

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLISHING IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SARAJEVO DAYS OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Title of the paper

The title of the paper should be as concise as possible. The length of the title should not be more than 12 words. The title of the paper should be followed by the name of the authors, as well as the name of the institution they are working for. Following the first author's name, there should be a footnote containing a corresponding e-mail address.

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The abstract should be positioned at the beginning of the paper, with maximal textlength of 350 words. The components of the abstract should be: the aim of the research, methods, the results and the conclusion. The abstract, by default, does not contain any references. Alongside the papers in Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian language, there should be an abstract as well as keywords submitted in English.

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Report data in order to sufficiently justify your conclusions, and provide an accurate look at what you found in the study. When reporting the results of an inferential statistics, include the obtained magnitude or value of test statistic, the degrees of freedom, exact p-value (except if it is less than .001, in which case it is reported as follows: $p < .001$) and effect size (e.g. $t(68) = 1.54$; $p = .03$, $d = .36$; $F(2,177) = 6.30$, $p = .002$, $\eta^2 = .07$). All statistical symbols that are not Greek letters should be italicized (M , SD , t , r , p), Greek symbols are set in standard typeface (χ , α , β). Use a zero before the decimal point with numbers that are less than 1 when statistic can

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Every quote, no matter the length, should be followed by a reference with the page number. For every quote longer than 350 word spaces the authors should have a written approval from the copyright owner, which should also be delivered to the editorial board.

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Footnotes are to be avoided. If they are incorporated, they should be at the bottom of the page (but above the page number). Font size should be 10, line spacing 1. Abbreviations should also be avoided, except those which are very common. The said abbreviations which have been enlisted in tables and images should be additionally explained.

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Referencing to secondary literature should be avoided and used only for those sources which aren't available in any traditional fashion or aren't available in any of the common world languages. In the list of references, one should only list the secondary source.

Appendix

The appendix should only contain material which may be useful in terms of allowing the readers to better understand, evaluate or replicate the research.

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All papers will be anonymously reviewed. Based on the reviews, the editorial board will decide regarding publishing the papers. The editorial board will send the review to the authors followed by an adequate explanation behind the decision that has been made. In case the authors decide to revise their text following the guidelines and suggestions of the editorial board, they can resubmit their work for publishing. They are obliged to, in the form of a letter, inform the editorial board of all made changes within the text (with the exact page numbers where the said change has been made). In case the authors consider a certain suggestion, made by the editorial board, unjustified or impossible to fulfill, it's necessary for them to make a detailed explanation as to why they think so. The editorial board retains the right to make the final decision, regarding publishing the paper, independently.

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