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Co-Editors-in-Chief

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Please note that this email address is shared by three co-editors-in-chief and the interim secretariat at Kobe University PCRC.

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The deadline set for the **18th Volume of the Yearbook** is **February 28, 2026**

The deadline for Book Review manuscripts is also **February 28, 2026**

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