GUIDELINES

1. PUBLISHING PRINCIPLES

1.1. General Principles

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3. GUIDELINE ON WRITING STYLE

3.1. General Principles

- Authors are required to submit the workplace info, contact addresses/numbers/email addresses and ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) number.

- Manuscripts can be Turkish or English. Submitted manuscripts should be clear and understandable.

- Articles should be between 4000 and 7000 words including the footnotes. Book reviews are required to be between 1000-1500 words.

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• Authors need to refrain using footnotes and incorporate them with the main body.

• Technical terms need to be used with quotation marks and authors need to refrain from using abbreviations without providing the full form of them at first appearance in the text.

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1.1. Second Level Segment (Align Left, Bold, First Letters are Capital)

1.1.1. Third Level (Align Left, Italic, First Letters are Capital)

• Tables, figures and illustrations should be numbered (Table-1., Chart-2. i.e.). Tables names should be on top of the tables and centered; names of the figures should be under the figures and centered as well.
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• After the first page, authors name should be in the header in even number pages and name of the manuscript should be on the odd page headers in 9 points font size.

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Books


Articles

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