Style Guide for INC publication series

Publication does not preclude you from submitting your text for publication elsewhere. However, please contact the Institute of Network Cultures beforehand.

We would like you to take some time to use this referencing system and adopt your text to it – this will save us a lot of work in editing and formatting the texts.

**Language style:**
- Try not to use ‘formal’ language. INC publications are not academic publications (though they answer to an academic level of content), so avoid speak such as: ‘In this paper we will show’, ‘The methodological questions are’, etc. and try to use anecdotes and a lively style of writing. Open with a telling example or statement and explain how this can be understood, rather than starting with a summary of what follows.
- Reference Merriam-Webster (online version) for spelling issues.

**Document Formatting / Layout:**

*General*
- Submissions should be sent preferably in .docx.
- Use only one clean and clear font, the same throughout.
- The whole text should have Normal style as default.
- The title and author should have **Heading 1** style, article sections should have **Header 2** and subsections **Header 3** style.
- Use single spacing between lines.
- Text should be aligned on the left.
- Do not use tabs for paragraph breaks at any time but a white space between paragraphs.
- Add *italics* where needed (references, emphasis on single words).
- Do not use underlining at any time.
- URLs in the body text should not be clickable.
- All headings and subtitles are capitalized. Capitalize the first word of the title, the last word of the title, and all nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives. Do not capitalize prepositions or conjunctions unless contain more than 4 letters. For example: Social Media Monopolies and Their Alternatives.
- Italicize (no quotation marks) proper names such as films, books, television series, works of art, etc. Song titles, for example, are placed between single quotation marks, while album titles are italicized.
Use the serial comma.

Footnotes and referencing
- All references should be auto-inserted footnotes (in other words, no in text references that use parentheses/brackets). For example, not: Off the Press discusses the question of digital publishing (Lorusso, 2013). But: Off the Press discusses the question of digital publishing.¹
- All references should also be collected into a Reference list at the end of the article.
- Always put a period at the end of a footnote, even if it just a URL (make sure the URL still works).
- Footnote numbers come after comma/period; this is also the case if the comma/period follows a quotation mark. I.e.: ‘an alternative network’².
- URLs in footnotes should be clickable.
- In the footnotes and in the reference list full URLs should be clickable but not stylized as links (no color or underlining).
- Make sure all references that appear in footnotes also appear in the reference list at the end of the text.
- Dates in footnotes should be 19 November 2010 (not November 19, 2010).
- For specific formatting of footnotes and reference list, see further on in this style guide.

Quotations
- For quotations longer than four lines use blockquote. Don’t use quotation marks around a block quote. When needed, use double quotations marks inside a block quote.
- Commas and full stops should be placed after the quotation mark, if they’re not part of the quotation.
- All quotations should use single quotation marks except in instances of a quote inside a quote (in such cases use double quotation marks inside single quotation marks).
- If ellipsis are used in a quotation because the article’s author has removed or altered text, for example for the sentence to read grammatically correctly, be sure to put square brackets [...] or [has] around the ellipsis to indicate this notation is made by the author.

Images:
- Authors must have copyright to the images, or permission to use them.
- Images can be in full colour or black and white (note that the print edition will be black and white).
- Images should be included in the text file at the right position as 72 dpi jpeg and, at the same

¹ Lorusso, 2013, p. 23.
² Footnote.
time, sent separately as 300 dpi tiff (suitable for for print).
- Files must be properly named and numbered in the following format: <Author_image1.tif> /<Author_image1.jpg>
- Include captions below the images. Start with ‘Fig. 1.’ etc. Do not put image and caption in a
  table, but write the caption as a normal sentence under the picture.

**Word Choice:**
- Use American spelling:
  * favor, color, honor, theater, center vs. favour, colour, honour, theatre, centre,
  * use ‘-ize’ instead of ‘-ise’ For instance, organize, categorize, standardize, authorize, etc.
- Although the INC uses American English, if quotes use British or other spellings, leave as is in
  the original quote – do not change to U.S. English.
- internet, not Internet
- web not Web (but World Wide Web should be capitalized, and Web 2.0)
- 18th not eighteenth century
- 90s not nineties

**Footnote and End References:**
Text references in footnotes and in the list of works cited (bibliography, aka Reference List)
should follow the same formatting. Footnote references should adopt the following formats:

**Footnote Referencing:**

**Anonymous/unknown authors:**
Largely found in news outlets (print and online) as well as blogs etc. If no author given, the
citation should begin with the name of the article in single brackets.

**Books**


**Edited books [note: ed. and eds – no full stop after eds]**
Paul Di Maggio (ed.) *The Twenty- First Century Firm: Changing Economic Organization in

**If edition of book is marked**

**If original publication date of book is given**
Display date of current publication followed by original date in brackets – this is largely the case for theoretical and other classical works that have been published and circulated in the past century, but maintain consistent used and reprint. For example:


**Translated books**

**Chapters in books**


**If chapter listed from book is written by same author:**

**Journal articles [note: full page no’s given in list of references at end of essay]**
Andrew Murphie, ‘The World as Clock: The Network Society and Experimental Ecologies’,


**Thesis**
Author First Name and Last name, Title of dissertation, PhD diss., Name of Faculty if known, Name of Institution, City/Country Location, Year.

**Websites [note: no need to detail access date]**

**Pages from blogs**


**Postings to mailing lists**

[if there is an online archive of the mailing list, and a URL is available for the specific content, please list this]
Conferences/events


Presentations at Conference/events

Harry Halpin, ‘The Hidden History of the “Like” Button’, Unlike Us: Understanding Social Media and their Monopolies Conference, Amsterdam, 8-10 March 2012, URL or presentation if possible, or conference URL.

Films


Newspapers


Books


Magazines


Wikipedia


Forum / Discussion post

Facebook update/post

[Facebook user/group profile name, title of update/post, Facebook update, date, time, URL of specific post/update.]

Twitter tweet
@El_Deewb, ‘#Tahrir has turned into a lifestyle, a way of living, a utopian city’, Twitter post, 25 November 2011, 1:56 AM, https://twitter.com/#!/El_Deewb/status/140006010197786624.

[Twitter user name, twitter post text, Twitter post, date, time, URL of tweet. ]

For footnote references that have more than one citation, provide a short reference for subsequent uses:

First citation:

Second/third/etc. footnote citation:
Bousquet, ‘The “Informal Economy” of the Information University’.

If the first citation has a subtitle, then drop the subtitle in future references.

References/Bibliography List at End of Text:
At the end of your essay provide a full list of all references. The difference from the above references is that they should be listed alphabetically with author’s surname first.

Also substitute the comma that follows authors name with a period.

For anonymous texts or texts with unknown author, the citation should begin with the title of the article in single brackets, the first letter of which signals the citations place in the alphabetized bibliography list.