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- all languages normally written in non-Roman script (including Greek) should be cited in transliterated form;
- English translations and, where appropriate, word-for-word glosses should be provided for all examples and quotations, following the [Leipzig Glossing Rules](#).
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- Footnotes should be as few and as short as possible.
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- Phonetic and phonemic transcriptions should make use of the symbols and conventions of the International Phonetic Alphabet. Any departures from IPA practice should be made explicit, and justified.

References

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