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# Cover Memo: Volume 22, in Partnership with National Science Policy Network

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the [National Science Policy Network \(NSPN\)](#) I am excited and honored to announce [Volume 22, Issue 1](#) of the *Journal of Science Policy & Governance (JSPG)*. The eleven articles included in this volume feature a wide range of science policy topics and showcase creative policy solutions from the next generation of science policy and advocacy leaders.

The published articles address timely and relevant topics including scientific research policy, environment, climate change, space policy, STEM education, health policy, technology and internet policy, and the intersection between government, academia, and industry. I applaud the authors of these papers for their important contributions to science policy discourse and thank the *JSPG* editorial leadership for their contributions to this issue and ongoing role in shining the light on early career authors who are harnessing the power of science policy for social good.

NSPN was founded by and created for early career scientists who needed a community of support and access to training opportunities and career development for their individual and collective advocacy efforts. Since 2018, we have provided training for members and chapters in science policy writing, communications, and outreach with the intent of strengthening the voices of early career researchers and providing a strong platform for action on innovative policy ideas. Through experiential and [residency-based programs](#), [mentorship opportunities](#), and networking, we aim to provide a pipeline to increased science policy engagement that starts with strong writing skills. Since our inception, NSPN members and chapters have published more than 100 articles across *JSPG* and other platforms, and engage in advocacy efforts in their communities as well as with local, state, and federal governments.

*JSPG* is a critical international and peer-reviewed publication outlet for students, postdocs, policy fellows, and early career scientists to apply their knowledge to the widest dimensions of science, technology and innovation policy topics. *JSPG* seeks to empower early career researchers to have their voices and ideas heard in local, national, and international science policy debates on a large number of topics. NSPN is grateful to have had the opportunity to partner with *JSPG* for four years now and especially this most recent standard issue to continue to provide space for and training around science policy writing skills for impact.

I invite you to review this volume and share it through social media, newsletters, and personal networks. Please also stay tuned for future opportunities highlighting the next steps authors are taking with their writing to impact change. Over the coming months, *JSPG* will also be highlighting authors from this issue's

papers in their podcast [SciPol SoundBites](#) which can be found on several platforms. Tune in to learn more from and connect with these leaders.

Finally, on behalf of both *JSPG* and NSPN, I invite you to share *JSPG* editorial and NSPN [membership](#) and [program opportunities](#) with students and researchers in your network who can benefit from both experiences to contribute to sound, evidence-based public policy and governance.

Again, my warmest congratulations to the authors included in this latest issue of *JSPG*. It is my sincere hope that publication of your work marks the start of your engagement on these topics and that you continue your journey in making progress and impact on these important issues.

I extend my deepest thanks and gratitude to the authors, the *JSPG* editors and staff, and to my team at NSPN for their work on this partnership.

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