U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations (PKSOI) Publication Guide

General

This online guide will take you through the publishing formats and processes for the various PKSOI publishing venues. PKSOI has limited staff and facilities and your adherence to the guidelines will assure the most expeditious publication of your manuscript or submission while sustaining appropriate standards.

All submissions to PKSOI publications should be in clear, direct, jargon-free prose. Authors should keep the use of acronyms, passive voice, and other distracters to a minimum. PKSOI will not accept submissions written in a style that is not appropriate for the busy policymakers and leaders who form the core of the Institute’s audience. Once a manuscript or submission is received, it is reviewed internally by PKSOI and/or peer reviewers for acceptance. A relevant subject matter expert reviews all submissions for accuracy related to content. PKSOI reserves the right to edit or reject all submissions. PKSOI provides limited editorial assistance.

These processes move much more quickly if manuscripts and submissions are formatted and submitted according to this Guide. It provides authors the publication requirements and standard “rules” we use in editing, in order to answer your questions in advance and to speed the time from submission to publication.

Previously published submissions are not accepted. In cases where the author or authors have addressed the subject matter elsewhere, a submission should represent substantive new content or perspective. PKSOI reserves the right to edit and reject submissions.

Style Guidance and Rules

Style guidance and rules apply generally to all submissions except where specified as different under a particular publication format description below.

Double-space the manuscript text/submission; use left margin justified only (right margin will be ragged). Use standard top and bottom, right and left margins of 1 inch.
All manuscripts should be in standard text, 12 point, Microsoft Word (no Macintosh), with endnotes rather than footnotes. Endnotes should be produced using the software function, not typed in using superscript reference numbers.

**Rules for Figures, Tables, and Images**

a. Do not use copyrighted images.
b. Color photography is ok for images only, but we will convert to grayscale. Do not use color for graphs and charts.
c. Do not import, insert, or “copy and paste” images into your manuscript; instead include the original image as a separate file. File types which meet this criteria are .jpg, .gif, .tif, or .png.

Indicate in the text where we should place the image. See example below:

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prime-minister1.jpg (name of file)
Caption: Gordon Brown in Iraq in 2010
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Ensure that the file name of the image matches the name in the text. We suggest you create a separate folder on your computer to store all the images for your manuscript.

d. Drawing Tables and Graphs

You must use grayscale. If you were to submit colors, we convert to grayscale and the chart/graph will be unusable.

If possible, do not use PowerPoint or a similar presentation program to draw your images. Instead, use a spreadsheet program (MS Excel) or your word processor.

A spreadsheet program works best for creating tables and graphs. You can copy and paste data into your word processor.

A word processor includes drawing tools so that you can create a variety of figures. See your product documentation for “Drawing Tools.”

**Titles and Sub-titles**

- Title of the paper or submission is all caps and centered.
- Section Titles (if used) are all caps and left justified.
- Sub-Titles within sections are left justified and in *italics* with only the first letter of each word in the sub-title capitalized.
- Avoid any lower breakout into sub-sub-sections.

**Style Rules within the Text**

- Do not use the underline attribute at all; use the bold attribute to emphasize words and the italics attribute to indicate book and magazine titles, and foreign words.
- The hard return should be inserted after the last typed character in the paragraph.
- In quotations, the period or comma always go inside the quotation marks.
- Quotations are indented once they exceed four lines of regular text. Do not use quotation marks to start or end these long quotations. Single-space typed material and double-indent margins in long quotations.
- All quoted material must have a citation.
- Common examples of correct style:
  - U.S. (adjective); United States (noun)
  - the President stated; it is presidential policy
  - Congress; congressional delegation.
  - decisionmaker(ing) and policymaker(ing).
  - commander in chief
  - words denoting more than nine are in numbers: 10, 22-21st century
  - words denoting time are always in numbers
  - All acronyms must be spelled out during their first usage, no matter how "common" the author perceives them to be, including United Nations, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, etc. Periods are used with the acronym "U.S." Other acronyms normally do not have periods: UN, NATO. First-use acronyms within a quotation are spelled out with brackets.
  - Do not use the letter "i" for the number “1” or the letter "O" for the number “0.”
  - Do not use commas between month and year (April 1994) or season and year (Winter 1994). When referring to a complete date with the year, a comma should follow the year (April 21, 2008,).
  - All dates should be civilian style, not military: November 17, 2008.
  - Names of military operations are in all-caps (Operation DESERT STORM).
  - NATO code words should be included with military equipment numerical designations (MIG-29, Su-27, etc.). Non-NATO code names in foreign languages should be italicized: SSM Prithvi-150, IRBM Agni.
  - During the first mention of an individual within the text, the full name should be included plus any titles, e.g., U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Russian President Vladimir Putin; thereafter, Secretary Rumsfeld, President Putin.
• Common English place names should be substituted for native language variations. Moscow for Moskva, Vienna for Wien, etc. If the location of a town is not readily known, the state or country should be included in the text or endnote unless clarified by additional information: e.g., “Bloomington, Indiana” in text, but “Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, 2008” in endnote.
• Numbers, except those indicating a unit of time (years, months, weeks, days, hours), are spelled out when they are less than 10; 10 and over use number, e.g., nine soldiers, 40 soldiers.
• If the numbers refer to units of time, always use the numbers: 2-week campaign, 2 months later, 5 years from now. Decades are noted without apostrophe: 1990s, not 1990’s.
• If a foreign language source is quoted verbatim in that language, a translation must be provided immediately following it in parentheses.
• Do not insert a space between the period ending a sentence and the endnote number.

Style Rules within Endnotes

• Single page - p. 132.
• If a journal or magazine has a volume or number citation, it MUST be referenced, even if a date is included (Vol. 6, No. 12, May 2, 2008).
• If the periodical uses Roman numerals for the volume number, do not transfer the number to an Arabic number (Vol. II, not Vol. 2).
• Idem in endnote indicates two works in succession by the same author; the second cites “idem” in place of the author’s name.
• Ibid is used only if the lone source cited in the previous footnote is used again. If more than one source is listed above, include the author’s name and the title of the work.
• If a foreign language article or book title is cited in an endnote, a translation should immediately follow:
  • Article: “title” (translation), journal name . . .
  • Book: Title (translation), . . .
• Titles of foreign language journals need not be translated.
• Do not use a comma after ? or ! if they are part of the title.
Sample Endnotes

Articles:


Subsequent references should read: Gray, p. 389.

If more than one article by an author is cited, subsequent references include the article’s title: Gray, “Out of the Wilderness,” p. 393.

Same source as previous endnote but different page: Ibid., p. 133.

Same source, same page: Ibid.

Articles within edited book:


Books:


Conference Papers:


Congressional Reports:


Department of Defense:


Interview:

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Interview with Sergei Buntman, Ekho Moskvy, May 15, 2007.

Interview conducted by the author with a British officer at Upavon, Director General of Doctrine and Development, June 2003. (above style used if anonymity requested)

Newspaper:


Speech:

Studies:

Phil Williams, *From the New Middle Ages to a New Dark Age: The Decline of the State and U.S. Strategy*, Carlisle, PA: Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College, June 2008.


Unpublished manuscript:


Websites:


(Do not use hyperlink function. It is not necessary to use http://).

PKSOI Papers

PKSOI Papers are monographs of 25-60 pages in length focusing on a central theme or current, critical "issue" related to Peacekeeping and Stability Operations. The monographs are published on-line and hard copy. Authors are usually subject matter experts found within the various organizations, activities, and academic and research institutions with an interest in peacekeeping and stability operations, but all proposals or submissions will be considered. These monographs are peer reviewed and must meet the highest standards of research and writing. All PKSOI Papers are linked to the SOLLIMS knowledge base. Proposals to determine PKSOI interest, or draft submissions, should be sent to the PKSOI Research and Publications Branch:

Submitting your manuscript

First, seek approval to submit your manuscript by sending a CV and abstract of your manuscript to Mr. Sam Russell at the following email: [usarmy.carlisle.awc.list.pksoi-operations@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.carlisle.awc.list.pksoi-operations@mail.mil), or to the following mailing address.
If your abstract is selected for publishing, you will then submit your correctly formatted and fully documented final version of the manuscript in accordance with the style and formatting instructions herein.

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**Correctly formatted and fully documented final version of the manuscript.**

You must prepare your manuscript in accordance with the style and editing guidance above. Any further questions regarding style can be found in the official U.S Government Style Manual. Examples of the format and type content can be found at [http://pksoi.armywarcollege.edu/index.cfm/resources/pksoi-publications/pksoi-papers/](http://pksoi.armywarcollege.edu/index.cfm/resources/pksoi-publications/pksoi-papers/).

**Title Page**

**Foreword**

Submit a 125 to 175 word foreword for the Director of PKSOI to use and sign.

**About the Author (s)**

Submit a half-page biographical sketch in an academic format (avoid using bullets and acronyms).

**Author photograph (Optional)**

If you opt, we will include your photo with your bio.
Summary

Submit a two to three page (length is relative to monograph length and content) summary consisting of an introduction and a summary of key points and conclusions and recommendations. The summary will be published after the foreword and the about the authors section in the printed monograph. It may also be used for promotional purposes.

Synopsis

Submit a half-page attention grabbing synopsis. This will be the primary text displayed on the website representing the publication. It should be readable by a wide range of audiences. Avoid using technical terms, acronyms, and jargon.

Preface/Acknowledgements/Notes (Optional)

You may opt to include a preface if you would like to explain how the manuscript came into being. Or, instead of a preface, you may make brief acknowledgements or provide comments relating to the development of the manuscript.

Manuscript

Simple essay format with an introduction, a body of content, and a conclusions/summary/recommendations as an ending. Sections and subjections may be used as appropriate or useful, but are not required. Use effective sentences and paragraphing. Use sentence variety. Avoid the passive voice where possible and construct sentence so they are easy to read. The purpose and thesis of your paper should be clear and you should avoid extraneous information. Organize the content in a way that enables the reader to follow your ideas and logic. After reading your paper, readers may not agree with you, but they should be able to understand the evidence presented and how you arrived at your concluding position.

Endnotes

PKSOI papers must be researched and referenced as appropriate.

Peace & Stability Operations Journal Online

The Peace & Stability Operations Journal Online is a quarterly journal produced by the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI).

Journal articles are normally between 500 and 2000 words and may include pictures, sent as separate attachments, preferably JPEG’s and written as simple essays with an introduction, body, and conclusions/Recommendation.
For format and examples click here to link to past journals.
http://pksoi.armywarcollege.edu/index.cfm/resources/pksoi-publications/peace-stability-journal/

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PKSOI Collaborative Works

PKSOI Collaborative Works are publications that PKSOI or PKSOI members have collaboratively published or assisted in publishing in which PKSOI’s role is acknowledged and PKSOI has permissions to publish/link to online. Point of contact for consideration of collaborative works is: Mr. Sam Russell and can be reached at the following e-mail. usarmy.carlisle.awc.list.pksoi-operations@mail.mil

Format.

The lead activity designs the format and issues separate instructions accordingly.