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Articles are normally to be 6000–10000 words in length, should be accompanied by a bibliography and should be formatted according to industry academic standard, using this style guide.

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Review essays are to be 3000–5000 words in length. They may review several books, and may also focus on multiple works of a single author, works in a series, or publications around particular topics

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Always check with the Book Review Editor before submitting a review in case the book you are interested in reviewing has already been assigned. Book reviews are to be 1500–2500 words in length, and as much as possible refrain from the use of notes and references.

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1. *Online submissions*

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All articles are peer-reviewed. To ensure the integrity of the blind peer-review we need to make every effort to preserve the anonymity of authors and reviewers. Therefore, when preparing your article for submission please take the following steps:

1. Remove your name entirely from the text. If you cite your own publications be sure to substitute the word 'author' for your own personal details and for the actual title of the work cited.
2. With Microsoft Office documents, author identification should also be removed from the properties for the file (see under File in Word), by clicking on the following, beginning

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2. *Style rules*

All articles and reviews accepted for publication must conform to the following style rules and be submitted according to the following instructions.

1. Submissions should be single spaced, using a 12-point font, with pages numbered consecutively throughout.
2. Quoted matter, if more than three lines, should normally be indented, without opening and closing quotation marks. Any quotes within these quotes should be in double quotation marks. The quote should be in 11-point font, with a blank line before and after it.
3. Quotations of up to three lines should form part of the text, and should be indicated by double quotation marks. Single quotation marks should be used only for quotations within quotations.
4. All non-Roman alphabets should be transliterated following the styles provided below.
5. When Pali or Sanskrit is added in brackets within a quote, it should include word endings as in the original source, but use stem endings for words used/discussed in the text.
6. All notes, both substantive and referential, should be provided as footnotes using the footnote/endnote tools in Word. A note number next to a comma should come after it and at the end of sentences it should come after the full stop, which should normally be after the closing quotation mark. Bracketed references at the end of a sentence should come before the full stop. When one footnote says e.g. 'see n.10', the cited note number needs to be highlighted in some colour, as it may need to be changed in the editing and revision process.
7. All sources referred to in the text and notes should be listed at the end of the article, in alphabetical order according to the style outlined below, as a Bibliography.
8. Illustrations, tables, maps and figures must be numbered consecutively and include captions which identify the source of any image or data. Authors are responsible for obtaining and paying for all copyright and reproduction charges.
9. Any acknowledgements should be placed at the end of the article, before the end matter
1. (abbreviations, bibliography).
10. Authors of articles and book reviews will be emailed a proof as a pdf file, and will normally be expected to return these within seven days of receipt. Corrections should be confined to typographical errors or to specific questions raised by the editors.
11. For further reference, *The Oxford Dictionary for Writers and Editors* (Clarendon Press, 2. 1981) is recommended.

2.1. *Diacritical Marks*

For diacritic marks, wherever possible use a Unicode font such as Gentium (or Gentium Plus), which is available as a free download from: http://scripts.sil.org/cms/scripts/page.php?site_id=nrsi&id=gentium_download

For Chinese ideograms, a Unicode font is essential.

2.2. Gender and language

Where a gender-inclusive alternative is possible, it is to be preferred (e.g. ‘humanity’ rather than ‘man’ when referring to both genders). When personal pronouns are used both genders should generally be included. The use of plural forms is recommended.

2.3. Capitalization

Use capitalization sparingly. Buddhist doctrine should generally not be capitalized except for very specific purposes. Use initial capitals for *Vinaya* and *Abhidhamma/Abhidharma* in the sense of certain texts, but use lower case for them in the sense, respectively, of monastic discipline and a certain style of thought. Use initial capitals for titles of texts.

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Italicize:

- all non-English words, for each occurrence, but not a final English pluralizing *s*, if this is added. But please note that words that appear on the Oxford English Dictionary *should not* be italicized. That is, words that were originally outside the English language but have now come into popular use. These include, for example—*dharma*, *karma*, *sangha*, *ahimsa*, *bodhisattva*. Proper nouns should retain the diacritic, i.e., *Pāli*, *Mahāyāna*.
- the titles of Buddhist texts, including text collections, such as the *Majjhimanikāya*, *Tipiṭaka*
- the titles of books and journals
- column headings in tables.

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- names of persons, places, schools of Buddhism
- titles of articles/papers in journals or in edited books (put these in quotation marks)
- quotes.

2.5. Bolding

Avoid the use of bold if possible, other than in headings, as below.

2.6. Headings

Title of paper: 16 point, bold, centred, lower case, with first letters of all words in capitals.

Author’s name: 14 point, not bold, small capitals, centred

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Add a blank line after a heading, but do not indent the start of the first paragraph.

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Do not have a blank line between paragraphs, but inset the first line. In Word, one can ensure there is no extra space after a paragraph end by clicking 'Page layout' > Paragraph, and ticking 'Don't add space after paragraphs of the same style'.

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The article should start with an abstract of around 150 words. The heading ABSTRACT should be 14 point, small caps, centred, not bold. The text should be in normal text, and inset. The keywords should follow with the Keywords heading centred.

2.9. Abbreviations

Do not abbreviate journal titles.

Use CE and BCE for dates, which should be unpunctuated and may be set in small capitals. Note the following abbreviations:

ed. (editor, edited by) 2nd ed. (second edition)
trans. (translator, translated by) repr.
(reprint) rev. (reviser, revised by) vol./vols.
(volume)

2.10. Verbal style and spelling

1. *British spelling* is preferred, but contributors may opt to use US or Canadian standards of spelling but must stipulate this at the time of their submission
2. *-ize* spellings should be used (recognize, emphasize, organization, etc. BUT analyse [analyze where US spelling is stipulated], exercise, etc.).
3. *Square brackets* should be used to indicate text inserted into a quotation by the author (e.g. [sic.]), and should also be used to contain the citation of an original, transliterated term translated.
4. *Numerals* are written out in full when they are ten or below, when they begin a sentence and when they are an even hundred, thousand, million, etc. But sometimes it is better to have consistency rather than follow this rule. Numbers of centuries should always be written out in full: twenty-first century; nineteenth century etc.
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6. *Ellipses*: all quotations are in the nature of an extract from a longer text, so ellipses (...) should not be used simply to indicate that in the original text there are preceding and following words. Use ellipses to indicate the omission of material from a quote. There is no need to place the ellipses in any brackets.
7. There should be no punctuation marks between the last word of a quote and the closing quotation mark, unless the quote is a complete sentence ending in a full stop.
8. *Use*: focused, focusing etc (not focussed, focussing); first, secondly, or first, second (but not firstly); acknowledgment, judgment.

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12. *Dates*: 1 March 2003.

3. *Transliteration*

- Always use appropriate diacritic marks on Pali and Sanskrit words.
- For Chinese, use the modern Pinyin system. If Chinese ideograms are used, also provide a transliteration in brackets. Size Chinese ideograms at 10pt to avoid them looking over-large in relation to the surrounding 12pt text.
- For Tibetan, use the Wylie transliteration method, and the Hepburn one for Japanese.
- Transliterations of other languages should follow an accepted standard, which should be indicated in a note at the first occurrence.

4. *Referencing*

For modern books and articles, use this author-date system: after a quote, give author, date and page number(s) in brackets, e.g. (Williams and Jones 1989, 62; Smith et al. 2002a, 3–14), with full bibliographic data given in the bibliography. Note here that there is no comma after the author, and there is a comma, not a colon after the date. References to passages in Buddhist texts should usually be given by a system of abbreviations (see below). References within the text that become too long, and hence break the flow of reading, should be put in a footnote, though still using one of the above systems.

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4.1. *Scripture references*

For translated passages from Buddhist texts, if the translation is not your own, give the reference for the translation used. Also give the reference for the original: Pali texts to the Pali Text Society edition; Chinese texts to the *Taishō* edition of the Chinese Canon; for other texts, also give details of the edition used. When providing *Taishō* references beyond

simply the text number of any text (e.g. T262), ensure to include also the volume number before page, column and line number, without any full stops, e.g. T262 (9) 10b29.

For reference to Pali texts, please use the abbreviation system of the Pali Text Society's *A New Dictionary of Pāli*, the most important ones of which are given below. List all abbreviations used at the end of the article. Reference should normally be to the Pali Text Society edition, and to volume and page number of this unless otherwise stated. With some notable exceptions listed below, commentaries are usually signified by adding -a to the abbreviations below. Use roman numbers for volume numbers, without full stops, e.g. A II 63 not A.II.63. It is not necessary to add a line number reference.

Aṅuttaranikāya: A

Aṅuttaranikāya commentary (*Manoratha-pūraṇī*): Mp

Apadāna: Ap

Atthasālinī: As

Buddhavaṃsa: Bv – reference by poem and verse.

Cariyāpiṭaka: Cp – reference by *vagga*, poem and verse.

Cullaniddesa: Nidd II

Dhammasaṅgaṇī: Dhs – reference by page number of Pāli text, or item number.

Dhammapada: Dhp – reference by verse number.

Dhātukathāpakaraṇa with its commentary: Dhātuk

Dīghanikāya: D

Dīghanikāya commentary (*Sumaṅgala-vilāsini*): Sv

Itivuttaka: It

Jātaka with its commentary: Ja – reference to volume and page number of Pāli text, or to story number.

Kathāvatthu: Kv – reference by page number of Pāli text, or *vagga* and discussion number.

Khuddakapāṭha: Khp. – reference by poem and verse number.

Khuddakapāṭha commentary (*Paramattha-jotikā I*): Pj I

Mahāniddesa: Nidd I

Mahāvamsa (and *Cūlavamsa*): Mhv – reference by chapter and verse.

Majjhimanikāya: M

Majjhimanikāya commentary (*Papañca-sūdanī*): Ps

Milindapañha: Mil *Nettipakaraṇa*: Nett *Paṭisambhidāmagga*: Paṭis

Paṭṭhāna: PTS edition: *Tikaṭṭhāna* (Tikap) in three volumes, with its commentary and *Duka-paṭṭhāna* (Dukap), in one volume; the PTS translation, *Conditional Relations* vol. I and II is of part of the first (though it is from the Burmese edition).

Peṭakopadesa: Peṭ

Petavatthu: Pv – reference by poem and verse number.

Puggalapaññatti: Pp – reference by page number of Pāli text, or chapter and section number.

Samyuttanikāya: S

Samyuttanikāya commentary (*Sārattha-ppakāsini*): Spk

Suttanipāta: Sn – references by verse number, or page number for prose sections.

Suttanipāta commentary (*Paramattha-jotikā II*): Pj II

Theragāthā: Th – reference by verse number.

Therīgāthā: Thī – reference by verse number.

Udāna: Ud

Vibhaṅga: Vibh

Vimānavatthu: Vv – reference by poem and verse number.

Vinayaṭṭakā: Vin – note that:

– Vin I and II (*Mahāvagga* and *Cūlavagga*) are translated as *The Book of the Discipline* vols IV and V.

– Vin III, IV (*Suttavibhaṅga*) are translated as *The Book of the Discipline* vols I, II and III.

Also note that the translation, when it gives the Pāli page number in the midst of the translation, gives it at the end of that page: e.g. [1] means p.1 ends here. In all other translations, it indicates where a page of the original starts.

Vinayaṭṭakā commentary (*Samantapāsādikā*): Sp

Visuddhimagga: Vism

Yamakaṭṭakāraṇa: Yam

4.2. Bibliography

The bibliography should list sources alphabetically by author. When there are two sources by the same author from the same year, indicate this by adding a, b etc. after the date, e.g. 1990a and 1990b. Articles from periodicals or titles of book chapters are printed within single quotation marks. Book and journal titles are in italics. Capitalize significant words in book, journal and paper/chapter titles. Use an ampersand (&) in lists of two or three authors, but omit ‘and’ or the ampersand for lists of four or more names.

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Seeger, Martin. 2018. *Gender and the Path to Awakening: Hidden Histories of Nuns in Modern Thai Buddhism*. Chang Mai: Silkworm Books.

Journal articles

For journal articles, give: author, forenames or initials (as they appear in the article), date, title of article (in quotation marks), journal title (italicized), volume and issue numbers, and page numbers:

Gummer, Natalie, D. 2012. “Listening to the *Dharmabhāṅga*: The Buddhist Preacher in and of the Sūtra of Utmost Golden Radiance.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 80(1): 137–160.

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Park, Pori. 2012. "The Establishment of Buddhist Nunneries in Contemporary Korea." In *Korean Buddhist Nuns and Laywomen: Hidden Histories, Enduring Vitality*, edited by Eun-su Cho, 165–181. Albany: State University of New York Press.

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Access to Insight, www.accesstoinsight.org/index.html>The Path to Freedom>Dhamma>Generosity: www.accesstoinsight.org/ptf/dana.html. Accessed on 20th April 2021.

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