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Introduction

Daystar University is re-launching its academic journal *Perspectives: An Interdisciplinary Academic Journal of Daystar University*. This is an attempt to raise its profile to meet international standards. To ensure this, the University has put in place an editorial board of repute made up of experts who command international respect in their fields of specialisations.

Purpose of the Journal

The Perspective is an interdisciplinary academic journal of Daystar University. Its purpose is to foster a better understanding of the various academic disciplines and professions.

Announcement

The editor welcomes manuscripts from the following categories: Communication, Language, Linguistics & Literature, Education, Psychology, Community Development, Child Development, Peace and reconciliation, Theology, Business, Economics, Science, and Computer Science. The editor invites original articles that fall within the mission and scope of the Journal. The submitted work should not have been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere. Publication of abstracts and presentations at conferences do not jeopardize the publication of an article.

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

Originality

The author(s) shall be required to make a declaration that their work has not been published, and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. Further, they should declare that the submitted work is their own and no copyright has been breached in seeking the publication of the article. Moreover, the author(s) should pull down any drafts or abstracts placed on the internet immediately after submitting the work. The author(s) have a responsibility to obtain full permission to use copyrighted material that they may require in their work. Documentary evidence of such a permit may be required.

Authorship

Author(s) of articles should meet all the three criteria mentioned below. Authorship credit should be based on substantial contribution to:

- the research design, acquisition, analysis or interpretation of data
- drafting the article or revising it critically
- approval of the submitted and final versions of the paper.

The author of an article should make acknowledgements of all significant contributions received from individuals who do not qualify to be author(s) e.g. data analysts, copy typists, translators mentioning the contribution made by each. Where a paper is co-authored, a list of all contributing author(s) should be provided by the corresponding author and should declare that nobody who qualifies to be an author has been excluded from the list. A short description of each author's contribution to the work submitted will be required. The author(s) should also state that their work has been approved by the relevant authorities where such approval is required.

Copyright

Submitted papers must be the original work of the author(s) and should not violate any existing local and international copyright laws. The copyright of published papers shall be held by Daystar University but author(s) retain the right to use their own work in other publications provided they acknowledge Daystar University as the original publisher.

Review procedure

The authors are advised to ensure that no information in the body of the text or the appendices reveal their identity. When papers are submitted to the peer reviewers, the title page will be removed to conceal their identity. The peer review reports are sent to the editor who removes any information disclosing the identity of the reviewer before forwarding the reports to the authors. Papers submitted will be assigned for peer review to highly competent editors recognised in the areas. The editors will comment on the acceptability of the manuscript within a month of submission. If the papers are accepted, they will be sent back to the authors to implement the revisions suggested by the reviewers. The authors will have 80 days to return the revised paper. After resubmission, the papers will be reevaluated to ascertain that the issues raised by the reviewers have been adequately addressed. The papers may then be accepted for publication or rejected.

Format. We recommend that the work submitted for review should be no more *than 6,000 - 7000 words ***(not more than 20 pages single-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman fonts)* excluding the appendices.

Title page. The title page should contain the title of the paper, a list of author(s)' names, their positions and institutional affiliations, the complete address of each author (including the official e-mail) and telephone numbers. For multiple author(s), the first author on the list shall be considered to be the contact person. Any acknowledgement should also be placed in the title page.

First page. The first page should begin with the title of the paper **without** the author's name and an abstract of no more than 250 words. The abstract should summarize the whole paper and should be double-spaced using12 point New Times Roman fonts.

Body of text. The text of the papers should be double spaced with a minimum of 1 inch left and right margins using 12 point New Times Roman fonts. The headings and paragraphs should not be numbered and should be limited to at most three levels. Main headings should be in bold capital letters and center justified. Second-level headings should in bold with first letter of the key words capitalized and then left justified. Third-level titles should have the first letter of first word capitalized, bold, indented, italicized and running into paragraph.

Figures, tables and footnotes. All illustrations, figures, and tables should be placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end. The illustrations, tables and footnotes should be numbered separately. Tables and figures should be labeled using lower case labels. They should not be in bold.

The title of the table or figure should be in lower-case letters. Footnotes should be single spaced and should not be used for citing references. Care should be taken in using footnotes and any pertinent material should be integrated in the main text. The footnotes should be numbered using superscripts. Endnotes should not be used.

Language. Define any technical terms used to make your article have a wide accessibility. Abbreviations should only be used in names of organizations and research instruments but the full name should be used the first time any of these are mentioned. Names of computer software or databases may be abbreviated without writing them in full e.g. SPSS, SAS. In reporting statistics use regular words instead of symbols e.g. write chi-square instead of the symbol. Equations should be kept in the running text and all new terms in the equation defined. Illustrative results should be put in parenthesis and introduced by a complete sentence.

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Citations. In writing your article or paper you may refer to other research works which are referred to as in-text citations. The citations should be made in a uniform style using the American Psychological Association (APA) style (6th ed.)with author(s)' names and year in parentheses.

References. Every work cited in text must have a corresponding reference. The references must be in ascending alphabetical order and should appear at the end of the paper on a separate page. The references should conform to the APA style. For more information please refer to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.).

Submission Preparation Checklist

As part of the submission process, authors are required to check off their submission's compliance with all of the following items, and submissions may be returned to authors that do not adhere to these guidelines.

1. The submission has not been previously published, nor is it before another journal for consideration (or an explanation has been provided in Comments to the Editor).
2. The submission file is in Microsoft Word
3. Where available, URLs for the references have been provided.
4. The text is double-spaced, uses a Times New Roman 12-point font, employs italics, rather than underlining (except with URL addresses), and all illustrations, figures, and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end.
5. The text adheres to the stylistic and bibliographic requirements outlined in the author guidelines.
6. The instructions in Ensuring a Blind Review have been followed.

Rejected Papers

Papers will be rejected if it they are found to be below the standards set for publication in the journal. Such papers will be returned to the authors with the reviewers' comments explaining why they have been rejected, such as if the methods used are not clear or are faulty, findings are not supported by the data, or the papers do not contain any new insights or are too sketchy. Rejected papers will not be reevaluated.

Deadline for submission

The deadline for submission of paper is set on or before 28th March 2014. Papers should be emailed to research@daystar.ac.ke.