Style Guide for Publications[[1]](#footnote-1)

This style guide contains general information on how to prepare your manuscript using Microsoft Word, Open Office or Libre Office. For easily importing manuscripts into Adobe InDesign and for creating an EPUB version of your text it is critical that the predefined paragraph and character styles are assigned as described below. The guidelines for writing the manuscript as well as the recommended reference style are optional.

General Setup of your Manuscript

If you write in Microsoft Word please use the template file (dotx) we provide. After double clicking to open it, a **new** Word file should open based on this template. Please **do not forget to save** this file **with another filename as a docx file**. The template file contains the basic structure of each text (e.g., sections for title, author name(s), abstract, running text) and some explanations about how to use the different paragraph styles.

All paragraph styles to be used for your manuscript are prefixed by “\_”. You can ignore all other styles, which unfortunately cannot be removed. A full list of paragraph styles can be found at the end of this guide.

**Please use these “\_” paragraph styles and only these. Do not change fonts, or font sizes by yourself.**

File format: Send in your manuscript in an editable format, preferably as Microsoft Word docx.

Font: The template makes use of Open Sans. You can download it for free in case you have not installed it yet: <http://www.fontsquirrel.com/fonts/open-sans>. The template works without having installed Open Sans as well.

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Abstract: Include an abstract of your contribution of approximately 100–120 words for book chapters and of 200-250 words for books.

Keywords: Please provide up to five keywords that describe the content of your paper.

Guide for Writing your Contribution

This guide follows the official ***Chicago Manual of Style* in its 16th edition**. Any formatting that is not mentioned in this style sheet can be found in the *Chicago Manual,* usually available in your favorite library. Some limited information can be found at <http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>.

Please employ only the specifications that are stated in this style sheet and do not take any additional layout steps.

* Do not use more than two heading levels. Use the paragraph styles **“\_Headline 2”** and **“\_Headline 3”** to mark these headlines up. The style **“\_Headline 1”** is reserved for the title of your paper. Headlines can be numbered, but that is not required.
* Please do not insert hyphenations.
* Quotations within the text should be marked by double quotation marks before and after the quotation: “. . . ”.
* Quotations longer than two lines should be treated as block quote. Please use the paragraph style: **“\_Block Quote.”**
* Do not use automatic hyphenation. In case you want to include manual hyphenations only use so called “soft hyphens” (Win: press CRTL and hyphen | Mac: press CMD and hyphen)
* Deleted words within quotes should be marked by ellipsis points: “This is how **. . .** it looks.”
* Adjustments to the original quote appear bracketed: **[**your adjustment**]**
* Quotes within a Quote should be marked by single quotation marks before and after the quotation: “your quotation that covers ‘another quotation’ appears like this”
* Proper nouns like Munich or Catherine the Great are capitalized.
* Technical terms, foreign words as well as titles of works (names of monographs, exhibitions, images, films, games, journals, etc.) will be written in *italics* (use character style **“\_Italics”)**
* Do **not** use bold or underlined text for highlighting.
* Allusions, dissociations and the use of phrases out of context or in a new context (or ironically) are also highlighted by double quotation marks, also known as scare quotes: To say is “not my term” or “this term is being used in a novel way” or we’re just being ironic, like the time your “friend” tried to knock you down the stairs.
* Hyperlinks: Do not link text to websites. URLs for sources should only be included in the reference section.
* Spell out whole numbers up to (and including) nine, and use numerals 10 and up.

Style of Quotations (Author-Date System)

All references to the source will be integrated into the text in brackets**. Only additional information is presented in footnotes.** In text references are composed as follows:

(/Surname/ /Year/, /Page number/), e.g. (Bolten 2013, 75)

* Two authors are separated by an “and”: (Castro Varela and Dhawan 2005, 98). Three authors are separated by a comma and an “and”: (Bagnall, Cribiore, and Ahtaridis 2006, 68).
* Four and more authors are represented by “et al.” and only the first author is mentioned: (Howling et al. 1993, 83).
* If you quote several publications by the same author(s) and of the same year, please distinguish them by a letter in alphabetical order after the year of publication, e.g. (Eco 1996a, 48).

For all sources referenced in the text (and only those) bibliographic information must be provided at the end of the manuscript. Please use the “**\_Reference List”** paragraph style for the bibliography. If a source has five or more authors please list the first four by name followed by “et al.”.

References should be structured as follows:

Monographs

/Surname/, /Name/. /Year/. /Title/*:* /Subtitle/. /Location/: /Publisher.

**Example:** Reza, Yasmina. 1996. *Art.* London: Faber and Faber.

Edited Volumes

/Surname/, /Name/, ed(s). /Year/. /Title/*:* /Subtitle/. /Location/: /Publisher.

**Example:** Furstenau, Marc, ed. 2010. The Film Theory Reader: Debates and Arguments. Abingdon: Routledge.

Article in an Anthology

/Surname/, /Name/. /Year/. “/Title/: /Subtitle/.” In /Title of Anthology/*:* /*Subtitle of Anthology*/, edited by /Name/ /Surname/, /Pages/. /Location/: /Publisher/.

**Example:** Rutherford, Jonathan and Homi K. Bhabha. 1990. “The Third Space: Interview with Homi Bhabha.” In Identity: Community, Culture, Difference, edited by Jonathan Rutherford, 207­–221. London: Lawrence and Wishart.

Journal Article

/Surname/, /Name/. /Year/. “/Title/: /Subtitle/.” /*Journal*/ /Volume/ /(Issue)/: /pages/.

**Example:** Weinstein, Joshua I. 2009. “The Market in Plato’s *Republic*.” *Classical Philology* 104: 439–58.

Press Article

/Surname/, /Name/. /Year/. “/Title/: /Subtitle/.” /*Name of Newspaper*/, /Date of Publication/.

**Example:** Vulliamy, Ed. 2013. “Development hell: How the upmarket vandals ruined my childhood streets.” *The Guardian*, September 22.

Online Monographs, Articles in Anthologies, Journal Articles, etc.

In case you want to cite an online source of an article or monograph please use the styles as outlined above and add the access date and a DOI or URL:

… Accessed /Access Date/. /DOI or URL/.

**Example:** Marc Filberg. 2013. “Ecology: Another killer fungus hits amphibians.” *Nature* 7467: 374-382. Accessed June 15, 2014. doi: 10.1038/501284a.

Websites

/Surname/, /Name/. /Year/. ”/Title/: /Subtitle/”. /*Institution or title of website*/, accessed /Access Date/. URL.

If available, you can include the date the site was last modified instead of the access date. In case you cannot identify the year of publication, use the last modified or access date.

In case the author of the website cannot be identified, please use the institution or the title of the website instead.

**Example 1:** Haynes, Jonathan. 2013. “African Cinema and Nollywood: Contradictions”. *Buala.org*.Accessed June 15, 2014. http://www.buala.org/en/afroscreen/african-cinema-and-nollywood-contradictions.

**Example 2:** Donau Universität Krems. 2011. “Game Studies.” Accessed October 2, 2013. http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/studium/gamestudies/index.php.

Blog Entry or Comment

/Surname/, /Name/. /Year/. “/Title/: /Subtitle/”. /*Title of Blog*/, /Date of Entry/. Accessed /Access Date/. /URL/.

**Example:** Ruffino, Paolo. 2013. “The Mobile City: Playing against vacancy” *Gamification Lab*, August 22. Accessed June 15, 2014. http://www.projects.digital-culture.net/gamification/2013/08/22/the-mobile-city-playing-against-vacancy/

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Information about the Author/Contributor

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Catchphrases or Quotes

Please choose a short motto, a catchphrase or a significant quote from your article to introduce it and to raise interest (not more than 1–2 sentences or 140 characters).

Overview of Paragraph Styles

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| **Style** | **Description** |
| Footnotes | Microsoft Word automatically assigns styles to footnotes. Leave them as assigned by Word. |
| \_Abstract | To be used for your abstract |
| \_Author | To be used for the authors name on the paper |
| \_Acknowledgement | To be used for acknowledgements included at the beginning of a book or at the end of a chapter |
| \_Blockquote | To be used for quotes longer than two lines |
| \_Body Text | Standard paragraph style for running text |
| \_Caption | To be used for image or table captions |
| \_Section | To be used for section headlines between chapters |
| \_Headline 1 | To be used for the title of your paper |
| \_Headline 2 | To be used for subchapters level 1 |
| \_Headline 3 | To be used for subchapters level 2 |
| \_Headline 4 | To be used for subchapters level 3 |
| \_Interview | To be used for interviews |
| \_Keywords | To be used for the keywords describing your contribution |
| \_List (bullet points) | To be used for numbered lists |
| \_List (numbered) | To be used for unnumbered lists |
| \_Motto | To be used for a motto at the beginning of your chapter |
| \_Reference List | To be used for the bibliography |

Overview of Character Styles

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| **Style** | **Description** |
| \_italics | To be used for highlighting text of any paragraph style in italics |
| \_in-text-reference | To be used for in text references in case you want to highlight them typographically (Small Capitals) |

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