

Guidelines for the Submission of Articles

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General Information

- *Thematic focus of the journal:* The Journal of Literary Theory publishes articles that focus on theoretical and methodological issues. This includes articles on questions of literary theory, on the methodology of literary studies and the study of literary texts, and on the history of literary studies as a discipline. Articles in which an established literary theory is merely applied to a given text or corpus of texts (e.g. case studies) cannot be considered for publication.
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- Please mind additions to places of publication, e.g. Cambridge, MA; Ithaca, NY.

➤ **A sample list for your guidance can be found below (Appendix).**

Submission

- Please submit your article to the editorial office (<JLT@phil.uni-goettingen.de>).

Appendix: Sample List for References

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