

Guidelines for Authors

Introduction

These guidelines for authors have been compiled to help you write your contribution. Please take the time to read these guidelines carefully, they will make it easy to get started and ultimately save you a lot of time because it will reduce reworking and we will take care of much of the formatting anyway.

1. General Notes

- **Contributions.** Our aim is to publish an updatable overview over the specific topic/field in a Book Chapter style with an easily accessible format. The level of contributions should be such that a graduate student can benefit from a contribution which is not too specific from his or her area of expertise. **Each contribution should stand on its own** without an assumption that a reader will be seeing any other portion of the work, but references to other chapters of the book should be given (see “cross references” below).
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- **Manuscript.** You can either send us LaTeX or Microsoft Word files. In case you submit LaTeX please also include a pdf document along with your LaTeX files.
- The **length** of the contribution should be about **20-30 printed pages per chapter**). For the purpose of converting printed to manuscript pages, a printed page contains about 3600 characters (with spaces) or 550 words of text not including illustrations.

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The manuscripts should follow a specific internal structure:

- **Title**
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- **Main Part** [choose headings freely]
- **Conclusions**
- **Acknowledgments** [optional]
- **References**

Please use this structure to compose your contribution since it will ensure homogeneity throughout the project. You are free to add further subheadings within the main headers provided but the hierarchical category of subheadings should not go further than two levels.

The handbook will also be available online via SpringerLink. That offers the possibility to include **cross references (links)** into your chapter. Within the online version of the book, important terms can be linked to the corresponding chapters. In order to provide the electronic linking please highlight these words in your chapter **in yellow color**. It's only possible to create a link if the words are identical with the referred chapter. If they are not, you may simply add the cross reference in parentheses and mark this one with some color.

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You may submit the figures in the following formats:

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- **Videos.** Videos or other electronic supplementary material can be added to a chapter of the online version.
 - Video Format: H.264 preferred. Theora, MP4, MPG, MOV also accepted.
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 - Resolution: 1280 x 720 (HDready, 720p) or – if no HD available -: 1024 x 576 (PAL 16:9) or 768 x 576 (PAL 4:3)
 - Frames per second: 30 or 24 preferred.
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- **Abbreviations.** Abbreviations, other than those very commonly used, must be defined at first use. Also, please use the following abbreviations: Fig./Figs. for Figure/Figures, and Eq./Eqs. for Equation/Equations; the word 'table' is not abbreviated.
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