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- Special Issues **must** consist of:
    - **An introductory article**
    - **A minimum of 8 articles**
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    - A **distinct contribution to the Special Issue's core themes**.

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- A **general abstract** of the Special Issue
- A **detailed outline**, including:
    - Purpose and objectives
    - Key research questions
    - Theoretical and/or empirical approach
    - Innovation and relevance to the field
- **Provisional titles and abstracts** for each proposed article
- **Names and short biographies** of the guest editors
- **Names and short biographies** of the contributing authors
- A **proposed timeline** for manuscript submission, review, and revision
- References or a bibliography, where relevant

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