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Scope

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Book

First Reference

An Author, *Full Title* (Place: Publisher, date), p. no.



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Sebastian Kim, *In Search of Identity: Debates on Religious Conversion in India* (New Delhi and New York: OUP, 2003), p. 250.

Subsequent Reference

Surname, *Short Title*, p. no.

Kim, *In Search of Identity*, p. 252.

Chapter in Edited Book

First Reference

An Author, 'Short Title of Chapter', in An Editor, ed, *Full Title* (Place: Publisher, date), pp. nos. at p. no.

Esther McIntosh, 'Educating the Emotions', in D. A. S. Fergusson and N. Dower, eds, *John Macmurray: Critical Perspectives* (New York: Peter Lang, 2002), pp. 133-40 at p. 136.

Subsequent Reference

Name, 'Short Title of Chapter', in Editor Surname, ed, *Full Title*, p. 140.

McIntosh, 'Educating the Emotions', in Fergusson and Dower, eds, *John Macmurray*, p. 139.

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First Reference

An Author, 'Full Title of Article', *Journal Title*, vol:issue (date), pp. nos. at no, doi: xxx.

John Swinton and Esther McIntosh, 'Persons-in-Relation: John Macmurray and the Care of Persons with Profound Learning Disability', *Theology Today*, 57:2 (2000), 175-84 at 179.

Subsequent Reference

Surname, 'Short Title of Article', no.

Swinton and McIntosh, 'Persons-in-Relation', 181.

Newspaper Articles

An Author, 'The Title of the Article'. *The Newspaper*, 24 June 2019, 1.

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Mt., Mk, Lk., Jn, Acts, Rom., Cor., Gal., Eph., Phil., Col., Thess., Tim., Tit., Phlm., Heb., Jas., Pet., Jude, Rev.

For example: (1 Cor. 5:6-8; Rev. 7:1)

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Editor, A., ed. *The Title of the Book* (Location: Publisher, 2019), 1-10.

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Multi-Volume Work (as a Whole)

Editor, A., ed. *The Title of the Work*. 2 vols. (Location: Publisher, 2019).

Author, A. *The Title of the Work*. 2 vols. (Location: Publisher, 2019).

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Editor, A., ed. *The Title of the Work* (Location: Publisher, 2019), 2:1–10.

Author, A. *The Title of the Work* (Location: Publisher, 2019), 2:1–10.

Journal Article

Author, A. 'The Title of the Journal article'. *Journal Title* 70 (1) (2019), 1–10.

Author, A. 'The Title of the Journal article'. *Journal Title* 70 (2019), 1–10.

Pre-published Journal Article

Author, A. 'The Title of the Journal article'. *Journal Title* (2019), 1–10. DOI 10.1163/1234567X-12345678.

Forthcoming Work

Author, A. 'The Title of the Journal article'. *Journal Title* (forthcoming 2019), 1–10.

Author, A. 'The Title of the Journal article'. *Journal Title* (forthcoming), 1–10.

Author, A. *The Title of the Book* (Location: Publisher, forthcoming). *Last updated: 20 February 2019*

Dissertation or Thesis

Author, A. *The Title of the Thesis*, Dissertation (Department, University, 2019).

Author, A. *The Title of the Thesis*, Degree Thesis (Department, University, 2019).

Newspaper Article

Author, A. 'The Title of the Article'. *The Newspaper*, June 24, 2019, 1.

Other-Language Work with Translated Title Included

Author, A. *De titel van het boek* [*The title of the book*] (Location: Publisher, 2019), 1–10.

Author, A. 'De titel van het artikel' [*The title of the article*]. *Journal Title* 70 (1) (2019), 1–10.

Work in Non-Roman Script

Author, A. *Nazvaniye knigi* [*Название книги*] (Location: Publisher, 2019).



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Author, A. [Автор, А.]. *Nazvaniye knigi* [Название книги] (Location: Publisher, 2019).

Author, A. [Автор, А.]. 'Nazvaniye stat'i zhurnala' [Название статьи журнала]. *Nazvaniye zhurnala* [Название журнала] 70 (1) (2019), 1–10.

Translated Work

Author, A. *The Title of the Book*, trans. A. Translator (Location: Publisher, 2019).

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