Abstract:

My manuscript, now accepted for publication by Cornell University Press, requires professional indexing. I have contacted one of the indexers who previously worked for Cornell Press authors, and she estimated the costs at $1000. Cornell will send the manuscript to her, when the page proofs are ready, at the end of July, and the indexing should be completed in approximately four weeks. My manuscript explores the various ways that freedom appears in the work of the ancient historian Thucydides, On the Peloponnesian War. I examine the manifestations and limits of freedom in the political phenomena in his account, such as democracy, statesmanship, rhetoric, empire, war and peace, as well as in his own work of writing the history of the war. I conclude that for Thucydides freedom and choice play a greater role in human history than is typically thought by Thucydides scholars, and that the historian understood the freedom of political life as a reflection of his own work of thinking and writing about the issues raised by the war. In other words, Thucydides made an important contribution to the history of political thought.