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Aims

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4. Provide a venue for policy-relevant and evidence-based studies
5. Support scholarship that informs governance, development, and social transformation

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2. **English Usage (or Filipino, as may be applicable)**



The manuscript must adhere to the rules of grammar and language usage, whether in English or Filipino.

- Use **past tense** consistently since the study is already completed.
- Avoid first-person point of view (“I,” “we”); instead, maintain a **third-person scientific tone**.
- Avoid contractions; spell out complete words to retain formality.
- Provide **English translations** for words, terms, or items not understandable to international readers.

3. Abstract

The abstract should follow the journal’s prescribed format and accurately reflect the study’s major components. Ensure that it correctly presents the **aim, methodology, key findings or results, and conclusion** in a concise and logical manner.

4. Introduction / Background of the Study

The introduction must:

- Present a clear rationale or background from the **global to Philippine/local contexts**.
- Show the **trends and issues** related to the study, supported with recent and relevant citations (2021–2026 preferred).
- Identify and explain the **research gap/s**, highlighting why the present study is necessary and how it differs from prior works.

5. Statement of the Problem, Research Objectives and Research Questions

The Statement of the Problem, Research Objectives and Research Questions must be clearly, explicitly, and logically stated.

- The **statement of the problem** is a detailed explanation of the issue, gap, or challenge that the study seeks to address. It frames the context and justifies why the study is necessary, usually written in declarative form as a narrative or paragraph. Its purpose is to highlight the significance, scope, and urgency of the study, providing a broad and contextual background of the issue at hand. For example, a study may state: *“Despite government programs, many senior citizens in rural areas experience delays in receiving social pensions, raising concerns about accessibility and efficiency.”*
- The **research objectives** represent the specific aims or intentions of the study, focusing on what the researcher seeks to accomplish. These are written in infinitive form such as “To determine...” or “To examine...,” ensuring that the targets are clear, measurable, and achievable. Unlike the broad statement of the problem, objectives are narrower and centered on actionable outcomes. For instance, a general objective could be *“To assess the implementation of the Social Pension Program in Balbalan, Kalinga.”* This may be broken down into specific objectives, such as: (1) To determine the accessibility of the program, (2) To examine its impact on beneficiaries, and (3) To identify challenges faced in its implementation.
- The **research questions** are the interrogative form of the objectives, expressed as direct questions the study seeks to answer. They are usually written in formats such as “What is...?” or “How does...?” and serve the purpose of guiding data collection



and analysis by pointing to specific inquiries. Research questions are even more specific than objectives, as they operationalize the study's goals into answerable items. Using the same example, the research questions could include: *RQ1: How accessible is the Social Pension Program to senior citizens in Balbalan? RQ2: What impact does the program have on the beneficiaries' quality of life? RQ3: What challenges hinder the effective implementation of the program?*

6. Review of Related Literature and Studies

This section must include sufficient, relevant, and **up-to-date references** to support the rationale and conduct of the research.

- Avoid outdated sources (1–2 decades old) for dynamic or evolving concepts.
- Do not use sources with “no date (n.d.).”
- Ensure citations are aligned with the arguments and logically linked to the study.
- There must be a clear synthesis at the end of the RRLS that captures key insights, connects the reviewed works, and justifies the need for the present study.

7. Theoretical and/or Conceptual Framework

An appropriate theoretical and/or conceptual framework must be presented to anchor the study.

8. Research Methodology (Research Design, Population and Sampling, Instrument, Data Collection, Treatment of Data, Ethics in Research)

The methodology section should be well-structured, detailed, and properly organized. Each subsection should only contain content appropriate to it:

- **Research Design:** Describe what design was used, how it was applied, and why it was the most suited.
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- **Ethical Considerations:** Include ethical approval, informed consent, and permissions here, not in other subsections.

Important Reminders:

- Avoid “chop-suey” writing (mixing unrelated topics).
- If the study used a **mixed-method approach**, discuss both parts separately (quantitative and qualitative)—design, participants, instruments, data collection, treatment of data, ethical considerations—and explain how the two sets of data were integrated.



- Use plural (“researchers”) consistently if the paper has co-authors.

9. Results and Discussion

- Present results clearly, logically, and aligned with the research questions.
- Support findings with **relevant and recent literature**.
- Integrate discussion immediately after each result to enhance coherence.

10. Conclusions and Recommendations

- Conclusions must be logically drawn from the study’s findings.
- Recommendations should be **specific, actionable, and relevant** to the results. Avoid generic statements.

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References must strictly adhere to APA 7th edition. Authors must review their entire manuscript carefully:

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- All in-text citations must appear in the References list and vice versa. **No mismatches allowed.**
- Avoid old references; prioritize recent ones.
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It is with great pleasure that we present **Volume 1, Issue 2 (April–June 2026)** of the *International Journal of Social Science Research and Policy Studies (INSORPS)*. Building upon the strong foundation established in our inaugural issue, this second publication reaffirms the journal's commitment to advancing rigorous, relevant, and policy-oriented scholarship that contributes to a deeper understanding of contemporary social issues and supports evidence-based decision-making across local, national, and global contexts.

The rapidly evolving social, political, and economic landscape continues to present complex challenges that demand thoughtful inquiry and interdisciplinary collaboration. Issues such as social inclusion, governance innovation, educational equity, digital transformation, sustainable development, and institutional effectiveness require research that not only explains societal realities but also offers practical solutions to improve public policies and community outcomes. Through INSORPS, we remain dedicated to providing an international platform where such scholarly contributions can be disseminated and shared with the global academic community.

This issue features diverse studies that examine significant social concerns through empirical investigation, systematic synthesis of existing knowledge, and evidence-based analysis. The articles explore disability perspectives and inclusive education, digital governance in public administration, and other emerging themes that demonstrate the dynamic nature of contemporary social science research. Collectively, these contributions emphasize the value of research in informing governance, strengthening institutions, and promoting inclusive and sustainable societal development.

INSORPS continues to uphold the highest standards of academic publishing through a rigorous double-blind peer-review process, strict adherence to publication ethics, and careful editorial evaluation. Every manuscript published in this issue has undergone thorough scholarly assessment to ensure methodological soundness, originality, academic integrity, and meaningful contribution to the advancement of social science and public policy scholarship.

As an international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal, INSORPS remains committed to fostering interdisciplinary dialogue among researchers, educators, policymakers, development practitioners, and public administrators from different parts of the world. By encouraging collaboration across disciplines and geographical boundaries, the journal seeks to facilitate the exchange of innovative ideas and research findings that address pressing societal concerns and contribute to the formulation of effective policies and development strategies.

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We likewise reaffirm our commitment to supporting both established scholars and emerging researchers by providing a credible and accessible venue for the publication of high-quality research. Through international visibility, Crossref DOI registration, and adherence to globally recognized publishing standards, INSORPS continues to expand the reach and impact of the scholarly works entrusted to the journal.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I extend my sincere appreciation to our authors for sharing their valuable research, to our peer reviewers for their expertise and constructive evaluations, and to our editorial and production teams for their dedication and professionalism throughout the publication process. Their collective efforts have made this issue possible and continue to strengthen the journal's mission of promoting excellence in social science research.

As we release this second issue, we invite researchers, academicians, government leaders, policy analysts, development practitioners, and graduate students to continue contributing to INSORPS. Together, let us advance knowledge, encourage evidence-based policymaking, and promote research that creates meaningful and lasting social impact.

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