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Publication guidelines for the Journal of Architecture and Planning (JAP)

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1. Full Research Article: This article presents the author's work in their field of specialization and must contribute to the existing body of knowledge.
2. Review Article: This article offers a critical review of previously published work in a specific research area.
3. Book Review: This article provides a critical review and summary of a book.
4. Short Paper: This short research paper presents findings or applies a methodology.

First: Submission Procedure

- The original research paper should be submitted in its final format, including tables and figures in their respective places within the text. It should be formatted on numbered pages using MS Word and submitted digitally along with the research submission form via the journal's online system. Any submission that does not adhere to these instructions will not be accepted.
- The research information should be written in both Arabic and English and should include: the title of the research, the name(s) of the researcher(s), a brief introduction, and their contact information.
- The full research paper or review article should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words, equivalent to 25 A4 pages, including the Arabic and English abstracts, tables, figures, images, and references. A short article should be between 2,000 and 4,000 words.
- The total number of tables and figures in the research paper should not exceed six.
- The abstract should not exceed 200 words and should include the following elements: the research topic, objectives, methodology, key findings, and main recommendations. It should be written accurately and in a single column with a width of 13 cm.
- Each abstract (in Arabic and English) should be followed by a list of keywords that accurately reflect the research topic and the main issues addressed, not exceeding ten keywords.
- The total number of keywords should not exceed ten. • Page margins should be 2.5 cm at the top, bottom, right, and left, with single line spacing.
- Use Simplified Arabic font for the Arabic text: size 16 for the body text, bold for headings, size 12 for footnotes and abstracts, size 10 for tables and figures, and size 12 in bold for headers and annotations.
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x 23 cm including margins, in two columns, each 7.65 cm wide). Each table must have a title, and each figure and image must have a caption. The source of any quoted material must be cited. Original images and figures must be submitted at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi for black and white images and figures, and 600 dpi for color images and figures, as separate image files (JPG, TIFF, etc.). All information must be clear and legible, and properly placed within the text.

- Please ensure that all information is clear and legible.
- Abbreviations: Scientific journal titles should be abbreviated as listed in: The World List of Scientific Periodicals. Internationally standardized abbreviations such as cm, mm, m, km, mL, mg, kg should be used.
- References: References within the text should be cited using the APA style (name and date). All references should be listed in the bibliography at the end of the article, arranged alphabetically and following the following bibliographic format:
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 - c) The Arabic bibliography should be translated into English and added to the research after the Arabic bibliography and before the English bibliography (titled "Arabic References").
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- Proofs: No changes, whether modifications, deletions, or additions, will be accepted in the research during the proofs review stage. • Ensure the research is free of linguistic, grammatical, and spelling errors before submitting it for review.

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- The researcher may use the tool to improve linguistic expression and proofreading.
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The journal adheres to standards of transparency and scientific integrity and requires all researchers to fully and accurately disclose the funding sources related to their submitted research, in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Researchers must disclose all funding sources that supported their research, whether governmental institutions, universities, research centers, or research grants.
- Funding information should be indicated at the end of the research paper, before the references, and should include the name of the funding entity, the project number, and the nature of the support.
- Funding disclosure must be consistent with the conflict of interest statement.

Example (1) for drafting a funding disclosure:

"This research was funded by [Name of Funding Entity], under project number (XXXX). The funding entity had no role in the study design, data collection, analysis, interpretation of results, or the decision to publish."

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- Acknowledgments should be given by the researcher to those who contributed technical or consultative support, administrative or logistical assistance, or facilitated access to data, whether they are individuals or institutions.
- The acknowledgment should be objective, concise (not exceeding 40 words), free of emotional expressions, and without any promotional connotations.
- The acknowledgment should be placed at the end of the research paper, before the references, and should include the name of the entity or individuals.

Example (1) of an acknowledgment:

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"The researcher thanks [Name/Institution] for the technical support and scientific consultations they provided, which contributed to improving the quality of the research."

Sixth: Open Access Policy

The journal provides free access to all accepted research papers immediately upon publication on its website, contributing to the establishment of research excellence and enhancing global information exchange.

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