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Books

Rule: Authors. Date. Title. Publisher, Place of Publication.

Example: PHILLIPS, J. AND FIRTH, A. 2005. *Introduction to Intellectual Property Law*. Oxford University Press Inc., New York

Book chapters

Rule: Author. Date. Title of Chapter. Title of Book, Editor, Place of publishing, Publisher, Pages

Example: LARSSON, S. 2009. Wednesday, 4.v. In *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*, MacLehose Press, an imprint of Quercus, UK, 214-234.

EBooks

Rule: Authors. Date. Title. Publisher.

Example: MCCULLOUGH, D. 2001. *The Path between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914*. Simon & Schuster.

Journal article

Rule: Authors. Date. Title. Journal or magazine name, Volume, Issue, Pages.

Example: BRISTOW, J. 2016. *The making of 'Boomergeddon': the construction of the Baby Boomer generation as a social problem in Britain*. *The British Journal of Sociology*. 67, 4, 575-591.

Conference proceedings (Published)

Rule: Authors. Title. in Title of conference, (Location of Conference, Year), Publisher, Pages.

Example:

Conference proceedings (Unpublished)

Rule: Authors. Date. Title. in Title of conference. Place of Conference. Date of Conference. Pages.

Example: BECHMANN, J.P., CRAMER, T.A. AND ROBERTS S. 2015. *Using Browning Bridge and resource selection models to evaluate impact of road and environmental factors on road crossing locations by elk and moose in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem: Moving forward from research to management.* In 2015 International Conference on Ecology and Transportation. Raleigh, North Carolina. September 20-24 2015. 1-2.

Newspaper

Rule: Author. Date. Title. Publication title.

Example: BOSELEY, S. 2017. *Revealed: big tobacco's dirty battle for the African market.* The Guardian.

Lectures

Rule: Authors. Date. Title. Journal. Specifics

Example: LI, T.-K., HEWITT, B.G., GRANT, B.F. 2007. *LECTURE: The alcohol dependence syndrome, 30 years later: A commentary, Addiction.* 102, 10, 1522-1530

Patents

Rule: Authors. Title of patent. (Issue date). Patent no., Filed month date, year, Issued on full date.

Example: CHRISTIANSEN, G. K. *Toy Building Set.* U.S. Patent 3,597,875, filed November 18, 1968, issued August 10, 1971

Dissertation

Rule: Author. Year. Title. Institution name.

Example: YOUNG, S.J. 2013. *Temperature based weather derivatives as a technique for maize production hedging.* University of Johannesburg.

World Wide Web

Rule: Author. Date. Page. Title. URL.

Example: GRIFFIN, A. 2017. Human embryo editing. Human embryo editing breakthrough is a 'major advance' towards controversial treatments for babies.
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/human-embryo-editing-crispr-9-baby-treatment-advance-paediatrics-designer-babies-a7873746.html>