

Guide for Authors

Preface

The *Journal of Sistan and Baluchistan Studies (JSBS)* is devoted to South-Eastern Iran and welcomes articles in various areas of the world with a Sistan and Baluchistan legacy, especially adjacent areas such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Oman, the Persian Gulf, and Central Asia with a chronological span from Paleolithic to Modern times. Contributions must be original and have not previously been published elsewhere. Please be ensure that there are no conflicts between the authors before submitting. Before being published, manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Sistan and Baluchistan Studies (JSBS)* are critically reviewed. The purpose of the review is to reassure readers that the papers have been approved by competent and unbiased professionals. Manuscripts should be written in English, with the use of one spelling style throughout the entire manuscript. Both British and American spelling will be accepted. The manuscript should be submitted only via the *Journal of Sistan and Baluchistan Studies (JSBS)* the Editorial System (<http://www.jsbs.uoz.ac.ir/>). All papers are available free of charge at the Journal's webpage.

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The following types of contribution are published in the *Journal of Sistan and Baluchistan Studies (JSBS)*:

Original research article: Papers in all disciplines dealing with the mentioned geographical scope are the most welcome, with a specific focus on cultural heritage studies with new and innovative data based on archaeology, natural science applied to archaeology, history and art history, ancient technology, linguistics, ethnoarchaeological perspective, traditional architecture, and conservation as well as digital heritage and critical reviews. It should describe novel and well validated findings, and experimental techniques should be described in sufficient detail to allow the study to be verified. Research papers of 6000-8000 words in length, with tables, illustrations, and references, in which hypotheses are tested and results reported.

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Short Communications: It is appropriate for recording the results of small-scale research including new projects, significant fieldwork discoveries, and innovative applications of technology. Research papers of 1500-2500 words in length and 6 figures maximum, with tables, illustrations, and references.

Structure of Articles

The structure of the articles can be modified based on their subject. The text should be written in a succinct and cohesive manner, with an emphasis on significant points, conclusions, breakthroughs, or discoveries, as well as their broader relevance. All running text should be saved as a Word document with Times New Roman 12, 1.5 spacing. Figures and tables can be put within the text or at the bottom. Figures should have a high enough resolution to allow for refereeing.

Short communication consists of title page, text, acknowledgments, and references with figure and table captions.

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The title page must contain the title that should be clear, intelligible to experts in different disciplines, and represent the substance of the article. Moreover, full name(s) of the author(s), affiliation(s) of the author(s) containing the full name of the institution. The postal address and email address of the corresponding author must be mentioned.

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State the objectives of the work and provide an adequate background, avoiding a detailed literature survey or a summary of the results.

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This should explore the significance of the results of the work, not repeat them. A combined Results and Discussion section is often appropriate. Avoid extensive citations and discussion of published literature.

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The main conclusions of the study may be presented in a short Conclusions section, which may stand alone or form a subsection of a Discussion or Results and Discussion section.

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References are in “Harvard style” and all the sources in the final bibliography should be placed alphabetically. The authors are listed with comma separation up to three ones. When four or more authors are listed, please use first author + *et al.* The full list of authors is required in the final bibliography.

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Website

Shahr-i Sokhta - UNESCO World Heritage Centre. [Online]. Available at: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1456/> [Accessed 25 August 2021].

Thesis

Shirazi, R. (2008). *Etudes typologiques et comparatives des représentations humaines en terre crue, en terre cuite et en pierre de l'Asie centrale et de l'Iran oriental du Chalcolithique à l'âge du Bronze (4000-1800 av. J.-C.)*. Unpublished: Panthéon-Sorbonne University. PhD.

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following/s: f./ff.

centimeter/s: cm

meter/s: m

etcetera: etc.

circa: c.

videlicet: viz.

exempli gratia: e.g.

volume/s: Vol./Vols.

chapter: Chapt.

column: Col.

folio/s: Fol./Fols.

translator: transl.

second [II] century: 2nd century, etc.

century and millennium: never abbreviated

before Christ: BCE

after Christ: CE

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figure/s: only when referring to author's figures within one's own text: Fig./Figs.

fig./figs., pl./pls. in all other cases

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