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General Guidelines

Only one offer will be accepted from any one person. You do not need to be a member of ASCS to submit an abstract or attend the conference, but your membership must be in good standing if you wish to apply for the ASCS Postgraduate Student Travel Subsidy.

We also invite you to consider proposing a poster presentation instead of a paper, particularly for Honours students who may not have presented their research before.

All offers of papers will be anonymously reviewed by the conference program review committee. The abstracts will be anonymised by another person before being shown to the committee. If you have any questions about the procedure for submitting an abstract, please send them to abstracts@amphorae2018.co.nz.

Content of Abstracts

Offers of papers, posters, panels and archaeological reports should be accompanied by an abstract of 150-250 words. Abstracts over the limit will be returned to the person making the offer to be reworded to fit the maximum and delays in conforming to this limit could lead to the rejection of the offer. On the other hand, abstracts should not be so short that the review committee will not get the real gist of what you want to argue. Advice on what should be contained in an abstract is given below as a guide, particularly for those with less experience in offering conference papers.

Remember that the readers of your paper will not know who you are, nor anything about your reputation as a speaker. They will have only the abstract or, in the event that it is part of a panel, the panel description and associated abstracts. You need to convince them that you have something worthwhile to say, that it is in touch with relevant works of scholarship (where relevant), and that your argument can be delivered in 20 minutes.

The abstract should contain the following information:

- a clear statement of the problem you seek to solve or the question you want to answer
- a brief explanation of the abstract's evidence base and its relationship to the existing literature on the topic
- an indication of how you intend to resolve the issue and what about your argument is new or worth hearing.

You should include short citations of the modern works which are seminal to the argument. Choose them carefully. We want to know that you are in touch with the most appropriate scholarship. We do not need a full list and require that you select only three. Full bibliographical details (which do not count in the word limit) of these works should be supplied at the end of the abstract.

Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts may be sent to the dedicated conference abstracts email address (abstracts@amphorae2018.co.nz) or submitted on the conference website at <http://amphorae2018.co.nz/conference/submit/>. Your abstract should use the cover sheet at <http://amphorae2018.co.nz/conference/forms/>.

You are asked to nominate up to three areas of study (listed on the coversheet) which best fit the content and intention of your study. Your nominations will directly affect who initially assesses your abstract and, if the paper is accepted, can determine where you are placed on the conference program.

Sample abstracts

Below are listed some websites containing abstract guidelines, which may be particularly useful for those submitting an offer and abstract for the first time.

- The [APA website](#)
- [Classically Inclined](#)

Style Guide for References (adapted from UWA website)

Books and e-books:

S. Ratnagar, *Trading Encounters: From the Euphrates to the Indus in the Bronze Age* (New Delhi 2004)

Books, edited:

J.M. Foley (ed.), *A Companion to Ancient Epic* (Oxford 2009)

Books, translator and author.

Y. Arakawa, *Zen Painting*, trans. J. Bester (Tokyo 1970)

Chapter in book:

J. Baker, 'The Place of Science and Technology in the Wise Management of the Great Barrier Reef', in E. Wolanski (ed.), *Oceanographic Processes of Coral Reefs: Physical and Biological Links in the Great Barrier Reef* (Boca Raton 2001) 14-20

Journal article:

S. Mintz, 'Food Enigmas, Colonial and Postcolonial', *Gastronomica* 10 (2010) 149-50

Journal article (website):

K.R. Moore, 'Was Pythagoras Ever Really in Sparta?', *Rosetta* 6 (2009) <http://www.rosetta.bham.ac.uk>, (accessed 10 September 2010)