

Guidelines for Authors

The editorial style of the journal is to publish articles in a clear and consistent way that will assist readers and also meet international standards. To this end, we try to avoid needlessly complicated instructions and invite authors to follow the set of guidelines below prior to submission.

Submitting an article

Scholarly articles may be submitted by academics or other specialists. We wish to encourage the publication of a variety of research findings that either originate *within* Seychelles or are submitted from anywhere about one aspect or another *of* Seychelles.

For preliminary advice on the suitability of an article, authors are encouraged to contact the Editor at dennishardy@ymail.com. Proposals which have already been, or will be, published elsewhere cannot be accepted.

The preferred length of articles is between 4000 and 8000 words (including references).

Proposed articles should be sent to the Editor at the email address above. Each article should be accompanied by the following:

- ♦ an abstract of 150-200 words
- ♦ a brief 'bio' of no more than a single paragraph, including an indication of main publications as well as contact details
- ♦ 4-6 keywords to assist online searches

Refereeing

If the article is seen as relevant to the journal and otherwise suitable for publication it will then be refereed by at least one independent reader.

The referee's response and any other editorial comments will be sent to the author for possible corrections. Once these have been agreed and inserted in the text, the article should be returned to the journal for proofreading and formatting. The author will be shown a copy of the final version prior to publication.

Style guidelines

Language

All articles should be written in good English, with English rather than American spellings. The editors are prepared to make a limited number of suggested improvements but manuscripts which do not meet acceptable standards at the outset will be rejected.

Format

Please use Microsoft Word (doc.x) format.

Please remove any automatic formatting from your document.

Font

Calisto Mt size 12 for the main body of text. *Calisto MT* size 10 for references listed at end. Main headings should be size 20, sub-headings size 16.

Line spacing

1.15 (except for headings of two lines or more which should be spaced at 1.0)

Page numbers

Page numbers should be centred at foot of page.

Author information

In the case of scholarly articles, authors should include their full name, title, and institutional affiliation on the first page of the manuscript. These details will not be passed to the independent referee but will appear in the final version.

Headings

The hierarchy of headings should be in the same format as in these guidelines.

Acknowledgements

Any acknowledgments should be included immediately prior to the list of references.

Tables and illustrations

Illustrations are encouraged but the author is responsible for first obtaining any required copyright permissions and for providing evidence of these.

Any photographs should be submitted in separate files in JPEG format, with a resolution of 300 dpi. Tables and other illustrations should be submitted as PNG files.

References

References should be bracketed in the text, with page numbers if appropriate, and listed in alphabetical order at the end of the main text. For example:

Bueger, C. and Wivel, A. (2018). How do small island states maximize influence? Creole diplomacy and the smart state foreign policy of the Seychelles. *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region*, 14 (2), pp170-188.

Gondolf, E.W. (2007). *Theoretical and Research Support for the Duluth Model: A reply to Dutton and Corvo*. <http://www.theduluthmodel.org/pdf/Theoretical/pdf> [Accessed 9 October 2016].

Harding, L. (2017). *Collusion: How Russia helped Trump win the White House*. London: Guardian Books.

Miéville, C. (2016). 'We are all Thomas More's children' - 500 years of utopia. *The Guardian*, 4 November 2016. <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/nov/04/thomas-more-utopia-500-years-china-mieville-ursula-le-guin> [Accessed 1 June 2017].

Neumann, F. (1986). *Ornamentation and Improvisation in Mozart*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Schöttli, J., (Ed.). (2018). *Maritime Governance and South Asia: Trade, security and sustainable development in the Indian Ocean*. Singapore: World Scientific.

Woolf, N.J. and Butcher, L.L. (1991). Dysdifferentiation of structurally plastic neurons initiates the pathological cascade of Alzheimer's disease. In *Brain Cholinergic Systems*, M. Steriade and D. Biesold (Eds.). New York: Oxford University Press.

Quotations

Short quotations in the text should be included between single quotation marks. Any quotes of more than one sentence should be indented as a separate paragraph and formatted in italics, without quotation marks.

Footnotes and endnotes

Footnotes and endnotes are not permitted; all material should be included in the main text.

Other submissions

In addition to refereed articles, the Journal welcomes the submission of Research Notes and Conference Reports.

Research Notes

A great deal of research takes place not only within the university but in government departments, NGOs, private organisations, and through individual endeavour. One of the aims of this journal is to let others know of this varied research activity.

As such, submissions are invited to the section of the journal entitled 'Research Notes'. These may be of any length but, as far as possible, the text should follow the general Style Guidelines indicated above.

The main purpose is to spread the word about ongoing research on a variety of topics, so authors should feel free to do this in the form of a report or extract from an official document, through illustrations or even as a poster. Strategic plans and news of awards are also welcome. A limited number of photos may be included.

In short, authors should not feel too constrained about the form of submissions so long as these add to our knowledge of what researchers are currently doing in Seychelles.

Conference Reports

Attendance at research conferences within Seychelles or internationally are always of interest to a wider audience. Participants are invited to submit a report that will set the conference in context – who organized it, where it was held, how many attended, what it set out to do, and a small selection of interesting outcomes. Overall, a conference report should not exceed around 1000 words.

Examples of conference reports can be found in previous issues of the journal.