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Preface

During 2015 the authors of the annually revised version of *Harvard UCT: handbook on citation* decided to change its title to *UCT Author-date Reference Guide: based on the Harvard referencing style*. This version marks the first edition to be published as an open access monograph by UCT Libraries.

Why the change in title? The authors of the Handbook were advised by Harvard University that the use of its various trademarks (names and logos) by any outside entities or individuals for their own official purposes was not permitted without express written permission from Harvard University.

Although the authors acknowledge that the term "Harvard referencing style" is commonly used internationally by higher education institutions, they still deemed it necessary to change the title in 2016. The fundamental principles of the “Harvard referencing style” remain in place.

In response to comments and suggestions by academics and librarians, a few changes were made to this version of the Guide, including additional examples of in-text citations (See: Section 7.1), a suggestion on how to reference information available from institutional repositories, as well as examples of how to reference plays and other literary works.

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