Changes to the Roehampton Harvard Guide for Partnership Institutions 2018

Over the Summer 2018, University of Roehampton Librarians updated the Roehampton Harvard Referencing Guides.

Our aims were to align the Roehampton style closer to the Cite Them Right version of Harvard where possible, removing causes for confusion or inconsistencies and adding clearer explanations based on student feedback over the year. We have kept elements of the original Roehampton Harvard style, where we felt the change would be considered a complication rather than a benefit to the user.

We have completed the Quick Guide, and the main changes are as follows.

1. Changing the ‘&’ to ‘and’, for citation and reference lists.
   
   Example:  (Chazan and Laing, 1982: 13) not (Chazan & Laing, 1982: 13)

2. Changing the format of access dates.
   
   (Accessed: 10 August 2014) and not (Accessed: 10/08/2014)

   This reduces chances for mistakes from international students, especially in countries which use mm/dd/yyyy rather than dd/mm/yyyy.

3. Changing the abbreviation for editions from ed to edn. to minimise confusion between editors and editions.

4. Specifying the use of ‘et.al.’ for reference lists and bibliographies, when previously this was left unstated. We will now adopt the rule from Cite Them Right and other Harvard styles, and use ‘et al.’ where there are four or more authors.

5. Removing the need to include access date and URL to databases for e-books and online journals.

   Where an online journal article or e-book is a digital copy of a print version and contains all the elements that would be needed for a print journal or book, we will no longer request a web link and date accessed information. Students are asked to include a DOI if they see a DOI.

   *Note: The above list the changes to the sources most regularly used. As we work through the full guide there may be a few more change and clarifications made to the style for different source types.*