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_Style Guidelines for Authors

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All articles must begin with an abstract, max. 200 words each

Body text

Standard font, e.g., Times New Roman, 12 pt., line spacing: 1.5

Numbered section titles (if you choose to use them)

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Emphasis, italics, titles: Words that are highlighted should be given in italics. Double quotation marks should be reserved for quotations. The meta-linguistic use of certain terms, distancing, etc. is to be marked by single quotation marks. Words in a foreign language should be set in italics. Titles of works (books, magazines, works of art, films, games, ...) should be set in italics, too. However, titles of essays as well as titles of poems should be marked by double quotation marks.

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Example: “The book — the first to be issued in the years 1993–1996 — became a game-changer.”

Quoting: All quotations (words, parts of a sentence, sentences) in the text should be given in double quotation marks. Quotations within a quotation are to be marked by single quotation marks. Every departure from the original must be enclosed in square brackets. Omissions should be represented by an ellipsis in square brackets [...]. The quotations should be followed by the corresponding references in an endnote. Note that the punctuation should be on the inside of the quotation marks.

Example: “Ethnology and history bear witness that the various dispositions towards the natural world and the social world, and the various anthropologically possible ways of constructing the world [...],” as Pierre Bourdieu points out.¹

Ensure that the endnote sign is placed at the end of the sentence, after the punctuation/inverted commas.

Example: “rely implicitly on the same conceptual systems that action theorists strive to make explicit through philosophical argumentation.”²

Long quotations (three or more lines) should be separated from the main text body and indented (without quotation marks).

Paraphrasing/Indirect Quotation: Please give reference to a paraphrased passage/indirect quotation/summary in the same way as described above for quoting. You may use an initial “**See** Author, Title, X” to indicate that you are paraphrasing said author(s). Use “cf.” (commonly and incorrectly used in German contexts as the English equivalent of “vgl.” to indicate paraphrasing) “only to mean ‘compare’ or ‘see, by way of comparison,’” as in the examples below:³

²² For further discussion of this problem, see Jones, *Conflict*, 49.

²³ Others disagree with my position; cf. Fisher and Ury, *Getting to Yes*, 101–3.

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Examples Endnotes:

References: Referencing follows the *Chicago Manual of Style* (17th ed.). All bibliographical information is given in the endnotes (**not** in footnotes); there is no additional list of works consulted at the end of the article.

Works/monographs/titles of series

First name Surname, *Title: Subtitle*. Vol. 1 (Place/Place: Publisher/Publisher, Year [Year of Original Publication]), page number.

Wendy Doniger, *Splitting the Difference* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999), 65.

Brian Grazer and Charles Fishman, *A Curious Mind: The Secret to a Bigger Life*, trans. Michael Bronn (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2015), 188.

Edited volumes

First name Surname, ed., *Title: Subtitle* (Place/Place: Publisher/Publisher, Year), page number.

Richmond Lattimore, ed., *The Iliad of Homer* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1951), 91–2.

Contributions in edited volumes

First name Surname, “Title: Subtitle,” in *Title: Subtitle*, eds. First name Surname and First name Surname (Place/Place: Publisher/Publisher, Year), 1–11, here: 1.

H. Porter Abbott, “Unnarratable Knowledge: The Difficulty of Understanding Evolution by Natural Selection,” in *Narrative Theory and the Cognitive Sciences*, ed. David Herman (Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications, 2003), 143–62, here: 144.

Contributions in edited journals

First name Surname, “Title: Subtitle,” *Title of journal* issue, no. (date): 1–11, here: 1.

H. Porter Abbott, “Narrative and Emergent Behavior,” *Poetics Today* 29, no. 2 (2008): 227–44, here: 228.

Contributions in edited online journals

Jio-Ch’I Liu, “Beholding the Feminine Sublime: Lee Miller’s War Photography,” *Signs* 40, no. 2 (2015): 308–19, here: 311. <<https://doi.org/10.1086/678242>>.

Article in a newspaper or popular magazine

First name Surname, “Title: Subtitle,” in *Title of magazine*, month day, year, page number.

Daniel Mendelsohn, “But Enough about Me,” in *New Yorker*, January 25, 2010, 68.

Online newspaper article

First name Surname, “Title: Subtitle,” accessed month day, year, <[URL](#)>.

Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Robert Pear, “Wary Centrists Posing Challenge in Health Care Vote,” in *New York Times*, February 27, 2010, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/28/us/politics/28health.html?_r=0>.

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Websites

First name Surname, "Title: Subtitle," title/owner or sponsor of website, accessed month day, year, <URL>.

Paul Lynch, Allen Brizee, and Elizabeth Angeli, "Planet X? 9th Planet, beyond Pluto, May Exist, New Study Suggests," Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, accessed January 21, 2016, <<http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/9th-planet-x-1.3412070>>.

If there is no name given, please proceed like

"McDonald's Happy Meal Toy Safety Facts," McDonald's Corporation, accessed July 19, 2008, <<http://www.mcdonalds.com/corp/about/factsheets.html>>.

Viktor Shklovsky, "Art as Technique," (1917), accessed June 29, 2016, <<http://www.vahidnab.com/defam.htm>>.

Blog post

First name Surname, "Title of Post," Title of Blog (blog), Month Day, Year of post, <URL>.

Viktor Shklovsky, "Art as Technique," The World is a Skin of Living Thoughts (blog), June 29, 2016, <<http://www.vahidnab.com/defam.htm>>.

Social Media

Pete Souza (@petesouza), "President Obama bids farewell to President Xi of China at the conclusion of the Nuclear Security Summit," Instagram, April 1, 2016, <<https://www.instagram.com/p/BDrmfXTtNct/>>.

Chicago Manual of Style, "Is the world ready for singular they? We thought so back in 1993," Facebook, April 17, 2015, <<https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoManual/posts/10152906193679151>>.

Film

Title of Work, directed by Firstname Lastname (Original release year; City: Studio/Distributor, video release year), medium.

Joe Versus the Volcano, directed by John Patrick Shanley (1990; Burbank, CA: Warner Home Video, 2002), DVD.

Please note

Page references

- For contributions in edited volumes or journals give page number range when referring to the contribution in general, when quoting add page number of quote (e.g.: 143–62, here: 144).

Use an abbreviated form when mentioning an identical source on multiple occasions.

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or

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Publisher's imprint: „De Gruyter“, „Frankfurt, Main“

- Anita Traninger, "Emergence as a Model for the Study of Culture," in *Travelling Concepts for the Study of Culture*, eds. Birgit Neumann and Ansgar Nünning (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2012), 67–82, here: 67."
- Frankfurt, Main: Suhrkamp; Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press
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- write "et al." after the first author's name

Punctuation marks: Punctuation mark in front of the closing quotation mark. When text in quotation marks ends with punctuation marks, still also end with a comma (punctuation marks do not replace the comma)

- Jacques Rancière, “The Thinking of Dissensus?,” in *Reading Rancière*,

Translations: Indications in square brackets

- Demet Lüküslü, *Türkiye’de Gençlik Miti* [The Myth of Youth in Turkey] (İstanbul: İletişim Publishing, 2009), 145–66.

Endnote symbols within the text

- In front of the full stop if the endnote refers to a part of the sentence, after the punctuation mark if the endnote refers to the entire sentence.
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Full first name of the authors in the bibliography, NO initials.

Write “_Endnotes” in front of the endnotes

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¹ Pierre Bourdieu, *Pascalian Meditations* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2000), 16.

² David Herman, *Story Logic: Problems and Possibilities of Narrative* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2002), 55.

³ Quote and examples from: “See’ and ‘cf.,” in *Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th ed. (Chicago/London: University of Chicago Press, 2010), 671, entry 14.37.

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