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to publish research findings in the
social sciences (history, anthropology,
psychology, etc.) It has guidelines for
citing references within papers,
creating a reference list, and preparing
the layout of a paper.

Acceptable abbreviations

ed.	edition
Rev. ed.	Revised edition
2nd ed.	second edition
Ed. (Eds.)	Editor (Editors)
Trans.	Translator(s)
n.d.	no date
p. (pp.)	page (pages)
Vol.	Volume (as in Vol. 4)
Vols.	Volumes (as in Vols. 1-4)
No.	Number
Pt.	Part
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