Style Sheet for Submissions to *Nova Religio*

The editors of *Nova Religio* seek a variety of well-written papers that address issues in the study of new religious movements. A paper may take theoretical, historical, sociological, ethnographical, or multidisciplinary approaches to the topic, or may adopt other, appropriate ways to analyze alternative and emergent religions. One of the best ways to get an article considered is to follow submission guidelines carefully.

The *Nova Religio* website (http://www.novareligio.org) offers the following submission guidelines for authors:

> The preferred length of scholarly articles is between 8,000 and 10,000 words, **including endnotes.** Articles should be no longer than 10,000 words including notes. A Field Notes essay, an Update essay, and a Perspective essay should be between 3,000 and 5,000 words, **including endnotes.** Submission of photographs or other graphics is encouraged when they can substantively enhance an article. The journal encourages the use of nonexclusive language when referring to human beings.
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> **Citations in papers must follow the *Chicago Manual of Style* (16th ed., chapters 14 and 15).** All references should be in endnotes, numbered throughout the manuscript using the auto-numbering feature of the word processing program.
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> **Ensure that all reference citations are scrupulously complete and accurate** (e.g., spelling of names and inclusion of initials; ordering of names for multiple authors; correct title and subtitle; correct publication information; proper citation of chapters within edited books).
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> **Provide as much information as possible when citing documents on websites in the following format:**

[1] Steve Crabtree, "Religiosity Highest in World's Poorest Nations," Gallup, 31 August 2010, http://www.gallup.com/poll/142727/religiosity-highest-world-poorest-nations.aspx#2, accessed 6 June 2016.

[2] Special Eurobarometer 225, "Social Values, Science and Technology," *Wave* 63, no. 1 (June 2005), available at http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/archives/ebs/ebs_225_report_en.pdf, accessed 26 June 2016.

[3] "Kaks 1. taseme joogatunni pääset Bhairava Yogalt Tartus—56%," https://cherry.ee/joogatunnid-tartu-bhairava-yoga-keskuses, accessed 3 October 2014 [defunct]. (Names of websites in languages other than English do not have to be translated.)

> **All submissions should be rigorously proofread for spelling and grammar before initial submission.** This will ensure that your article is given the fairest possible peer-review. Although all authors are subject to the occasional typographic error, consistently incorrect spelling or poor grammar can negatively affect a review.

The co-general editors reserve the right to edit accepted papers for length and clarity, with the agreement of the author. We also reserve the right to edit for usage and style.

A paper to be considered for publication in *Nova Religio* should be **sent to Catherine Wessinger, novarel@loyno.edu, saved in MS Word .doc or .docx format**. **The identity of the author(s) should not appear anywhere in the document.** The peer review of papers submitted to *Nova Religio* takes about three months.

Below the co-general editors offer some further guidelines to facilitate the smooth and timely review of your article. Please ensure that your submission conforms to these protocols.

All submissions must:

- Include a 100-150 word abstract.
- Include keywords for the article's main topics (often the number of keywords ranges from two to six)
- Be double-spaced (including all block quotes and endnotes) and paginated.
- Be in one font only (preferably Times New Roman 12).
- Be properly referenced according to the *Chicago Manual of Style*. **Note that *Nova Religio* does not use conventions such as ibid. or op. cit.** For exact form of citations, please examine a past issue of *Nova Religio*.
- Use American spelling and punctuation (e.g., periods and commas go inside quotation marks; semicolons go outside; double quotation marks used for direct quotes; single quotation marks used for quotes within quotations); all quotation marks should be "smart quotes."
- Use the British format for dates (e.g. 22 July 2011).
- Cite interviews in endnotes, giving the name of the interviewee (or a pseudonym), location and date of the interview.
- Have primary subheadings in all caps, bold, centered; and secondary subheadings in upper and lower case, bold, flush left.
- Give the full name of scholars at first mention in the text of the paper. The last name is appropriate for subsequent mentions.
- When possible and relevant, give the birth and death year in parentheses after the first mention of a figure being discussed in the paper.
- Include captions in a separate Word file for any graphics included with the submission. Be prepared to provide documentation that you have permission to publish such graphics.
- Be complete in all aspects (i.e., no missing references, no sections "yet to be finished").

After a paper is accepted we are happy to work with authors to see their submissions through to publication, but we require that these most basic requirements be met in all cases. **If, upon initial submission, your paper does not meet the style considerations outlined above, it will be returned to you with the request that it be put into proper format before receiving further consideration.**