

Accessibility statement for <https://referenceworks.brillonline.com>

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Brill is committed to ensure our websites are easily accessible for everyone. By adopting best practices and striving to adhere to current guidelines and recommendations we are continuously working towards improving accessibility. Wherever possible, Brill strives to comply with *Section 508 Amendment to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, EN 201 549 Accessibility requirements suitable for public procurement of ICT products and services in Europe – v2.1.2 (2018-08)* and level AA of the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG 2.1\)](#).

We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- change colors, contrast levels and fonts. Different browsers include these options under different menus – they can usually be found under Tools, Settings, Options, Content or Reading View depending on the browser.
- zoom in up to 150% without loss of content or functionality.
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- use text to speech tools to read out website content (e.g. ClaroRead for Chrome browser). Text to speech tools are built into some browsers (e.g. Microsoft Edge) and are available as a plug-in for many others. Your phone, tablet or laptop accessibility settings are also likely to provide text to speech functionality.
- locate a web page within a set of pages in more than one way.

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

For guidance in making your computer more accessible, we recommend the [AbilityNet](#) website. This provides help with seeing the screen, using keyboard and mouse, hearing sounds and reading and spelling.

Available formats

Most of our content is available in HTML format and are not protected by Digital Rights Management (DRM). For publications containing PDFs files, you need a PDF viewer such as Adobe Reader. Adobe provides advice on the inbuilt accessibility features here: [Reading PDFs with reflow and accessibility features](#).

Browser and mobile device support

<https://referenceworks.brillonline.com> is optimized for modern browsers including Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari and Google Chrome. You may experience unexpected behavior in other browsers, although we use fully validated code which should work on any browser.

How accessible this website is

The majority of this website is fully accessible, and we run regular audits to identify any new problems. However, we know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- Content in PDF format has not been designed for accessibility.
- Heading use within content is not always consistent and not always useful for navigation.
- Form fields are not always appropriately labeled.
- Instructions and errors for the forms are also not programmatically associated with the forms.
- Some parts of the website are not very easy to navigate using keyboard (e.g. when the site is viewed at high magnification, essential navigation collapses into non-keyboard navigable elements).
- Some non-essential interactions are indicated with low-contrast color differentials.
- The site can be switched to alternate language, and the language of the page is set correctly. However, the language conversion doesn't modify all of the site functionality, and screen readers seem to auto-detect the site as English, overriding the site setting. This might be configurable for an individual screen reader user.
- Any given page may contain bilingual information. Page subsections, especially those provided by the content editors, do not have language identifiers, which causes unusual behavior for screen readers.

What to do if you cannot access parts of this website

In case an article is unavailable in a suitable format you can enquire this via our Accessibility Officer (accessibility@brill.com). We will consider your request and aim to get back to you in 5-7 working days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We are always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, please contact our Accessibility Officer at accessibility@brill.com.

Technical information about this website's accessibility

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#) AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed in the report attached below.

We have completed a Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) report to help us understand where we can improve accessibility of this website. The latest report can be downloaded below. As we improve the accessibility of our website, we will provide updated VPATs on this page.

[Download VPAT for https://referenceworks.brillonline.com](https://referenceworks.brillonline.com) - 11 September 2017 (PDF)

How we test this website

We regularly test our website against the current guidelines and recommendations and prioritize any actions that derived from testing on our development roadmap.

What we are doing to improve accessibility

The majority of our website is already accessible for most users. We are continuously working on improving the experience for all our users and have identified some areas for further improvements. We will update this page and will share the latest VPAT report to keep you informed.