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The author(s) should also provide Chinese translations of the title, abstract, and keywords, if at all possible.

Length

Articles should be 6,000–10,000 words, including notes and reference list. However, longer articles can be considered. Book reviews should be approximately 1,500 words; book review articles should be 3,000–5,000 words.



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Chinese Names

Use pinyin only for the following:

- Chinese Dynasties
- Provinces
- Well-known cities
- Well-known Chinese historical and contemporary figures

For less well-known names and geographic locations, provide the pinyin followed by the Chinese characters on first mention, and lifetime range if necessary. Example: Zisi 子思 (483–402 BC). After the first mention use only the pinyin.

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For translated Chinese phrases of terms, put the translation in quotes, then the pinyin and characters in parentheses. Example: "the meaning of life" (*shenghuo de mudi* 生活的目的).

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Example: *xing* 性 (human nature).

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Journal Article

Fisher, Gareth. 2008. "The Spiritual Land Rush: Merit and Morality in New Chinese Buddhist Temple construction." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 67 (1):143–170. DOI: 10.1163/22143955-04102001b.

Book

Welch, Holmes. 1967. *The Practice of Chinese Buddhism, 1900–1950*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Chapters in an Edited Volume

Sun, Anna Xiao Dong. 2005. "The Fate of Confucianism as a Religion in Socialist China: Controversies and Paradoxes." In *State, Market, and Religions in Chinese Societies*, edited by Fenggang Yang and Joseph B. Tamney, pp. 229–254. Leiden: Brill.



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Multivolume Work

Aristotle. 1983. *Complete Works of Aristotle: The Revised Oxford Translation*. Edited by J. Barnes. 2 vols. Bollingen Series. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Single Volume of a Multivolume Work

Pelikan, Jaroslav. 1971. *The Emergence of the Catholic Tradition (100-600)*. Vol. 1 of *The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Book Review

Marshall, Joey. 2016. Review of *Globalization and the Making of Religious Modernity in China*, Edited by Thomas Jansen, Thoralf Klein, and Christian Meyer. *Review of Religion and Chinese Society* 3(2): 280–282. doi.org/10.1163/22143955-00302011.

Printed News Media

Johnson, Ian. 2019. “China’s New Civil Religion.” *The New York Times*, December 21, SR7.

Website & Web Pages

Websites and web pages (e.g., a church’s website, the home page of a government agency, an online video, etc.) should be cited in footnotes rather than as in-text citations. Please archive web pages for any source that may be regarded as non-permanent. This can be done at the Internet Archive (archive.org/web) using the “Save Page Now” feature. Then, use the Internet Archive address as the URL in the reference citation. If available, use the Internet Archive URL for webpages that are no longer active.

“*Strangers No More: Village Churches on the Good Earth of the Sacred Land*,” Center on Religion and Chinese Society,

<https://web.archive.org/web/2017117023553/https://www.purdue.edu/crcs/events/global-china-forum/global-china-forum-2010/photo-exhibition/> (accessed November 1, 2017).

Center on Religion and the Global East, <https://www.globaleast.org/> (accessed January 23, 2021).

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For in-text citation of Chinese sources, use the pinyin version of the author’s surname. Example: (Zhu 1972).

If the original publication is in English by a Chinese author, follow the English citation style in the reference list (i.e., author’s surname first, followed by a comma, then the author’s given name).

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Journal Article

- ZHU Kezhen 竺可桢. 1972. "Zhongguo jin wuqian nian lai qihou bianqian de chubu yanjiu" 中国近五年来气候变迁的初步研究 [A Preliminary Study of China's Climate Change in the Past Five Thousand Years]. *Kaogu xuebao* 考古学报 [Acta Archaeologica Sinica] 37:15–38.
- YIN Xiufeng 殷秀峰 and CHEN Xiaoman 陈小曼. 2013. "Jidujiao chuanru dui xinan xinjiao shaoshu minzu quanli guannian de yingxiang" 基督教传入对西南信教少数民族权利观念的影响 [On the Influence of Christianity on the Concept of Rights of Minority Ethnic Groups in Southwest China]. *Henan daxue xuebao (shehui kexue ban)* 河南大学学报（社会科学版） [Journal of Henan University (Social Science)] 53 (6): 39–46. doi:10.15991/j.cnki.411028.2013.06.009.

Book

- HA Yingfei 哈迎飞. 2013. *Rujiao yu Zhongguo xiandai wenxue* 儒教與中國現代文學 [Religious Confucianism and Modern Chinese Literature]. Beijing: Shangwu yinshuguan.
- JI Zhe 汲喆, TIAN Shuijing 田水晶, and WANG Qiyuan 王启元, eds. 2016. *Ershi shiji Zhongguo fojiao de liang ci fuxing* 二十世纪中国佛教的两次复兴 [The Two Revivals in Twentieth-century Chinese Buddhism]. Shanghai: Fudan daxue chubanshe.

Chapter in an Edited Volume

- LIN Benxuan 林本炫 and WU Yihui 吴怡慧. 2010. "Miaoli shi jiahu yu miaoyu guanxi de kongjian fenxi" 苗栗市家戶與廟宇關係的空間分析 [A Spatial Analysis of Households and Temples in Miaoli]. In 2010 *Shuwei diancang dili zixun lunwen xuanji* 2010 數位典藏地理資訊論文選集 [2010 Select Papers on Digital Collections of Geographic Information], edited by ZHENG Jinqun 鄭錦全, pp. 89–116. Taipei: Taida dili xi.

Internet News Media

- Zhao, Kiki. 2014. "Bugu kangyi, Zhejiang jidujiaotang zai chai shizijia" 不顾抗议，浙江基督教堂再拆十字架 [More Churches Lose their Crosses Despite Protests]. *Niuyue shibao zhongwen wang* 纽约时报中文网 [The New York Times Chinese Online Edition], November 7. <https://cn.nytimes.com/china/20140815/c15church/> (accessed January 10, 2018).



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Webpages

“Nanchuan Fojiao siyuan zhuchi renzhi banfa” 南传佛教寺院住持任职办法 [Procedure for Appointing Abbots of Southern Buddhism Temples], Zhongguo Fojiao Xiehui 中国佛教协会 [Buddhist Association of China], <https://web.archive.org/web/20210407004720/http://www.chinabuddhism.com.cn/zdfgi/bhzdi/2019-11-14/40676.html> (accessed April 7, 2021).

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