Guidelines for Contributors

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1.1 Preference will be given to articles of about 4000 words in length. Reviews and research reports should be between 1000 and 2000 words in length.

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2.1.3 All dates should be expressed in the following format: 25 July 1974.

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