

argument journal

STATEMENT ON PUBLICATION ETHICS

[This journal follows the *COPE Core practices*¹, *COPE Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing*² and *COPE Ethical Guidelines for Peer Reviewers*³]

1. Allegations of misconduct

Argument Journal takes very seriously allegations of misconduct, pre-publication and post-publication. The editorial staff takes reasonable steps to identify and prevent the publication of papers where research misconduct has occurred, including plagiarism, citation manipulation, data falsification/fabrication etc. In case of such allegations identified or brought to the attention of the editor, the editorial staff shall follow COPE guidelines in dealing with them.

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By submitting a paper to be published in *Argument Journal*, the author integrally and tacitly takes the responsibility for respecting the Copyright and for his/her property over the material submitted. The article submitted should clearly mention authors and/or contributors. In case of disputes the editorial staff shall follow COPE guidelines in dealing with them.

All the authors and co-authors must sign the Copyright agreement.

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Any complaints and appeals, regarding the journal, the editorial staff, editorial board or publisher should be brought to the attention of the journal coordinator through e-mail. The Journal coordinator will investigate the matter and respond to the complaint.

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In order to avoid conflicts of interest, *Argument Journal* appeals to a board of peer reviewers for decisions regarding publishing (as submitted by the author/with minor or major revisions/not recommended for publishing) for all its papers, less those in "Students' opinion" and "Reviews" sections which are approved by the Journal coordinator and the editorial staff.

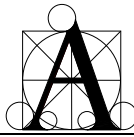
Argument Journal implements a system of double blind peer review (the names of the authors and of the reviewers are not known to each other).

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Articles submitted must follow the template provided on the Journal website and take into account all the guidelines referring to format, writing, structure, references etc.

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6. Ethical oversight

The authors assume, by signing the Copyright statement, the obligation not to republish the article sent to *Argument* Journal in another publication one year after the date of publication. In case of republishing the full first-time publishing reference will be given and clearly stated.

Any suspicion of ethics violations like irregularities with respect to research and publication ethics should be made known to editorial staff.

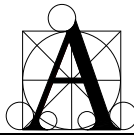
Authors have the obligation to cooperate with the editorial staff and provide any data requested in regard to the article submitted and its content if clarification is needed.

Authors have the obligation to correct and rewrite the article as required by the editorial team and the reviewers in order to ensure the coherence, clarity and quality of the printed materials.

Argument Journal has access to a specific software to screen for plagiarism.

7. Intellectual property

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8. Journal management

The editorial staff is clearly named on the Journal webpage and the printed material.

The Journal has a coordinator and members of editorial staff responsible with announcements, communication with authors and reviewers, the process of peer-reviewing, proofreading and template-accordance verification, pagination etc.

9. Peer review process

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Reviewers must follow journals' instructions for writing the review which will be sent to them with the paper/s to be reviewed. Reviewers must be objective and constructive in their review, providing feedback that will help the authors to improve their manuscript, be professional and refrain from being hostile or inflammatory and from making libellous or derogatory personal comments or unfounded accusations.

The reviewers will follow the coherence and quality of the material sent for publication, the originality of the approached subject, the clearance of structure and the scientific quality of the articles.

Every article will be reviewed by two reviewers and their reports (after deleting the name of the reviewer) will be sent to the author/s.

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10. Post-publication discussions and corrections

The debate of the articles post-publication is encouraged through letters to the coordinator or on any platform publishing the open access articles which allows comments or interactions.

In case that correcting, revising or retracting articles is needed the editorial staff will ensure the process on the Journal website and/or announce/request modifications on other platforms accordingly.