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Contribution Format:

- **Essays**, including notes and bibliographic references, must not exceed **55,000 characters** (including spaces).
- Reviews must not exceed **15,000 characters**.
- If a contribution is particularly relevant or original, the Editorial Board may waive the above limits.

Formatting Guidelines:

- Paragraphs must be indented.
- Font: Times New Roman.
 - Size 12 for the main text.
 - Size 10 for footnotes.
- Line spacing:
 - 1.5 for main text.
 - 1 for footnotes.

Each essay must be accompanied by:

- An abstract in Italian and English (max. 1,500 characters).
- Six keywords in Italian and English.
- A short author biography, including:
 - Full name.
 - Research interests (not publication titles).
 - Affiliation and role at any university or institution (if applicable).

Reviews:

The review title must include:

- Full name of the author or editor.
- Full book title.
- Total number of pages.

Text and Quotations

Essays may be divided into paragraphs, subparagraphs, and sub-subparagraphs. These must be numbered and italicized in Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 spacing, without indentation.

Examples:

- I. 1. *Introduction*
- II. 1.2. *Economic relations before the war*
- III. 1.2.3. *Further information on diplomatic missions*

Names of political parties and movements, nations, states, kingdoms, institutions and various bodies should be capitalized and fully spelled out when first mentioned in both text and notes: Partito Socialista Italiano, Unione Italiana del Lavoro, Archivio Centrale dello Stato, Regno delle Due Sicilie, Great Britain, European Union etc.

Titles of books, pamphlets, articles, essays, songs, poems, conference papers, and artworks should be italicized. Use Roman font with quotation marks (“ ”) for names of journals, magazines and newspapers.

Examples: a) *Storia dell'Istruzione italiana dal 1900 al 2000*.

b) “Cimea, Universitas. Politica, Economia, Giuridica”.

c) Aldo Moro was considered the political and strategic “reference” of the Christian Democrat party.

d) For many citizens, the distinction between *legality* and *legitimacy* was unclear and often confused.

Citations shorter than three lines should be in « ». Citations of three or more lines should appear without quotation marks, in size 10 font, aligned with the text and separated by one blank line (size 12) above and below, with indented paragraphs. In footnotes, all quotations (even if long) should be in « ».

Secondary quotations within « » must be enclosed in “ ” and never in ‘ ’ or similar. This refers to both text and footnotes. For example: «Cavour, addressing Vittorio Emanuele II after unification, stated: “Italy is made, now we must make Italians.”». Omissions should be indicated with three dots in square brackets [...].

Footnotes and Bibliographic References

Footnotes must appear at the bottom of the page. In-text references should be in superscript before punctuation, without spacing between the word or the number.

Examples: 124¹, European Union¹. That is¹, or¹:

When citing books, essays, articles, etc., follow these rules:

- The author's surname and initial(s) should be formatted as follows: Lantero, L., followed by the book title (in italics), publisher, city, year, page.
- *Example:* Lantero, L., *Title of the Book*, Publisher, City, 2025, p. 123.
- In the case of an editor, Surname and initial(s) must be followed by (edited by) and a comma. If there is more than one author or editor, their surnames and initial(s) must be separated by commas.
- For more than three authors/editors, use *et al.* after the third name. Do not use “AA.VV.”, Various Authors or similar.
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- The publisher, place and year of publication will be indicated in that order. In the absence of the publisher and/or place of publication and/or year of publication, write s.e., s.l., s.a. respectively.
- When citing works published outside Italy, the place of publication must be reported as it appears in the original cited text (Paris, London, Berlin, etc.).
- The page number(s) to which reference is made must be preceded by p. or pp., never by pag. or pagg. and similar. If the reference is to several consecutive pages, separate them with a hyphen, if not consecutive, with a comma. If you intend to generically indicate several following pages, after the first page to which you refer write sg. (pp. 155 sg.), in no case sequenti, seg., segg. or similar. The numerical indication of the pages must always be complete (pp. 355-359), never abbreviated or simplified (pp. 355-9 or pp. 355-59). In the absence of the page number(s) in the work cited, write s.n.p.
- In the case of essays or other writings contained in a volume, indicate the relevant page numbers.

Examples:

a) Martelli, M., *Le città del Mediterraneo medievale*, Vol. 2, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2011, pp. 103 sg.

b) Ferri, L., *L'Italia e le sue trasformazioni sociali*, Vol. 1, *Dall'Unità alla Repubblica*, Preface by Chiara Neri, Carocci, Rome, 2003, pp. 89-104.

c) Neri, C., Ferri, L., (eds.), *Le regioni d'Italia*, Vol. 2, *Il Sud*, Tome I, pp. 172, 176-179.

d) Black, J., *The Cold War in Europe*, in White, S., Grey, G., Bright A., (eds.), *Global Conflicts of the Twentieth Century*, Routledge, London, 2008, pp. 212-229.

Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper Citations

In addition to the general rules already provided for author and title, the following specific rules should be followed:

- Journal names go in quotation marks (“ ”), not in « » or ‘ ’.
- If necessary, it is possible to indicate the year of the journal only in Roman numerals, without prefixing words such as *year*, *a.* or similar.
- Use n. for issue number. Do not use *number*, *num.*, *fasc.*, or *n°*.
- The month or date (for daily/weekly publications) should always be written out in full: e.g. *September*, *10 November*. Avoid abbreviations such as *sett.*, *10 nov.*, *10/11*.
- Use n.d. (no date) or n.y. (no year) if missing.
- Page references must use p. or pp.; never *pag.*, *pagg.*, etc.

Examples:

a) Gentili, L., *I sistemi fiscali del secondo dopoguerra*, “Annali di economia italiana”, n. 1 2017, pp. 145–150.

b) Costa, A., Luciani, M., *I consumi culturali nelle città italiane del Novecento*, “Ricerche storiche”, XX, or 107, n. 2, 2005, pp. 201-230.

c) Marini, P., *La riforma agraria e il voto contadino. Prima giornata*, “Il Popolo”, 22 maggio 1951.

b) Euridice [Zanetti, G.], *Il centro-sinistra in crisi*, “Politica democratica”, n. 4, October 1962, pp. 95-112.

Subsequent Citations and Recurring Expressions

When citing a work that has already been mentioned in a previous footnote, it is sufficient to include only the surname of the author(s), any relevant qualifications such as (*ed.*) or *et al.*, followed by the shortened title of the work, three full stops, and the expression *cit.* Expressions such as *op.* *cit.* should not be used.

If the work is divided into multiple volumes, the relevant volume should always be specified after the expression ... *cit.*

Examples:

- Riva, A., *La politica economica italiana nel secondo dopoguerra*, Donzelli, Rome 1993, should later be cited as: Riva, A., *La politica economica italiana... cit.*
- Fontana, G., Galli, M., (eds.), *Le istituzioni politiche italiane*, Vol. 2, Il Mulino, Bologna 2014, should later be cited as: Fontana, Galli (eds.), *Le istituzioni politiche italiane... cit.*, Vol. 2.
- Carli, L., Neri, R., Romano, P., *L'Italia centro-settentrionale nel Novecento*, Vol. 1, Carocci, Rome 2001, should later be cited as: Carli, L., Neri, R., Romano, P., *L'Italia centro-settentrionale... cit.*, Vol. 1.

When multiple works by the same author or editor are cited in the same footnote or in consecutive footnotes, without interruptions by other citations, the following abbreviations are used (in Roman font):

- **Ibid** – same work and same page(s)
- **Ivi** – same work but different page(s)

If multiple contributions are included in the same volume or issue of a journal, use *ivi* followed by the page numbers. If they come from different issues of the same journal, this must be specified.

Examples:

- Colombo, m., *Strategie culturali del Novecento*, in Rinaldi, F., (ed.), *L'Italia nella modernità*, Laterza, Bari 2000, pp. 100–120, and Venturi, A., *Cinema e propaganda politica*, *ivi*, pp. 121-135.
- Lodi, A., *Riforme fiscali e crescita economica*, “Quaderni di economia pubblica”, n. 1, 2011, pp. 45-70, e Roberto Caruso, *Le imposte dirette nella ricostruzione*, *ivi*, pp. 71-95.
- Lodi, A., *Riforme fiscali e crescita economica*, “Quaderni di economia pubblica”, no. 1, 2011, pp. 45-70, and De Luca, S., *La fiscalità nei territori coloniali*, *ivi*, no. 2, 2012, pp. 101-115.

DOI: always include the DOI, in URL form ([https://doi.org/...](https://doi.org/)), when available for articles, chapters, and monographs.

Example:

Smith, M., Scott, H., *Distance Education under Oppression: The Case of Palestinian Higher Education*, “Education Sciences” 13, no. 7, 2023, p. 729. <https://doi.org/10.3390/educsci13070729>

Acronyms

Acronyms are written in capital letters without full stops (e.g. CEE, IRI, ACS). At the first occurrence in the text or in a note, the full name of the organization or institution must be reported in full, with the acronym in round brackets, to be used in subsequent citations.

This rule applies to Italian and foreign institutions, parties, movements, archives, documentary collections.

Foreign Languages

- Common foreign words (e.g., film, leader) in regular font.
- Uncommon or untranslated words in italics with an Italian translation in round brackets.
- Names of institutions, political parties, unions, etc., in Roman font, without italics.

- Journal and newspaper names in quotation marks (“ ”); translate if uncommon.

Examples:

- *ad hoc, raison d’État, status quo, tabula rasa*
- *mamlakhtiyut* (statism), *kibush ha-‘avodah* (the conquest of labour)
- Confederación Nacional del Trabajo, United Nations, Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi
- “Le Figaro”, “The Washington Post”, “Trybuna Ludu” (People’s Tribune)
- Société des Nations (League of Nations), Liga de las Naciones (Spanish variant of “League of Nations”).

Quotes in English, French, or Latin (inside « ») do not require translation. Others must be translated.

Web, E-books, Digital Resources

When citing web pages (sites, online magazines, digital libraries, newspaper libraries, etc.), it is advisable to report the complete link, followed in square brackets by the indication [last access: date]. If relevant, also indicate the name of the site from which the content comes. In the case of e-books, it is necessary to specify the format immediately after the year of publication.

Examples:

- a) Claudio Martini, *La Resistenza nel Nord Italia*, “Storia e Memoria”, n. 1 2020: https://www.storiaememoria.it/articoli/resistenza_nord [last access 5 March 2023].
- b) Available on the website of the Digital Library of the Constituent Assembly: https://www.costituente.biblioteca.it/documenti/atti_completi [last accessed 12 January 2024].
- c) Paola Righi, *Politica e comunicazione nell’era digitale*, Il Mulino, Bologna 2021, e-book.
- d) Council of Europe, *Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law*, “Council of Europe Treaty Series” n. 225, 5 Septembre 2024. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/artificial-intelligence/the-framework-convention-on-artificial-intellige...> [last accessed 10 November 2024].

Final bibliography:

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