# PortCityFutures Blog Post Guidelines

General

* The overall goal of a PCF blog post is to present your idea(s). Unlike more extensive journal articles, blog posts are concise and focused on delivering a targeted message
* Aim for a length of around **800–1.000 words**, with **at least 1** supporting **image**
* Follow the classic structure of an article: catchy title / short introduction / ca. three short paragraphs / conclusion
* Topics (all PCF-related): current events (political, cultural, societal, …) / historical narratives / opinion pieces / evolving research arguments and theories / contemporary discussions / dare to put forward ponderings, theories, criticism and provocative statements — but remain respectful
* **Use** the **template** **below** to write and submit your blog post
* Questions: do not hesitate to reach out to the PCF blog editorial team *portcityfutures.blog@gmail.com*
* Submission: Please **submit** via **email** to *portcityfutures.blog@gmail.com*

Language

* Style: accessible academic / interdisciplinary / polished and polite colloquial tone / motivated
* Word choice: no jargon / explain key words and concepts / write for an interdisciplinary, interested, and broad (also non-academic) audience
* Spell check: consistency in language and grammar (American English)

References

* **APA 7th style**: <https://www.tudelft.nl/tulib/apa-citation-examples>
* In-text citation: author, year, page number
* Bibliography: short / relevant literature
* Images: at least 1 supporting image / free of copyrights / description of the image + reference/rights directly below in caption / creativity is welcome (drawings, photography, etc.)
* Please provide a caption for each image as follows: **Figure. 1 Caption (Source: Author Name, Year)**
* Author(s) are required to sign an Image Permission Consent Form

Acknowledgements

* In general: generosity with acknowledging sources of inspiration (it shows a sense of community and open-mindedness and in no way weakens your own arguments)
* PCF community: please add the text provided in the template below

Review System

* Review, editing and copywriting are done by the PCF blog editorial team, and shared with author(s) through Google Docs
* Revisions and responses to the reviews are welcome and encouraged

Planning

* Date of publication discussed and decided on with the author(s) to ensure a pragmatic and efficient planning upon submission

***Title***

*Author Name(s)*

*Department, University, City, Country*

*Introduction*

*[short contextualization paragraph explaining in what context the central idea/topic has been discussed or why it is currently sparking the interest of the author]*

*Paragraph 1*

*[text / indentation of each new paragraph and sub-paragraph]*

*[text]*

*[text]*

*Paragraph 2*

*[text]*

*…*

*Paragraph 3*

*[text]*

*…*

*Paragraph X,…*

*[text / there do not strictly need to be 3 main parts – use as many paragraphs as best suit your style and argument]*

*Conclusion*

*[tie everything together and let the readers know what the key message of this blog post is]*

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**References**

*[List references in APA format]*