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Rules for Manuscript Submission for the *Journal of African Studies*

Article 1. Objective

Journal of African Studies (hereinafter, referred to as “the Journal”) publishes research papers related to research on Africa.

Article 2. Submission Qualifications

In principle, submissions must be made by the corresponding author who is a member of Japan Association for African Studies (hereinafter, referred to as “JAAS”). Corresponding author is the one who takes primary responsibility for communication with the Journal during the manuscript submission, peer review, and publication process.

2. In the case of co-authorship, the first author and the corresponding author may be different, but if they are different, specify that when submitting the manuscript.

Article 3. Categories of Manuscripts

Categories of manuscripts that can be published are: “Research Paper” (original work which presents research findings); “Research Note” (short reports on new facts and methodologies, interim reports, or forecasts that are published with the aim of receiving comments); “Materials and Reports” (reports on materials acquired through research); “Research Updates” (recent trends in African studies in Japan and around the world, or introductions of research institutions and groups); “Academic Society News” (introducing recent topics on relevant societies/associations and study groups); “Debate” (critique on the papers published in the Journal or counter-opinions by authors); “Field News” (news from a member about fieldwork); “Book Reviews” and “Book Introductions” (introductions and/or critiques of books and papers relating to African studies published in or outside of Japan).

2. In addition to the categories listed in above item 1, the Editorial Committee may ask association members to contribute a piece on “Africa Lectures”, which introduce an academic field or discipline related to African studies in plain language.
3. In principle, manuscripts should be submitted only in Japanese, but English manuscripts will be accepted if the Editorial Board specifically approves, for example, if Japanese is not the first language of the author(s).

Article 4. Acceptance and Rejection of Manuscripts

Acceptance/rejection of “Research Paper” and “Research Note” in Article 3, item 1, will be reviewed by the commissioned specialists outside the editorial board. Other types of articles will be reviewed by the Editorial Committee in consideration of public interest (however,

the Editorial Committee may seek opinions from outside experts when deciding on acceptance or rejection). The Editor-in-Chief will make the final decision whether to accept or reject any of them.

Article 5. Styles of Manuscripts

For papers written in English, “Research Paper” should be no more than 12,000 words and “Research Note” should be no more than 6,000 words. Regarding minutes of annual meetings and records of lectures, the Editorial Committee will decide the volume depending on the content. If it is written in Japanese language, the length of the “Research Paper” and “Africa Lectures” should be no longer than 35 pages with 40 characters × 20 lines per page; “Research Note” should be no longer than 20 pages; “Materials and Reports” should be no longer than 10 pages; “Book Reviews” should be between five and 10 pages; all should be formatted horizontally in 40 characters × 20 lines. Other types of articles should be no more than five pages (including footnotes, references, tables and figures, and photos).

2. Tables, figures, and photos should be limited to those considered essential to present the arguments.
3. Author(s) should specify the category listed in Article 3 when submitting the article.
4. In principle, author(s) should send the manuscript by an electronic file such as MS-WORD to the editorial secretariat of the Journal.
5. For Japanese Research Paper and Research Note, put an English title and attach a Japanese abstract (approximately 500 words) and an English abstract (approximately 200 words). For English Research Paper and Research Note, put Japanese title and attach a Japanese abstract (500 words) and English abstract (200 words). For those who are non-native Japanese users, no Japanese title or Japanese abstract are needed. The abstract is not counted as a part of the word limit specified in the item 1.
6. The article must be complete. Tables, figures and photos should be fixed as printable versions.
7. Writing style should conform to the guidelines of the Journal.

Article 6. Author’s Proofreading

The author’s proofreading is limited to the first round. In principle, additions and/or amendments concerning the content of the article are not accepted at this stage.

Article 7. Cost of Color Figures

In case of additional costs caused by color printing of photos, tables and/or figures, they should be covered by the author(s).

Article 8. Reprints

Reprints will not be provided. The journal-formatted PDF file of “Research Paper” and “Research Notes” will be provided to the author(s). The timing will be decided by the

Editorial Committee.

Article 9. Copyright

Copyright of any article published in the Journal belongs to JAAS. The association releases the contents of the Journal on the internet. When an author wants to reuse the whole or a part of the paper for other publications, such as collection papers, the Association's Editorial Committee should be informed in advance.

Article 10. Amendment or Abolition of this Regulations

These rules may be amended or abolished by a resolution of the JAAS Board after deliberation by the Editorial Committee.

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