

Dear author,

Sunbourg is an e-publishing project that focuses on the Middle East. By 'Middle East' we mean the region spanning from Northwest Africa to Central Asia. However, we also consider topics related to the Middle East, such as:

- the relationship between the worlds of Islam and the western worlds
- minorities originating from the Middle East now living in other parts of the world

At sunbourg you are offered the opportunity to publish your ideas and thoughts by making them accessible to the Web's worldwide readership. You are invited to write articles, essays and/or reviews. Essays are usually accompanied by pictures. Reviews can be written about architecture, articles, books, films, paintings, pictures and other material that stimulates critical debate.

You are responsible for expressing your own opinion which must not necessarily be the opinion of sunbourg. However, we expect you to be in agreement with our vision. This vision can be found at www.sunbourg.com/en/about/vision.html and aims at mutual respect. In other words, Sunbourg is not a mouthpiece for dogmatic beliefs and the myriad forms of discriminatory speech.

Sunbourg encourages interactive e-publishing, ie you are writing for an audience in which you are at times also taking part. Sunbourg aims at a global audience and for this reason it is a multi-lingual publishing site, currently publishing in English, French and German. You can submit contributions in any of these languages and translations can be arranged on request.

You are invited to send proposals for consideration to our editors and you are expected to send your material in a quality that requires either no or minimal editorial work only.

Because e-writing is different from conventional forms of publishing on paper you are asked to comply with Sunbourg's house style and you may also have a look at our writing manuals, which we are happy to send out on request.

A central point of sunbourg's house style is that we only publish texts of short and medium length, i.e. texts of a maximum of 700 words.

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How do you benefit as an author?

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You have the opportunity to publish on-line and reach a worldwide readership. You are invited to publish new material, or abstracts of material that has been published somewhere else already.

Your readers can get in direct contact with you for feedback and/or further inquiries. From this, further opportunities, projects and/or commissioned work might result.

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You are taking part in a project that is committed to a high standard of publishing.

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You are joining ranks with a committed group of authors who practice intellectual responsibility. You will provide invaluable comments and find this process enjoyable and instructive.

If you are interested in contributing to the Sunbourg publishing project, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Yours sincerely

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