

Call for Papers

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Overview

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Article formats include research papers, replication studies, and review articles, all of which should typically not exceed 7000 words; as well as informed opinion pieces, technical advice articles, and interviews, all of which should typically not exceed 3000 words. Please contact the editor if you wish to submit an article that differs from these formats.

Novice researchers are encouraged to submit, but should aim for papers that focus on a single main issue. Please review recent issues of *Shiken* to understand the level of detail, depth of discussion and provision of empirical evidence that is required for acceptance.

Format

To facilitate double-blind peer review, the name(s) of the author(s) should not be mentioned in the manuscript. All citations and references to the author or co-author's work should read (Author, Year) e.g. "(Author, 2017)."

Articles should be formatted according to the guidelines of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA), 7th Edition*. Submissions should be formatted in Microsoft Word (.docx format) using 12-point Times New Roman font. The page size should be set to A4, with a 2.5 cm margin. The body text should be block justified, and single-spaced. Paragraphs should be separated by a blank line space. Each new section of the paper should have a section heading. Please review the most recent issues of *Shiken* for examples of section headings.

Research articles must be preceded by an abstract that succinctly summarizes the article content in less than 200 words. The reference section should begin on a new page immediately following the body text. Authors are responsible for comprehensive and accurate referencing including adding DOI or URL information wherever possible. Tables and figures should be numbered and titled. Separate sections for tables and figures should follow the references. Any appendices should be numbered and should follow the tables and figures.

Evaluation

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