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Please carefully read our Submission Guidelines. These guidelines describe the types of articles and  
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Proofread. Proofread. Proofread. We require correct grammar, structure, spelling, and punctuation.  
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* Limit use of bold and italicized words to section headers or highlighting of key points. Underlining  
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Example "It was emphasized that citations in a text should be consistent" (1, p.24).

When referencing a single page, you should use "p". For a range of pages, use pp. As an example: p.7

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Example:

"It was emphasized that citations in a text should be consistent" (1, no pagination).

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One author

Family name, INITIAL(S). Title of article. Journal Title. Year, Volume(issue number), page numbers.

Example: Pajunen, K. Institutions and inflows of foreign direct investment: a fuzzy-set analysis. Journal of  
International Business Studies. 2008, 39(4), pp.652-669.

Two authors

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