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Submitting a Manuscript

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MAIN ELEMENTS

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Chapters and Reflections should be submitted as individual files in Word in Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins. They should employ US style and punctuation for the sake of consistency throughout the volume. Contributors should please stay within the word count limit stated on their contributor agreements.

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