Author Guidelines
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Abstract

This document contains guidelines for the preparation of manuscripts for the electronic journal “*Bunron* – Journal of Japanese Literary Studies” and can be used as a template.

Introductory remarks

The following guidelines are mandatory requirements for manuscripts prepared for submission to the electronic journal “*Bunron* – Journal of Japanese Literary Studies”. It is the author’s responsibility to ensure that the submitted manuscript complies fully with these guidelines; only then will the submission be processed by the editorial team. Please use this Word document as a template and retain the original formatting (headings, paragraphs and all punctuation marks). You can find a list of the styles applied in this template in the “Styles” group on the “Home” tab; *Bunron* styles begin with the abbreviation “br”. Please do not change the headers or footers.

Languages and orthography

Manuscripts may be submitted in the following languages: German, English, French and Japanese. Authors submitting manuscripts in German should use the new German orthography.

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Manuscript submission

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When uploading your manuscript, you will be asked to copy your reference list and abstract into one of the text boxes. This step is necessary in order to archive the article and facilitate the search for it. Do not delete the abstract or the reference list from your manuscript, but merely copy them. You can also find step-by-step instructions which explain the registration and manuscript submission process on the journal’s website (see “About”, “Submissions”, “Author Guidelines”).

Manuscript components

Each manuscript submission should include at least the following items in the order given below:

* Title
* Author (Place of current affiliation)
* Abstract in English
* Main text
* Lists
* List of abbreviations
* Primary sources
* Secondary sources (Internet sources listed separately)
* Lists of tables, figures, illustrations and illustration credits

Formatting requirements (overview)

| **No.** | **Content** | **Formatting requirement** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Font | Calibri / 明朝 |
| 2 | Font size main text Latin | 12 pt |
| 3 | Font size footnotes Latin | 11 pt |
| 4 | Font size main text Japanese | 10 pt |
| 5 | Font size footnotes Japanese | 9 pt |
| 6 | Title  | 16 pt (br style) |
| 7 | Level 1 Heading | 12 pt, bold (br style)  |
| 8 | Text alignment | Justified |
| 9 | First paragraph after heading | No indent (br style) |
| 10 | Second and subsequent paragraphs | First line indent by 0.63 cm (br style) |
| 11 | Long quotation | Double indent left / right by 1.5 cm / 0.95 cm (br style) |
| 12 | Footnotes | No indention (br style) |
| 13 | Footnote numbers | Separate from justified footnote text |
| 14 | Margin left / right | 2.8 / 2.5 cm |
| 15 | Margin top / bottom | 2.5 / 2 cm |
| 16 | Transcription of Japanese words | Modified Hepburn system |
| 17 | Quotation marks | “primary”; ‘secondary’ |
| 18 | Small caps | Surnames (of authors and editors) in small caps – not ALL CAPS – only in the footnotes and the reference list. |

Sample main text, footnotes and reference list (including further requirements)

The first paragraph after a heading is not indented. The line spacing is 1.15 lines in the main text and 1.0 lines in the footnotes. The first line of the second and subsequent paragraphs in a section is indented by 0.63 cm. Use Word’s list features to structure your text (as in this template).

With regard to capitalization after colons, the first word is lowercased unless two or more sentences or a quotation follow the colon.

The transcription of Japanese follows the modified Hepburn system:

1. The kana character ん at the end of a syllable is always transcribed as n, i.e. also before m, b and p (*shinbun, senmon, kanpa*).
2. If the kana character ん is followed by a vowel or y, an apostrophe is used to separate the syllables (*Man'yōshū; hon'yaku, tan'i*).
3. The particles は, へ and を should be transcribed according to their actual pronunciation as *wa*, *e* and *o* (not as *ha*, *he* and *wo*).
4. Long vowels are marked with a macron (Ā, Ī, Ū, Ē, Ō; ā, ī, ū, ē, ō).
5. Japanese place names with long vowels, such as Tōkyō, Ōsaka or Kyōto, should be spelled with macrons in the English text respectively.

Chinese terms, names and texts should be transcribed according to the Pinyin system, for Korean terms the [McCune-Reischauer](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/McCune-Reischauer) system should be used.[[1]](#footnote-1) Japanese terms in the main text and in the footnotes should be given with their English translation, followed by the transcription and, when necessary, the characters in parentheses, e.g.: women’s university (*joshi daigaku* 女子大学). The order of transcription and original writing should also be applied to names as in “Sesshū Tōyō 雪舟等楊 (1420–1506?)”.

Please avoid placing emphasis on text by using italics or quotation marks, rather, stress your point by employing appropriate rhetorical devices.

Reference citations should be abbreviated in the footnotes, and a complete reference should be given in the reference list.[[2]](#footnote-2) Missing bibliographic information or a missing pagination are indicated by “n.s.” (“not specified”). With regard to journals, volume and number should be indicated by “Vol. x, No. y”. Chapter headings should be placed in quotation marks (“Title”). If titles of Japanese publications are not yet translated into English, an English translation of the title, set in square brackets, should be added. If, however, an English translation is available, its title will be given in italics and round brackets after the Japanese title has been mentioned.

Long quotes are marked by double indent (block quote), not by quotation marks. The font size of long quotes and other indented text such as lists is 11pt. The first line of paragraphs following long quotes is not indented.

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If possible, do not conclude a section with a long quote. Omissions of words or sentences in quotes are generally indicated by ellipsis marks set in square brackets ([…]).

Sample reference list

Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Full Title |
| --- | --- |
| HWPh | *Historisches Wörterbuch der Philosophie*. Basel: Schwabe, 1971–2007. |
| KDR | *Kindai Dejitaru Raiburarī* 近代デジタルライブラリー (http://kindai.ndl.go.jp/). |
| MN | *Monumenta Nipponica*. Tōkyō: Sophia University, 1938–. |
| NKBT | *Nihon koten bungaku taikei* 日本古典文学大系. 107 vols. Tōkyō: Iwanami shoten, 1957–68. |
| T | *Taishō shinshū daizōkyō* 大正新脩大藏經. Takakusu, Junjirō 高楠順次朗 *et al.* (ed.). Tōkyō: Taishō issaikyō kankōkai, 1924‒1935. Available online on *The SAT Daizōkyō Text Database* (version 2012).URL: <http://21dzk.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp/SAT/index_en.html>(accessed: 22.08.2017). |

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