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**Reviewers Guide**

Score each item on a range from 0 to 10.

EVALUATION CRITERIA	SCORE
1. Significance of Themes	
2. Relevance of Themes	
3. Clarity of Thematic Focus	
4. Relationship to Literature	
5. Research Design and Data	
6. Data Analysis and Use of Data	
7. Use of Theory	
8. Critical Qualities	
9. Clarity of Conclusions	
10. Quality of Communication	
TOTAL SCORE % If some categories are not applicable in evaluating this particular paper, mark n.a. (not applicable) and calculate score as % average score across relevant items.	

**Recommendation (Kindly Mark With An X)**

ACCEPT	
ACCEPT WITH MINOR REVISIONS	
RESUBMIT WITH MAJOR REVISIONS	
REJECT	

The following are indicative score ranges:

- Accept (without qualification): 75-100%
- Accept with minor revisions: 60-75%
- Resubmit after major revisions: 40-60%
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## Additional Comments

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- you have given a low score in any of the evaluation criteria; or
- you believe you need to justify having given the paper a high score on any of the evaluation criteria; or
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- you have specific advice or comments you would like to provide the author(s) in relation to any of the evaluation criteria.

**If any of the above applies, and particularly if you have recommended rejection or revision, then please elaborate:**

### 1. Significance of Themes

- Is this a topic that needs addressing? Is the area investigated by the paper: timely? important? in need of addressing because it has been neglected? intrinsically interesting? filling a gap in current knowledge? (The paper does not have to be all of these things to be significant; it is sufficient to measure it against one of these forms of significance.)
- By addressing these themes, does this paper make a useful contribution? Is it itself significant?

REVIEWER COMMENTS:

### 2. Relevance of Themes

- Are these themes relevant to this publication? If not, is there a more appropriate place for publication?

REVIEWER COMMENTS:

### **3. Clarity of Thematic Focus**

- Are the author's themes clearly stated?
- Does the paper follow through by addressing these themes, consistently and cogently?

REVIEWER COMMENTS:

### **4. Relationship to Literature**

- Does the paper demonstrate an adequate understanding of the current literature in the field?
- Does it connect with the literature in a way which might be useful to the development of our understanding in the area it addresses?

REVIEWER COMMENTS:

### **5. Research Design and Data**

- Has the research, or equivalent intellectual work upon which the paper is based, been well designed?
- Does the paper demonstrate adequate use of evidence, informational input or other intellectual raw materials in support of its case?

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### **6. Data Analysis and Use of Data**

- Has the interpretative potential of the data been adequately realised?
- Has the data been used effectively to advance the themes that the paper sets out to address?

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### **7. Use of Theory**

- Does the paper use theory in meaningful way?
- Does it develop or employ theoretical concepts in such a way as to make plausible generalisations?

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### **8. Critical Qualities**

- Does the paper demonstrate a critical self-awareness of the author's own perspectives and interests?
- Does it show awareness of the possibility of alternative or competing perspectives: such as other cultural, social, political, theoretical or intellectual perspectives?
- Does it show an awareness of the practical implications of the ideas it is advancing?

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### **9. Clarity of Conclusions**

- Are the conclusions of the paper clearly stated?
- Cohesiveness of paper: do the conclusions adequately tie together the other elements of the paper (such as theory, data and critical perspectives)?

REVIEWER COMMENTS:

### **10. Quality of Communication**

- Does the paper clearly express its case, measured against the technical language of the field and the reading capacities of an academic, tertiary student and professional readership?
- What is the standard of the writing, including spelling and grammar? If you will be recommending publication with revisions, please make specific suggestions or list errors.

#### **IMPORTANT, PLEASE INDICATE:**

[ ] From an editorial point of view, this paper is of a publishable standard as is.

[ ] This paper requires minor proofing by a colleague or critical friend of the author.

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