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Registration

Author must register first in our internal database (no information transmitted to third parties), visit [Subscription](#).

Calendar

APD welcomes proposals all year. Email exchanges prior to submission to discuss proposals are not mandatory. Proposals (title and abstract with arguments and short bibliography) coming before October 1st will be registered for a submission before December 1st with a peer-review period January-February of the following year with publication in May.

Contribution

APD welcomes several types of contribution, usually parted between the two volumes as follows:

Scholarly volume (intended for academic audience)	Hands On volume (intended for practitioners)
Fundamental research paper	Synthesis
Position paper	Concepts (method)
Methodological papers	Translation/edition
Book review (academic titles)	Book review (practical titles)

For a more detailed description of the contribution types, see [Quality Components for Scholarly and Hands On Volumes \(for authors and peer-reviewers\)](#).

Topic

Of interest are:

- Contributions that aim to establish research methods for Historical European Martial Arts in its historical context or its modern practice (incl. experimentation).

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- Contributions that would frame the sociocultural development of the art of fighting with chivalric ideals and representation, warfare and martial ethics.
- Contributions that discuss new sources and/or bring new aspects of analysis in order to reach new/relevant results.
- Contributions that connects HEMA studies with any concerned field of science, bringing new or already tested research methods for deeper understanding HEMA-related contents or their context.
- Conceptual papers that critically reflect upon current theories of HEMA-focused research/practice and their contribution to the advancement of the field of HEMA.

Typically discussed topics are:

- Historical context: political, economic, social and cultural aspects related to HEMA;
- Material culture of the arts of fighting
- Fighting and duelling according to the technical literature: principles, notation of movement, practical questions;
- Military strategy, tactic and operations;
- Original resources for HEMA: transcriptions, translations with analysis, reviews;
- Modern topics of Historical European Martial Arts: research methodology, training, practicing, modelling and documentation of HEMA;
- Sport-related aspects: methodology of converting original sources' content into today's practice.

Language and Length

APD welcomes paper in English with a minimal word length of 5.000 up to 12.000 words. Book review with 1.000 up to 3.000 words.

Submitting a proposal, evaluation and peer-review process

After registration, the author submits a proposal with a working title, abstract (200 words) and argumentation (allowing to add arguments and bibliographical details to strengthen the connection of the output of the proposal with the contribution or topic accepted by the journal). The proposal is reviewed by the Editorial Board (Editors and Chairmen of the Scientific Committee and Advisory Board) under a delay of 30 days. Upon acceptance, the author is invited to submit a manuscript in an appropriate format, following the [Instruction for Authors](#) (Stylesheet). After the peer-review evaluation period (60 days), the author might be asked to re-submit with a delay of 30 days. All manuscripts submitted not fitting the formal requirements listed in the Instruction for Authors, copyright policies for illustrations or with major language issues (English) will not be accepted.

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