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1. All contributions must be in Word (.docx) format.
2. They should be double-spaced.
3. There is a maximum limit of 5,000 words. This includes the main text, notes and any supplementary material (bibliography, appendices, captions, etc.)
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