STYLE SHEET

The Editors of the *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* will review manuscripts prepared according to any standard set of scholarly conventions.

If possible, manuscripts should be submitted as e-mail attachments or on diskette. The text should be prepared with double spacing throughout.

Font size should be in 12-point. While preparing footnotes, please ensure there is double-spacing and 12-point font size is adopted.

Pages should be numbered consecutively throughout the entire manuscript, and generous margins should be set.

The text throughout the article (including footnotes) should be left-aligned.

Material accepted for publication will need to be brought into line with the following conventions:

1. **Spelling**

   For the English language, follow British spelling conventions as found in the Oxford series of dictionaries with the exception of material in a direct quote, which should follow the original source. Authors should note the spellings of the following commonly used words:

   - centre, not center
   - programme, not program
   - colour, not color
   - flavour, not flavor
   - specialise, not specialize
   - honour, not honor
   - humour, not humor
   - saviour, not savior
   - organise, not organize
   - labour, not labor
2. **Capitalisation**

For titles of books or articles written in languages using the Roman alphabet, capitalise the first word of the title plus the first word after a colon or semi-colon, as well as any proper nouns. In transcribing from languages written in non-Roman scripts, capitalise only proper nouns. When in doubt, do not capitalise.

3. **Italics**

Titles of books, pamphlets and periodicals should be italicised, as should words of non-English origin except for terms that have been incorporated into the English language. Examples of non-italicised words include ibid., per diem and vice versa. Italics should not be used for titles of chapters in books, titles of articles, personal names, and names of places and organisations in the English language. Avoid italicising words for emphasis.

4. **Inverted Commas/Quotation marks**

Use single inverted commas [quotation marks] for titles of articles, unpublished works, English translations of words from another language, and short quotations. Use double inverted commas to indicate quoted material within a quotation. All punctuation used in connection with phrases inside inverted commas must be placed according to the sense: if the punctuation marks are part of the material quoted, they should be placed inside the quotation marks; otherwise they should be placed outside the closing quotation marks.

5. **Diacritical marks**

The Journal can reproduce most diacritical marks, and these should be placed in the text submitted electronically, or if that is not possible, indicated clearly on the hard copy.

6. **Quotations**

a. Fragmentary quotations must fit grammatically into the text in terms of syntax, verb tenses, personal pronouns, etc.

b. Block quotations or extracts of more than forty words should be set off from the text by indenting them a few spaces in from the left-hand margin. Inverted commas are not placed around block quotations, and paragraph indentation for the first sentence of the quotation is unnecessary. If, however, the quotation consists of two or more
paragraphs, the second and any subsequent paragraphs should begin with a paragraph indentation.

7. **Brackets**

Use square brackets [ ] to enclose explanatory matter inserted into a verbatim quotation, or matter inserted to complete the meaning of a translation and intended to read as part of the translated text. The translation of the title of a book or article in a foreign language, if given, should be placed in square brackets after the original title.

8. **Ellipses**

For ellipses within a sentence use three full stops [periods] ... and for ellipses at the end of a sentence use four full stops ....

9. **Numerals**

Numbers of less than two digits should be spelled out except in technical or statistical discussions involving their frequent use, or in footnotes where space saving is recommended. Fractional quantities are also expressed in figures. ‘Per cent’ is written as two words, and the symbol % should not be used, except in Tables.

For dates in the main body of the text, use the following patterns:

- X remained in office from 1927–1939
- The Second World War (1941–45)
- 24 August 1971
- eighteenth (not 18th) century
- 1890s (not 1890’s)
- the fifties
- 221 BCE and 211 CE

10. **Units of Measure**

Use the international metric system of measurement for units of measure (length, weight and capacity). If other units of measure are indicated, supply metric equivalents.

11. **Cross-references**

Avoid cross-references to specific pages in the manuscript, or from one footnote to another.
12. Bibliographies

As a rule the Journal does not publish bibliographies, and all bibliographic references should be included in the footnotes.

13. Diagrams, Illustrations, Tables, Maps

All figures and tables should be on separate sheets and numbered as in the text. The position of illustrations, maps, diagrams, and tables should be indicated in the margin of the text, and captions should be supplied. Tables should be numbered consecutively. Titles should identify the table briefly, and should not give background information or describe results. (Mixing of different kinds of information in one column is to be avoided; for example, put dollar amounts in one column, percentages in another, and so on). The source(s) of the information presented in a table should be indicated immediately below it.

14. Material in Asian Languages

The Journal can print titles and terms using the scripts of most Southeast Asian languages, although where terminology is not ambiguous the Editors may opt for Romanisation.

For authoritative spellings and definitions, the following dictionaries are recommended:


14. Material in Asian Languages (cont’d)

For transcriptions of material in Thai or Chinese or Japanese, use the following standards:


15. Appendices

Each appendix should start on a new page; appendices should be arranged in alphabetical sequence (Appendix A, B, C, ...) and each should be given a title.

16. Citations in the Text

When referring to the work of other scholars, give the full name and not the surname alone for the first occurrence in the text: not ‘as Reid says in his book Southeast Asia in the age of commerce, but ‘as Anthony Reid says in his ....’

17. Footnotes

a. Use abbreviated forms, e.g., 24 Aug. 1971, 18th century; for months use the following abbreviations: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. For abbreviations include full stops except in the case of acronyms (such as ASEAN), which should be written in capitals, and titles such as Dr for Doctor (in which the final letter of the short form is the final letter of the word written in full).

b. Page numbers should be indicated in accordance with the following examples. Use closed em-dashes for page number ranges. (Alt + 0150)

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c. In citing references from books, give each source in full the first time it appears, arranging the elements as follows: Author’s name in the normal order, title of the book italicised, publication details in parentheses (city: publisher, year), and the page number(s) where the cited information appears, as in the following examples:


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d. To cite articles that have appeared in journals, give the name of the author(s) in the normal order, the title of the article within single inverted commas (‘…’), the name of the journal or periodical italicised, the volume and issue numbers, the year of publication, and the relevant page number(s).


e. The title of any unpublished work (dissertation, a paper read at a meeting, or a manuscript, etc.) is enclosed in quotation marks and not italicised, including material in mimeographed form.

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f. For example:
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1 Lee Chae Jin, ‘Chinese Communist policy in Laos, 1954–1965’ (Ph.D. diss., University of California, Los Angeles, 1966), p. 25. (Please note that it is not necessary to state that a dissertation or other paper is ‘unpublished’.)

g. For references to a work already cited in full, omit the publication details and include only the author’s surname and shortened title of the book or article, followed by the page numbers. When a footnote refers to the same source as the one immediately preceding it, ‘Ibid.’ should be used. The Journal does not use ‘op. cit.’ or ‘loc. cit.’