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Guidelines for Authors in the Preparation of Manuscripts

Introduction

These guidelines are designed to help you prepare your book for delivery to Equinox Publishing Ltd. If you have any concerns about preparation of your material please contact Valerie Hall at vhall@equinoxpub.com.

The Production Process

Once your final files are delivered to Equinox we will prepare them for hand over to the assigned copyeditor. We submit bibliographic information on the book to Nielsen and Amazon and apply to the Library of Congress for Cataloging in Publication data. We prepare text for the front cover, back cover, spine of the book and pass these to our designer. Normally we will have obtained a cover image and designed the front cover of the book for use in catalogues and other marketing material prior to receipt of the files. We decide what internal design style the book is to follow and prepare instructions to the copyeditor and typesetter. We will give the copyeditor your contact details and availability information, the files and other materials. The copyeditor will then contact you directly with any queries he/she has and a production schedule will be produced for your book.

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Preparation of your Manuscript

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Foreword: written by someone other than the author or editor.

List of Abbreviations

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For authored books the text file can be supplied as one Word file (with all the prelims and chapters together). For edited books please supply each chapter as a separate Word file. **For edited books, please ensure that a short biographical note on each contributor appears either at the end of their chapter or as a footnote on the first page of their chapter.** Tables can be placed where they should appear in the text.

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With very few exceptions most authors will need to supply a Bibliography. This is a list of works cited in the text or suggested further reading (see Bibliography section of Style Guide below). You may also include appendices and a glossary if necessary.

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Notes

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Author surname, author initials (year of publication) title, publisher.

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