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Subject: Call for Papers/articles to be published in the journal 'Mother Language'.

Dear Contributors

The *Mother Language*, regularly published by the International Mother Language Institute, is a peer-reviewed journal. The next issue (Volume: 10, Issue: 2, July-December 2026) of this journal is going to be published soon. We expect your contributions to the journal and request that you submit articles using the following guidelines:

1. Areas/themes of articles (but not limited to):

- Mother language situation in Bangladesh and/or in any other country;
- Language and gender;
- Writing system for languages that do not have scripts;
- Inventory of phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics or inventory of any aspect of the mother languages of Bangladesh;
- Preservation and standardization of language in the context of Bangladesh;
- Training of primary and secondary language teachers to meet multilingual education in the country;
- Preservation and standardization of endangered or nearly extinct languages;
- Mother language and sustainable development;
- Mother language and science;
- Language policy and language management in mass media;
- Linguistic diversity and national development;
- Mother language teaching in Bangladesh and/or beyond;
- Preserving dialects in Bangladesh;
- English as a foreign language (EFL) or English language teaching (ELT) or English learning/teaching through a blended approach;
- Language and Literature;
- Sociolinguistics.

Articles must be written using the following structure, guidelines, and referencing style (APA 7th Edition). Otherwise, they will be screened out at the initial stage.

2. Article Structure

Title
Abstract
Keywords
Introduction
Identification of Research Problem/Statement of the problem/Statement of the Topic/Rationale
Objectives of the research
Research Questions/Hypotheses
Literature Review

Research Theoretical Framework

Research Methodology

Results and Findings

Discussion

Recommendation

Conclusion

References

Special Note: Please follow the Reference System APA 7th edition.

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3. Guidelines

Article (s) should be prepared or composed as per the following guidelines:

- a. The article should be written in **English. It must be original and unpublished.**
- b. The Abstract should be 120-150 words with 0.25 inch indentation on both sides, font size 10 points and the keywords in 12 points. A short profile, phone number, mailing address, and e-mail address of the author(s) should be provided.
- c. The length of the article, including an abstract and references, should be 5000 words.
- d. The main text of the article should be composed on A4 paper in 12 point in English (Times New Roman) font, following 1.5 line spacing. While submitting hard copies, two (2) sets should be printed on one side.
- e. If there are any tables and figures in the main text, their serial numbers (e.g. 1, 2, 3...) should be provided. A proper caption for each table and figure is essential.
- f. Font: Times New Roman, Font size 12, line space single, first line 0.25 indent & quotation indent 0.5;
- g. Plagiarism check certificate must be submitted with the article.
- h. **Honorarium** will be given to the authors of the article if it is published in the journal.

4. References (Intext Citation & End Note)

Citations/referencing style should follow the American Psychological Association (APA 7th Edition).

Example:

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- **Narrative citation:** According to Smith (1998), APA style is an easy citation format for first-time learners.
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- **Single Author**

Kimmel, M. S. (2007). *The gendered society*. Oxford University Press: London.

- **Two or More Authors**

DiFonzo, N., & Bordia, P. (2007). *Rumor psychology: Social and organizational approaches*. American Psychological Association: Washington D.C.

- **Edited Book**

Rhodewalt, F. (Ed.). (2008). *Personality and social behavior*. Psychology Press: East Sussex, UK.

- **No Author**

The universal declaration of human rights. (1974). U.S. Catholic Conference, Division of Latin.

- **Ebooks:** With a DOI

Gillam, T. (2018). *Creativity, wellbeing and mental health practice*. Wiley Blackwell.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74884-9>

- **Without a DOI (Cite the same as a print book)**

Lauwers, J., Opsomer, J. & Schwall, H. (Eds.). (2018). *Psychology and the classics: a dialogue of disciplines*. De Gruyter.

- **From a website**

Sanger, M. (2000). *Woman and the new race*. Bartleby.com. <http://www.bartleby.com/1013/> (Original work published 1920).

- **Chapters in Books**

Levi-Strauss, C. (1971). Totem and caste. In F. E. Katz (Ed.), *Contemporary sociological theory* (82-89). Random House.

- **Article, entry, or chapter from an online reference book (encyclopedia, dictionary, handbook)**

- **Online with a DOI**

Watkins, M. (2013). Mind-body problem. In H. Pashler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the mind*. SAGE. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781452257044.n191>

- **Online with no DOI**

Shevell, S. K. (2000). Color vision. In A. E. Kasdin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of psychology*. Vol. 2. (182-186). Oxford University Press.

- **ERIC Documents**

Evans, V. (2016). *An Evaluation of CHAMPS for classroom management* (ED581571). ERIC. <https://eric.ed.gov/contentdelivery/servlet/ERICServlet?accno=ED581571>

- **Journal Articles**

Klimonske, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and the hiring process in organizations. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, 45 (2), 10-36. <https://doi.org/10.1037/1061-4087.45.2.10>

- **Article without DOI or in print**

Scroggins, W. A., Thomas, S. L., & Morris, J. A. (2008). Psychological testing in personnel selection, Part II: The refinement of methods and standards in employee selection. *Public Personnel Management*, 37 (2), 185-199.

- **Two or more authors (up to 20 authors)**

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Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N., Tein, J., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L., Johnson, A., Ito, H., Ramirez, J., Jones, H., Anderson, P., Winkle, S., Short, A., Bergen, W., Wentworth, J., Ramos, P., Woo, L., Martin, B., Josephs, M., ... Brown, Z. (2005). Study of the brain. *Psychology Journal* 32 (1), 1-15. DOI: 10.1037/1061-4087.45.1.11

- **Newspaper Article**

- **Online From a website, with no author**

It's subpoena time. (2007, June 8). *New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/08/opinion/08fri1.html>

- **Print**

Jones, S. (1997, October 19). Hit-and-run suspect commits suicide. *New York Times*, 17.

- **Magazine Article**

Kluger, J. (2010, November 1). Keeping young minds healthy. *Time*, 176 (18), 40-50.

- **From a website**

Heid, M. (2015, August 12). You asked: Why do I blush so much? *Time*. <http://time.com/3992760/blushblushing/>

- **Organization name as author (Group author)**

National Institutes of Mental Health. (2015, May). *Anxiety disorders*.
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders/index.s>

- **No author, no date**

What is psychology? (n.d). BestPsychologyDegrees.com. <https://www.bestpsychologydegrees.com/what-ispsychology/>

- **Dissertations or Theses**

Electronic copy of a thesis or dissertation from a database:

Rockey, R. (2008). *An observational study of pre-service teachers' classroom management strategies*. (Publication No. 3303545) [Doctoral dissertation, Indiana University of Pennsylvania]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

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Gerena, C. (2015). *Positive Thinking in Dance: The Benefits of Positive Self-Talk Practice in Conjunction with Somatic Exercises for Collegiate Dancers* [Master's thesis, University of California Irvine]. University of California, eScholarship. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/1t39b6g3>

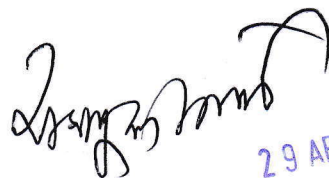
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With best regards,



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