

Intelligence and Security Culture (ICS) - Author's Guide

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- upholding a scientific nature based on argumentation, objectivity, and neutrality;
- drafting the work in accordance with set academic standards;
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