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## GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

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### THEMES

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  - Article's title, and subtitle if available, both translated into English, and if possible, into Portuguese.
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- Introduction (general presentation of the article), methodology used in the development of the research project.
- Development of the article.
- Conclusions.
- Bibliographic references according to the APA (American Psychological Association) citation style.

4. The article's layout must comply with to the following statements:

- Letter-size paper, one-sided printed.
- Double spaced paragraphs.
- MS Word file format.
- 12-point Arial font.
- No less than 15 pages long, and no more than 30 pages long.
- APA (American Psychological Association) Reference Citation Style.

5. In a separate sheet, attach the author's résumé, if not a professor at Universidad Autónoma Latinoamericana.

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1. The author(s) send to the e-mail stated in the second numeral, the proposed article to the permanent call.
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