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Articles should generally be around 10–15 pages: 4000–7000 words long.

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Please use Times New Roman fonts, size 12 pt, with line spacing set at 1.5. Do not add space before or after paragraphs.

The title of any film should be italicised throughout the article. When mentioning a film for the first time, include the name of the director and the date of release in brackets (unless this information is mentioned elsewhere in your sentence), for example: Speaking Parts (Atom Egoyan, 1989), or: Atom Egoyan’s Speaking Parts (1989).

When referring to a non-English-language film, the original title, also in italics, and year of production should be listed after the first mention of the film and in parentheses, the director should also be mentioned either in the text or in brackets (after this, refer to the film’s English title, except where it is more usual to use the original language name). For example: Federico Fellini’s film Juliet of the Spirits (Giulietta degli spiriti, 1965) but La Dolce Vita (Federico Fellini, 1960).

Book, journal and article titles within the text should be italicised. E.g. David Bordwell’s book Narration in the Fiction Film.

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Quotations should not be written in italics and should be written continuously in the text (not in a separate paragraph, even if they are long). Quotations should be placed within quotation marks and references to exact page numbers should be added. You should not put first letters within square brackets, but you should signal omissions or additions with square brackets: with three dots in square brackets, […], or the added words in square bracket. Omissions at the beginning or at the end of quotations should not be marked in any way (quotation marks already indicate that this is a fragment of a larger text).

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Full stop (.) as a punctuation mark should be used after references placed in brackets only when this comes after a sentence (as a separate sentence) and is not included in the sentence containing the quotation.

Examples:

“The automobile carries around the screen or the lens, the screen-lens of its windshield, always further, and this screen is precisely not a screen – neither obstacle, nor wall of projection – but a text (écrit), a sinuous, steep and dusty trace.” (Nancy 2001, 66.)
Rodowick points out in Stanley Cavell’s example an understanding of “how our current ways of being in the world and relating to it are 'cinematic’” (2007, 107).

According to Beekman, in order to put bodily affection into the centre, “all new media artwork [the author] refers to either involves physical, bodily, haptic contact between the artwork and the visitor [...], are representations of the human body [...] or are literal representations of the bodily expression of emotions” (2005, 355).

Hansen argues that its digital counterpart instead “catalyze[s] the production of a space within the body that is without direct (perceptual) correlation with the non-spaces [it] represent[s]” (2006, 213), relying less on the faculty of perception than on the affective capacities of the body.

When using quotation marks, be careful so as not to use ‘…’ instead of ‘…’, or "…" instead of “…”

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Example: …. a steep and dusty trace.” (Not: …. a steep and dusty trace”).

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Examples:

… alternating the levels of the “real,” the film …
… alternating the levels of the “real.”
…based on the theory of social representations,¹
…based on the theory of social representations,¹ we can say …

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The use of -ize instead of -ise does not affect the spelling of words in British English that end in -yse, such as *analyse*, *paralyse* and *catalyse*, which come from the Greek verb λύω, *lyo*, not from an -izo verb.

Abbreviations used:

e.g. = for example
i.e. = namely, that is
cf. = compare, see
fig. = figure
figs. = figures

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\(^1\) Oxford spelling can be recognized by its use of the suffix -ize instead of -ise: *organization*, *privatize* and *recognizable* instead of *organisation*, *privatise* and *recognisable*. The spelling affects about 200 verbs, and is favoured on etymological grounds, in that -ize corresponds more closely to the Greek root, -izo, of most -ize verbs. In this Dictionary the termination is uniformly written -ize.