

## **Manuscript Guidelines for Research Articles**

### ***Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies***

#### **Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka**

##### **01. About**

The *Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies*, a prestigious double-blind peer-reviewed journal, has been published by the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka since 1987. Over the years, it has upheld a tradition of academic excellence, featuring contributions from renowned Buddhist scholars in Sri Lanka and esteemed universities worldwide. Although its publication was briefly interrupted, we are proud to announce its revival in 2025, marking the continuation of its legacy in advancing scholarly research in Buddhist studies. The journal is published biannually, in June and December, and welcomes original research articles, book reviews, and scholarly essays.

##### **02. Scope and Focus**

We accept papers covering all aspects of Buddhist Studies, including but not limited to;

- Historical and textual studies
- Philosophy and ethics
- Buddhist art, culture, literature and archaeology
- Contemporary Buddhist movements
- Comparative studies

##### **03. Manuscript Formatting**

###### **Title Page**

The title page should be a separate page before the main text and include the following information in order:

###### ***Title:***

A concise and informative title, not exceeding 15 words (excluding special cases). Avoid abbreviations and formulae.

###### ***Author(s) and Affiliation(s):***

Provide the given name and family name of all authors.

Indicate each author's affiliation using a lowercase superscript letter.

Include the full postal address, country, email, and ORCID ID for each author.

***Corresponding Author:***

Clearly indicate the corresponding author for both publication and post-publication correspondence.

***Sponsoring Information:*** If the research is funded or supported by an organization, please provide relevant details.

***Submission Type:***

Clearly state whether your submission is a book review, research article or a scholarly essay.

**04. Preparation of Manuscript**

***Abstract:***

A concise and factual abstract of 150–300 words is required.

It should briefly state the background, objectives, methodology, principal results, and major conclusions of the study.

Avoid references, but, if necessary, cite them in full without linking to the reference list.

The abstract should be a single paragraph.

***Keywords:***

Provide up to five keywords after the abstract.

Arrange them alphabetically.

Avoid general terms, plurals, and phrases with multiple concepts (e.g., “and,” “of”).

Only use abbreviations well-established in the field.

***Article Structure:***

- i. Title and Authorship Credentials: Each book review should begin with a title that summarizes the content succinctly: The review should capture the name of the book, authors, their institution(s), designation(s), postal address, and email.
- ii. Introduction with Relevant Bibliographic Information: An overview of the book being analyzed is provided alongside bibliographic information.
- iii. Synopsis of the Book: Summarized rendition of the book, taking into account the following factors:
  - a. The main argument making up the book, drawn from the author's beliefs, philosophy, or propositions.
  - b. The primary recipient of the book.

- c. The goals the author sought to achieve by penning down the book.
- d. An overarching definition of the book's coverage. Whether the text presents an on-depth inquiry or exposes the reader to multifaceted factors relating to the topic.
- e. An overview relating to the formation of the book and its writing. A description of the book's contents, including its formal, professional or non-professional tone. Collective authorship should be explained by the integration of their contributions.
- iv. Assessment of the Author's Authority/Biases: Evaluate the author's authority as well as any notable biases pertaining to the book's subject matter.
- v. Evaluation of Strengths and Weaknesses: A balanced and fair assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the work in question must be conducted. Recall the goals the author sought to achieve in writing the book. Use appropriate rationale to justify and support the reviewer's criticisms.
- vi. Overall Assessment of the Book: Provide a holistic overview of the book with an integrated appraisal based on critiques provided earlier in the review.
- vii. Abbreviations: Add a section titled abbreviations in which all acronyms and specialized terms that were used in the manuscript are defined.

***Subsections:***

- 1., 2., 3. (main sections)
- 1.1, 1.2 (subsections)
- 1.1.1, 1.1.2 (further subsections)

(The abstract is not included in section numbering.)

***Figures, Tables, and Equations:***

Figures (graphs, diagrams, photos, etc.) should be clear, in black and white, and embedded within the manuscript. Each figure must be captioned and sequentially numbered according to the prescribed referencing style.

Tables should not exceed A5 size (portrait format). They must be embedded, captioned, and sequentially numbered.

Equations and Formulae should match the text size and be formatted appropriately.

***References:***

Follow APA 7th Edition referencing style.

Refer to: <https://apastyle.apa.org/>

***Acknowledgments:***

Include acknowledgments at the end of the manuscript before the reference list.

Mention individuals who contributed to the research but are not listed as authors (with their permission).

Acknowledgments should be added only after the review process is completed.

***Biographical Note:***

Provide a short biography (max. 200 words) along with a photograph at the end of the article.

**05. Technical Guidelines**

**Formatting**

***Font:***

Times New Roman

***Text Size:***

12-point, single-spaced, one-column format, justified

***Main Title:***

14-point bold, centered

***Subtitles:***

12-point bold, left aligned

***Page Size:***

A5 (21 x 29.7 cm)

***Figures & Tables:***

Must be sized as they will appear in print and placed within the text accordingly.

***Word Limit:***

Manuscripts should be between 3,000 and 8,000 words, including abstract, references and appendices.

**Conflict of Interest**

Authors must disclose any financial, personal, or professional conflicts of interest that could influence their work within three years of the study.

**Funding Statement**

All sources of research funding should be disclosed, including grants or funding for publication costs.

### **Changes in Authorship**

Authors must meet authorship criteria, contributing substantially to the research.

The order of authorship should be mutually agreed upon.

### **06. Indexing & Abstracting**

The journal is actively seeking indexing in relevant databases. Initially, it will be registered with Sri Lankan Journals Online and Semantic Scholar.

### **07. Frequency of Publication**

The journal is published biannually in June and December.