

American, British and Canadian Studies

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Procedure

Submissions first go through a summary similarity check and screening, in order to ascertain that they conform to journal requirements concerning form, originality and accuracy of citation. Previously published work and work that is under consideration with other journals is not accepted. Only manuscripts assessed as likely to meet *American, British and Canadian Studies* criteria upon initial screening are sent for formal review.

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The referees' comments are forwarded to authors in view of appropriate revision. The referees' comments on rejected manuscripts shall be forwarded to authors upon request. The identity of the referees is kept confidential and we leave it up to the reviewers to choose whether or not to reveal themselves to the corresponding author. We reserve the right not to publish revised articles that do not fully respond to the alterations suggested by the reviewers. The final decision regarding publication rests with the Editor-in-Chief. An accepted manuscript will subsequently be forwarded to the Manuscript Editor for final processing.

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