



Guidance for contributors of articles to *Journal of Hellenic Studies*

General information

The *Journal of Hellenic Studies* (*JHS*) was first issued in 1880 and is internationally recognized as one of the foremost periodicals in the field of Classical scholarship. It contains articles on a wide variety of Hellenic topics and reviews of recent books of importance to Greek studies. Submissions covering any aspect of Hellenic studies will be welcomed.

JHS seeks articles which represent genuinely original and significant contributions to their field focused on a specific research question, theme or issue, and utilizing critical and analytical methodologies appropriate to the specific topic and sub-field. While we are happy to receive specialist or technical articles founded on rigorous scholarship, we would ask that contributors aim to write in a way that demonstrates the importance and relevance of their research across the wider field, beyond a narrow sector of their discipline or sub-discipline.

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Submission procedure

There is no annual deadline for initial submissions. Given the global circulation of the journal, in all but exceptional circumstances articles must be submitted in English in accordance with the Society's [Style Guide](#) (also available from the Society's website, www.hellenicsociety.org.uk). Please follow the Style Guide as closely as possible. Articles written by authors whose first language is not English should be proofread and corrected by a native English speaker prior to submission.

Articles should be produced in a PC-compatible (preferably MS Word) format using a generic font, such as Arial or Times New Roman, with ample margins, not as a pdf. Automatic text formatting, such as paragraph indenting, bullet points or numbering, should be avoided, but pagination is helpful for referees.

Complete articles (i.e., text, tables and figures) should be submitted electronically as email attachments to the Editor of *JHS*, lfoxhall@liverpool.ac.uk, with the subject line 'JHS'. For initial consideration, figures may be embedded in a text document or submitted as low-resolution images. However, please note the guidelines for publication-quality electronic images outlined in the Style Guide, which will be essential for final versions of accepted submissions.

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Structure of article

Articles should be structured as follows and submitted as a single file: Title of article; Abstract (maximum of 200 words) and keywords (up to 5); Text; Appendices; Bibliography; Figure captions; Table captions. Notes should be integrated as footnotes. Normally the text of an article should not exceed **9000 words including footnotes**, though consideration will be given to longer submissions where greater length can be justified, for example because of the exceptional importance of the topic across the discipline. Shorter contributions of high quality are, of course, also welcome. A word count (inclusive of notes) should be provided.

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The bibliography should contain only those works referred to in the text. Tables and figures may be embedded in this file or submitted separately. Figures should be presented in a continuous sequence (i.e., not divided into ‘figures’ and ‘plates’) with reference made in the text to each illustration.

Review process

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Following submission, an article is reviewed as follows:

- The Editor assesses the article and decides whether it should be declined immediately or sent for review by specialist academic referees. If the article is not declined immediately, it will be sent to two specialist referees.
- Following receipt of the referees’ reports, the article is re-assessed by the Editor. At this stage, the article may be (a) accepted subject to minor revisions, (b) returned for major revisions ahead of re-submission and re-review, if the Editor believes that the article has merits and would benefit the Journal but has problems which mean that it is not yet ready for publication, or (c) declined.
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- There will be only one opportunity for a re-review in the case of revisions being requested. Articles that have been subject to major revisions will usually be sent to referees for re-evaluation.

The Editor aims to complete the initial review of an article within three months of submission. However, please be aware that the refereeing process relies on extremely busy academics and that it is not always possible to adhere to this timetable.

Publication process

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