EARLY MODERN LOW COUNTRIES AUTHOR GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION
We invite contributions to Early Modern Low Countries, a multidisciplinary and open-access journal dedicated to the study of the early modern Low Countries. We publish state-of-the-art scholarship on any aspect of the turbulent history of this region between 1500 and 1830.

We review in a double-blind, anonymous system. You will not know the identity of the person reviewing your submission and the reviewer will not know yours. To facilitate this, we ask that you remove any identifying markers from the manuscript. If you intend to quote yourself, for the initial review period, please refer to yourself in the third person.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
- Manuscripts should be original, and have not been published or offered elsewhere.
- Submissions should be in British English, and must follow the most recent edition of the Oxford English Dictionary.
- We generally publish articles that are 8,000 words in length, including footnotes. The abstract, author's biography, and bibliography and the end of the article do not count towards the total number of words.
- Please ensure your text file is as ‘clean’ as possible. Do not use templates and macros.
- Layout: 2,54 cm (1 inch) margins.
- Submissions should be in Times New Roman, font size 12, and double-spaced throughout; this includes block quotations, tables, and the bibliography.
- Please do not ‘justify’ paragraphs, but use ‘align left’.
- Insert page numbers in Times New Roman, font size 12, centred.
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- Use Oxford commas in enumerations, thus: X, Y, and Z.
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- The use of correct geographical references is vital, as the early modern layout of the Low Countries differs greatly from our modern period. Please bear in mind the following list of nouns and adjectives:
  - ‘The Netherlands’, a.k.a. ‘the Low Countries’: the territory of the historical Seventeen Provinces. Adjective: ‘Netherlandish’.
    
    **NB:** the term ‘Spanish Netherlands’ is to be used carefully, especially when covering the rule of the Archdukes Albert and Isabella. Recent historiography opts for Habsburg Netherlands or Spanish Habsburg Netherlands.
  - ‘Holland’ and ‘Flanders/Flemish’ refer exclusively to the historical counties and must not be used as *pars pro toto* as is customary today.
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- Quotations should be between single quotation marks.
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Saurin, Jacques, Abrégé de la théologie et de la morale chrétienne en forme de catéchisme (Amsterdam: Henri Du Sauzet, 1722).

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Paris, Archives Nationales de France (hereafter ANF), F1cIII Deux Nethes, box 5, Procès-verbal de la commission municipale du canton d’Anvers, 13 vendémiaire year VI.

The Hague, Nationaal Archief (hereafter NA), Archief Staten-Generaal (ASG) 5540, Memorie advocaat-fiscaal Raad van Brabant aan Staten-Generaal, 11 January 1793.

Venice, Archivio di Stato, Procuratori di San Marco de Supra, Reg. 131, fol. 65v, 29 January 1567.

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