General instructions for Islam

References to Quran and Hadith

References to Quranic verses should be in the format Quran 5:12 (dropping the word "Quran" when it is obvious from the context or has previously been mentioned). References to hadiths should specify the book and chapter instead of (or in addition to) page numbers.

Dates

Both Hijri and Christian (Common) Era dates should be given, with a slash separating the two dates: *e.g.* al-Ghazālī (d. 505/1111). When persons or events of the modern era are referred to, Hijri dates are not indispensable.