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General

The typescript *must* be double-spaced. You are advised to use 12 pt Times New Roman for your main text.

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Please supply as a separate document a coversheet containing information about you as author. The copy of the article text sent for review will not include this coversheet, but the information will be included in the published article. The sheet should include:

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- Your name (as you wish it to appear in print)
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Article structure

- Article title
- Abstract and keywords
- Article text (including footnotes)
- Acknowledgements note
- References

Abstract

Please provide a concise abstract for your article. It will be printed at the beginning of the article and is an essential tool for online searches. It should be around 120 words (and no more than 150 words) and should provide a clear overview of the subject. Where possible the personal pronoun should not be used, but an impersonal voice adopted: ‘This article discusses...’.

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Please also suggest 5-10 keywords which can be used for describing the content of the article. These will be printed at the beginning of the article, and are essential tools for online searches. Please note that:

- keywords should be kept short: to one word where possible (although two- or three-word specialist terms are acceptable where necessary)
- keywords should not be too generalised
- each keyword should appear in the abstract.

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Do insert sub-headings into the text, worded to aid the reader’s navigation through the article. Sub-headings should not be put into capital letters. Please avoid the use of more than three levels of heading. (For clarity in the typescript, a level 1 sub-heading should be bold centred, a level 2 sub-heading should be bold aligned left, a level 3 sub-heading should be italic aligned left.) Level 1 sub-headings may be numbered (‘1. ...’, ‘2. ...’, ‘3. ...’), *if* you need to cross-refer to sections of the article text (‘as discussed above in section 2’).

Footnotes

Footnotes should be used for additional comments; they should not be used simply for bibliographical references (see below ‘Bibliographical References’).

Footnotes will be numbered consecutively through each article. Note that footnote indicators in the text appear after any punctuation:

The evidence is derived mainly from UK examples,²⁴ but there are many international instances too.²⁵

Acknowledgements

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- *Quotation marks*. Single quotation marks ‘ ’ should be used, with double quotation marks “ ” being reserved for quotes within quotes.
- *Displayed quotations*. Quotations which are longer than about five lines when typeset (roughly, more than 60 words) are indented and are not enclosed in quotation marks.

Lists

Arabic numbers in parentheses should be used for lists: (1) (2) ...

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Please note that the house style for the *Journal* is to use the endings *-ise/-isation* in cases where an alternative in *-ize/-ization* exists: civilise, civilisation.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Examples of entries in list of ‘References’

Journal article

Turner, R.N. (2020), ‘Crossing the divide: promoting confidence in contact in a diverse world’, *Journal of the British Academy*, 8: 51–74. <https://doi.org/10.5871/jba/008.051>

Leonard, E., Ananias, J. & Sharley, V. (2022), ‘It takes a village to raise a child: everyday experiences of living with extended family in Namibia’, *Journal of the British Academy*, 10(s2): 239–61. <https://doi.org/10.5871/jba/010s2.239>

Book

Van Hyning, V. (2019), *Convent Autobiography: Early Modern English Nuns in Exile (British Academy Monograph)*; Oxford, Oxford University Press). <https://doi.org/10.5871/bacad/9780197266571.001.0001>

Macola, G. (ed.) (2018), *The Colonial Occupation of Katanga: The Personal Correspondence of Clément Brasseur, 1893–1897 (Fontes Historiae Africanae, ns 15)*; Oxford, Oxford University Press). <https://doi.org/10.5871/bacad/9780197266496.001.0001>

Chapter in book

Moss, A. (1995), “Des coches”: une rhétorique transportable?, in O’Brien, J., Quainton, M. & Supple, J. (eds), *Montaigne et la rhétorique (Studies on Montaigne, 22)*; Paris, Classiques Garnier), 77–87.

Tyler, E.M. & Younge, G. (2020), ‘Moving people, moving forms: narrating migration in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles’, in Ormrod, W.M., Story, J. & Tyler, E.M. (eds), *Migrants in Medieval England, c. 500-c. 1500 (Proceedings of the British Academy, 229)*; Oxford, Oxford University Press), 144–74. <https://doi.org/10.5871/bacad/9780197266724.003.0006>

Media, reports and online sources

- Archard, D. (2020), 'How should we think about childhood and children? A provocation paper', *Medium*.
<https://medium.com/reframing-childhood-past-and-present/how-should-we-think-about-childhood-and-children-66c5624092f>
- Guardian Nigeria* (9 January 2022), 'Nigeria in crisis as debt stock hits N26t in 7years'.
<https://guardian.ng/news/nigeria-in-crisis-as-debt-stock-hits-n25t-in-7years/>
- WHO (World Health Organization) (2019), *Non-pharmaceutical public health measures for mitigating the risk and impact of epidemic and pandemic influenza*. <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/non-pharmaceutical-public-health-measures-for-mitigating-the-risk-and-impact-of-epidemic-and-pandemic-influenza>

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Sample sequence of entries in 'References' list

- Adams, L. (2003), ... [entries are in alphabetical sequence by author name]
- Brown, J. (1998), ...
- Brown, J. (2004a), ... [subsequent works by same author appear in date sequence]
- Brown, J. (2004b), ... [distinguish multiple works in same year by 'a', 'b', etc.]
- Brown, J. (forthcoming), ...
- Brown, J. & Jones, R. (2002), ... [works by the same author & one other author follow in alphabetical sequence]
- Brown, J. & Smith, A. (2000), ...
- Brown, J., Jones, R., Adams, L. & Smith, A. (1999), ... [a work with three or more authors follows dual-author works even if it is out of sequence alphabetically or chronologically]
- Brown, J., Adams, L. & Jones, R. (2001a), ...
- Brown, J., Smith, A., & Jones, R. (2001b), ...
- Brown, P. (1980), ...
- Curtis, M. & Atkinson, J. (1999), ...

References in the text and notes

The short form author-and-date references should be inserted within the text; they may also be inserted within footnotes as part of additional comments. (Do *not* put the full bibliographical details of references in the footnotes). Sample in-text / in-note references:

This view is strongly held by Curtis & Atkinson (1999: 15–17) and Adams (2003), but has been challenged regularly by others (in particular Brown J. 1998: 93, 96; 2004a: 72–3).¹ (It is interesting to note that the World Health Organization (WHO 2019) has also taken a different view.)

¹ The evidence supporting the alternative arguments is drawn from a broad range of international examples: see Brown J. & Smith (2000), Brown J. *et al.* (2001b), and most recently Brown J. (forthcoming).

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- All illustrations, whether line diagrams, maps or half-tones (photographs), should normally be described as Figures. ‘Figure’ should never be abbreviated to ‘Fig.’ in the text or the caption.
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Positioning

When they are typeset, tables will be incorporated within the text. However, all tables should be submitted at the end of the text, each on a new page. The correct method to refer to the table in the text is, therefore, ‘as shown in Table 1’ without breaking off where you think the table may fall.

The following example illustrates the correct layout of a table:

Table 1. Vocational qualifications of the workforce in Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland, selected years 1988–91.

	Percent of all economically active persons				
	Britain 1989	France 1988	Germany 1988	Netherlands 1989	Switzerland 1991
University degrees ^a	11	7	11	8	11
Intermediate vocational qualifications	25	40	63	57	66
Of which:					
Technician ^b	7	7	7	19	9
Craft ^c	18 ^d	33	56	38	57
No vocational qualifications ^e	64	53	26	35	23
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100

^a For Britain, includes professional qualifications of degree standard. For Netherlands, includes HTS diplomas and university education of three years or more.

^b For Britain, includes BTEC, HNC, HND; sub-degree qualifications in teaching and nursing. Corresponding qualifications in other countries (e.g. for France, DUT; for Germany, includes *Meister*).

^c For Britain, includes basic qualifications excluded in other countries (see text), i.e. City and Guilds Part 1 and above; BTEC National and equivalent; apprenticeships (NVQ level 2 and above; see n. d). For France, CAP and BEP. For the Netherlands, MBO diplomas (apart from HTS) and half of all LBO diplomas (corresponding to those at levels C and D, and half of those at level B; see text). For Germany, *Berufsabschluss*. For Switzerland, includes also half of those completing lower level qualifications based on 1–2 years traineeship course (*Anlehre*).

^d Of which approximately 9 per cent at City and Guilds Part 2 and equivalent (NVQ level 3) and 8 per cent at City and Guilds Part 1 and equivalent (NVQ level 2).

^e Only general education (below university level). For Britain, includes those with GCSE or A-levels, but without vocational or university qualifications. For the Netherlands includes half of LBO diplomas (half of those at level B and all at level A), and those without LBO diplomas; for Switzerland, includes half of *Ahlehre* qualifications.

Sources: Estimates based on national Labour Force Surveys, including special tabulations prepared for NIESR; national qualifications reclassified to common basis as far as possible. For details on France, see the article by Steedman in *National Institute Economic Review* (August 1990); Netherlands, Mason *et al.*, *ibid.*, (May 1992); Switzerland, H. Hollenstein, National Institute Discussion Paper no. 54 (September 1982), and work in progress by Bierhoff *et al.* at the Institute.

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Abbreviations

- Avoid unnecessary abbreviations. If you are using any that may be unfamiliar to a non-specialist reader, please explain them at their first occurrence.
- *Italics* should only be used in abbreviations where the expanded version is in italic: *OED* (*Oxford English Dictionary*); but LSJ (*A Greek–English Lexicon* by Liddell, Scott and Jones).
- *Use of full points.* Do not put full points in abbreviations consisting entirely of capitals, e.g. ‘BBC’ not ‘B.B.C.’, or in abbreviations consisting of a mixture of capital and lower-case letters that are used as titles or post-nominals, e.g. St (Saint), Revd, Dr, Mr, Mrs, FMedSci, BSc, MPhil, PhD. Abbreviations of units of measurement should not be given a full point: ‘cm’ not ‘cm.’.
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- *Percentages.* Normally ‘per cent’ should be spelled out in the text: use % in tables.
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