



# Journal of Geographical Studies

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## AUTHOR GUIDE

### 1 ABOUT JOURNAL

**‘Journal of Geographic Studies’ (JGS)** publishes double blind peer reviewed articles within all fields of Geography. JGS incorporates innovative insights, methods and techniques used in disciplines like Geomorphology, Climatology, Human Geography, Economic Geography, Population Geography, Bio-geography, Geographical Information System (GIS), Remote Sensing (RS), etc.

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#### 1.1 Aim and Scope

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#### 1.2 Topics

The journal, **‘Journal of Geographic Studies’** covers following topics but not restricted to:

- Geomorphic analysis
- Climatological analysis
- Oceanographic analysis
- Soil studies
- Economic analysis
- Demographic analysis
- Resource studies
- Bio-geographic analysis
- Water-resource analysis
- Urban studies
- Rural development
- Cartography
- Geographical Information System (GIS)
- Remote Sensing (RS)
- Etc.

#### 1.3 Subject covered

Geomorphology, Climatology, Human Geography, Oceanography, Meteorology, Hydrology, Economic Geography, Population Geography, Urban studies, Bio-geography, Geographical Information System (GIS), Remote Sensing (RS), Cartography, Administration and Governance, etc.

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Bhagat, V. S., 2009. Use of LANDSAT ETM+ data for detection of potential areas for afforestation. *Int. J. Rem. Sens.*, 30 (10), 2607–2617.

### 2. Edited Book

Author name(s) [surname and initials], year of publication. Title of article or chapter. Name(s) of the editor(s), *name of the book (Italic)*, edition, publication, city (country), page numbers.

Wang, J. R. and Choudhury, B. J. 1995. Passive microwave radiation from soil: Examples of emission models and observations. Choudhury, B., Kerr, Y., Njoku, E., Pampaloni, P. (Eds.), *Passive Microwave Remote Sensing of Land–Atmosphere Interactions*, The Netherlands, 423–460.

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Author name(s) [surname and initials], year of publication. *Name of the book (Italic)*. Edition, publication, city (country), page numbers.

Hui, L., Di, L., Xianfeng H., and Deren, L., 2008. *Laser intensity used in classification of lidar point cloud data*. Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 28-35.

Schmugge, T. J. and Choudhury, B. J., 1980. *A comparison of radiative transfer models for predicting microwave emission from soils*. NASA Technical Memorandum 80688, USA.

Deer, P., 1999. *Digital change detection techniques: civilian and military application published in the UK*. Taylor and Francis Ltd.

4. Conference paper published in volume

Author name(s) [surname and initials], year of publication. Title of paper. *Title of the Conference/Workshop/Symposium (Italic)*, city (country), page numbers.

Rabia, A.H., 2012. Mapping soil erosion risk using RUSLE, GIS and Remote Sensing Techniques. In *the 4th International Congress of ECSSS, EUROSOIL*, Bari, Italy.

5. Reports

Name of the organization [Abbreviation], year of publication. Title of report. Name of the Organization, city (country), page numbers.

FAO, 1976. A framework for land evaluation, Soil Bulletin 32. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy.

Census of India, 2011. Government of India.

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Author name(s) [surname and initials], year of submission. Title of the Thesis/dissertation. Degree, name of the University / Organization, city (country), page numbers.

Wakene, N., 2001. Assessment of important Physiochemical properties of Dystric Udalf (Dystric Nitosols) under different management system in Bako area, Western Ethiopia. M.Sc. Thesis. School of Graduate Studies, Alemaya University, Ethiopia.

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Author name(s) [surname and initials], year of publication. Title of the patent. Patent number.

Balsam, W. L. and Tex, B. C., 1992. Method for quantitative detection of organic materials in rock and sediments using visible light spectra. US 5155546.

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WMO, 2005. Climate and land degradation. World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Publication No. 989. Available online at <http://www.wmo.int>, accessed on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

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Zolekar, R. B. and Bhagat, V. S., 2015. Multi-criteria land suitability analysis for agriculture in hilly zone: Remote sensing and GIS approach. *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture*, 118, 300–321, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.compag.2015.09.016>

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