

## GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

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and one thing for the future bear in mind, that thou curb and restrain thy loquacity in my company; for in all the books of chivalry that I have read [...] I never met with a squire who talked so much to his lord as thou dost to thine; and in fact I feel it to be a great fault of thine and of mine: of thine, that thou hast so little respect for me; of mine, that I do not make myself more respected. (Cervantes 1605, 23)

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##### Work in an anthology

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Harris, Muriel. “Talk to Me: Engaging Reluctant Writers.” *A Tutor's Guide: Helping Writers One to One*. Ed. Ben Rafoth. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2000. 24–34.

##### Journal paginated by issue

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Bagchi, Alaknanda. “Conflicting Nationalisms: The Voice of the Subaltern in Mahasweta Devi's *Bashai Tudu*.” *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature* 15.1 (1996): 41–50.

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Bhabha, Homi K. *Our Neighbours, Ourselves: Contemporary Reflections on Survival*. <http://www.degruyter.com/view/product/177770>. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter, 2011 (14 February 2012).

Herbst, Alban Nikolai. *Die Dschungel. Anderswelt*. <http://albannikolaiherbst.twoday.net/>. Weblog 2004–(14 March 2012).

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