



### Submission Guidelines – Opinion Piece

An Opinion Piece is a concise article that presents a personal viewpoint or perspective supported by factual evidence, aiming to express a particular opinion or argument on a specific topic or issue.

Essentially, we want well analysed pieces that take the liberty to make ‘educated guesses’ rooted in scholarship. Our submission guidelines are a little different from conventional ventures:

- The word length should range between **1400-1800 words** on topics that concern China, regions of Asia, and the Indo-Pacific from a geo-political, geo-security, and geo-economic tangent.
- Your piece should have **citations in the form of hyperlinks** (please use official and authentic sources for facts, quotes, and numbers) and should be justified with 1.5 spacing in Times New Roman (size 12). Please only submit **Word documents**.
- While we want assessment and individual opinion in a non-partisan manner, we also want to give you the chance to expand on your analyses by focusing on reading between the lines. Intelligence-driven reporting is what we at ORCA focus on via Conversations in Chinese Media (CiCM), our daily newsletter. A similar thought process that binds your piece together is what we are looking for. which We suggest our opinion pieces take inputs from our intelligence-based daily newsletter in some way or the other.
- Unconventional topics that ultimately focus on geopolitical security are always welcome; concurrently, we also seek assessments on topics in mainstream media that require immediate focus.
- A **short abstract** of the paper (of maximum 100 words) has to be submitted before the main paper. This would also be placed before the introductory paragraph of the paper.
- Please **provide a subtitle along with the title** of the Opinion Piece. For example, in the piece, *China’s Nuclear Build-up: Implications for India*, the subtitle is ‘Implications for India’.

- Pitch your idea (300 words) to us at [writetous.orca@gmail.com](mailto:writetous.orca@gmail.com); once approved, we would expect a completed piece in a week's time along with a short biography and picture. Post copy-editing and final approval from both you and us, your piece will be ready to be published!
- If you have a finished piece that you are confident fits our requirements, share it with us at [writetous.orca@gmail.com](mailto:writetous.orca@gmail.com).
- While at present we are seeking to commission paid pieces only from senior scholars, if your piece performs well, we may just commission one from you the next time!
- We would also want you to share extensively the pieces we publish, follow our [Twitter](#) and keep tabs on our [website](#) to read and review.
- Plagiarism is strictly not-allowed; each submission will be thoroughly checked for the same.
- Pieces on China's domestic politics are most welcome with proper fact-checking.
- When sharing your pitch/complete piece, please share a **short biography** (approximately 3-4 sentences) and a **formal picture** of yourself along with it.