

Submission Guidelines

Taal & Tongval - Language Variation in the Low Countries

GENERAL INFORMATION

Aims and Scope

Taal & Tongval: Language Variation in the Low Countries is a peer-reviewed, academic journal devoted to the scientific study of language variation in the Netherlands and Flanders, in neighbouring areas and in languages related to Dutch. All types of variation are covered, including but not restricted to geographical, social, ethnic, stylistic and diachronic variation. Articles may deal with all aspects of human language. The journal welcomes both empirical work as studies linking language variation to developments in theoretical linguistics.

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- Use tabs for new paragraphs, not spaces. Use blank lines only when absolutely necessary.
- Replace double spaces with single spaces.
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- A comma should appear before the final 'and'/'or' in a list of three or more items (e.g. truth, grace,

and beauty).

- Use single quotation marks; only use double quotation marks within single quotation marks (e.g. 'This is the "best" way.'). Be sure to translate quotation marks from different systems or languages (e.g. « ... » or „...“).
- Place ellipses within square brackets when they indicate that text has been omitted from a quotation (e.g. [...]). If the beginning of the sentence has been omitted following the ellipses, begin with a capital letter; do not use ellipses at the beginning of a quotation or at the end, unless there is a specific reason for doing so. Place ellipses in the body of the text between spaces.
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- Abbreviations without any full-stops should be in small caps (e.g. US, UNESCO).
- Avoid starting sentences and footnotes with abbreviations: For example, not e.g.

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