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If the author's name appears in the sentence, the year of publication of the cited text is placed in parentheses immediately after the author's name, and the page number is provided at the end of the sentence:

Example:

As Besermenji (2007) highlights, “air pollution is a particularly prevalent issue, primarily due to an exceptionally low level of environmental awareness and a lack of professional education in the field of environmental protection” (p. 496).

If the author's name does not appear in the sentence, the author's last name, year of publication, and page number are placed in parentheses at the end of the sentence:

Example:

Also, “rural tourism is expected to act as one of the tools for sustainable rural development” (Ivolga, 2014, p. 331).

Note: If the citation is a paraphrase or summary, the page number is not necessary.

Example:

The environment encompasses everything that surrounds us, or everything that is directly or indirectly connected to human life and production activities (Hamidović, 2012).



When citing a source written by two authors:

Use “and” or “&” between the authors' last names, depending on whether the authors are mentioned in the sentence.

Examples:

Chaudhry and Gupta (2010) state that as many as 75% of the world's poor live in the rural areas, and more than one-third of rural areas are in arid and semiarid regions.

Hence, “rural development is considered as a complex mesh of networks in which resources are mobilized and in which the control of the process consists of interplay between local and external forces” (Papić & Bogdanov, 2015, p. 1080).

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For the first-time citation, list all authors:

Example:

(Cvijanović, Matijašević Obradović, & Škorić, 2017)

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Example:

(Cvijanović et al., 2017)

When citing a source written by 6 or more authors:

For both the first and subsequent citations, list only the first author followed by “et al.”:

Example:

(Savić et al., 2010)

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Example:

First citation: (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts [SASA], 2014)

Subsequent citations: (SASA, 2014)

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Use the authors' initials to avoid confusion.

Example:

The viewpoint expressed by D. Savić (2017) has been presented...

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Example:

(Dragojlović, 2018a)

(Dragojlović, 2018b)

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Example:

Obviously, living and working in rural areas has always been connected with specific material and symbolic relations to nature (Milbourne, 2003; Castree & Braun, 2006).

When citing a newspaper article with a specified author:

Example:

It was reported in *NS uživo* (Dragojlović, 2021) that...

In the reference list, format this reference as follows:

Dragojlović, J. (2021). Anketirani Novosađani za vraćanje smrtne kazne u Ustav [Novi Sad residents surveyed to return the death penalty to the Constitution]. *NS uživo*, January 22.

When citing a newspaper article without a specified author:

Example:

As published in *Politika* (2012)

In the reference list, format this reference as follows:

Politika. (2012). Straževica gotova za dva meseca [Straževica finished in two months]. February 1.

When citing personal correspondence:

Example:

According to Nikolić (2020),

In the reference list, format this reference as follows:

Nikolić, A. (2020). *Pismo autoru* [Letter to the author], November 21.

When citing a text in press:

At the end of the reference, before the period, add "in press."

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The reference should contain as complete information as possible: type and number of the decision, date when the decision was brought, publication in which it was published.

Example in text:

(Decision of the High Court in Belgrade – Special Department K.Po1 no. 276/10 dated January 26, 2012)



Example in text: (Borodin v Russia, par. 166.)

Note:

Sources from judicial practice **should not be listed** in the reference list. The full reference **should be provided** in a footnote. When citing the practice of the European Court of Human Rights, the application number should also be included.

Example for reference in a footnote:

As stated in the Decision of the High Court in Belgrade – Special Department K.Po1 no. 276/10 from January 26, 2012. Intermex (2012). *Bilten Višeg suda u Beogradu [Bulletin of the High Court in Belgrade]*, 87, p. 47.

Borodin v Russia, application no. 41867/04, ECHR judgment, February 6, 2013, par. 166.

When citing laws and other regulations:

When citing a legal text or other regulation, mention the full name of the law or regulation and the year it came into force.

Example:

(Criminal Procedure Code, 2011)

(Regulation on the Content of the Decision on the Implementation of Public Procurement Procedure by Multiple Clients, 2015)

This rule also applies to laws or other regulations that are no longer in force.

Example:

(Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia, 1977)

When citing international regulations, it is sufficient to mention the abbreviated name of the document along with its number and the year it was adopted.

Example:

(Regulation No. 1052/2013) or (Directive 2013/32)

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For works with an unknown date, use "n.d." (non-dated) in place of the year.

Example:

Their significance for parliamentary processes is immeasurable (Ostrogorski, n.d.).

If the paper uses a reference to a paper by an unknown author, cite the title of the paper and include the year if known.

Example:

All that has been confirmed by a mixed, objective-subjective theory (Elements of a criminal offense, 1986, p. 13).



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Cited sources (regardless of the language in which they are written) should not be translated into English, except for the titles of papers (publications, legal acts) which should be translated and written in square brackets.

* The title of the cited source in the Serbian version of the manuscript (Cyrillic script) should not be translated into English.

Example:

1. Matijašević Obradović, J. (2017). Značaj zaštite životne sredine za razvoj ekoturizma u Srbiji [The importance of environmental protection for the development of ecotourism in Serbia]. *Agroekonomika*, 46(75), pp. 21–30
2. Jovašević, D. (2017). *Krivična dela ubistva [Murder as a Crime]*. Beograd: Institut za kriminološka i sociološka istraživanja
3. Uredba o ekološkoj mreži Vlade Republike Srbije [The Ecological Network Decree of the Government of the Republic of Serbia]. *Službeni glasnik RS*, br. 102/10
4. Zakon o turizmu [The Law on Tourism]. *Službeni glasnik RS*, br. 17/19

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Example of referencing with a URL:

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Examples of references to be listed at the end of the manuscript:



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5. Dragojlović, J. (2021). Anketirani Novosađani za vraćanje smrtne kazne u Ustav [Novi Sad residents surveyed to return the death penalty to the Constitution]. *NS uživo*, January 22
6. Gopalsamy, N. (2016). *A Guide to Corporate Governance*. New Delhi: New Age International
7. Jesover, F., & Kirkpatrick, G. (2005). The Revised OECD Principles of Corporate Governance and their Relevance to Non-OECD Countries. *Corporate Governance: An International Review*, 13 (2), pp. 127–136. DOI: 10.1111/j.14678683.2005.00412.x
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