will be refunded as per the publisher's refund policy.

Publication, Access & Rights

Who is the Publisher of this book?

This project has been accepted for publication as an open-access book by **GBP Publication, London, United Kingdom**, a globally respected academic press known for its strong commitment to Open Access, peer review, and author development, GBPP ensures wide visibility through international distribution, strategic indexing, and digital outreach.

 www.gbppublications.com

Will the book be open access or subscription-based?

The book will be published as an open access volume, ensuring that chapters are freely accessible worldwide without subscription or paywall restrictions. This maximizes visibility, readership, and citation potential.

Will contributors receive a free e-copy of the book?

Yes. All contributors will receive a complimentary e-copy (PDF) of the complete volume once it is published.

How many complimentary print copies are provided?

No complimentary print copies are included under the current publishing agreement. However, the book will be available for purchase via Amazon and other retail platforms at cost-to-cost pricing, allowing contributors to order copies at production cost

Who owns the copyright of the chapter after publication?

Authors retain the copyright of their individual chapters. By participating, authors grant the publisher a license to publish, distribute, and index the work in print and digital formats.

Administrative

Who should be contacted for queries related to this project?

For all questions regarding participation, submission, or editorial matters, please contact the Editorial Coordination Team at: **editorial@eurasian-research.com** (*Kindly mention the book title in the subject line for faster response.*)

