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Code of Ethics

Statement on Ethics and Good Practices in the Publication of Scientific Works

The Code of Ethics of the journal « *Etica e giustizia* » is based on the *COPE Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors*.

Duties of the Editorial Bodies

The Editorial Bodies define the scientific direction of the Journal, oversee the preparation of each issue, and ensure the correctness and fairness of the peer review process. They guarantee the application of a double-blind peer review system, maintaining anonymity between Authors and Reviewers. The Editorial Bodies avoid any kind of conflict of interest and any form of discrimination.

If they become aware of significant errors, inaccuracies, conflicts of interest or plagiarism — whether in a manuscript under review or in an already published work — the Editorial Bodies will promptly inform the Author and the Publisher. They will then take appropriate steps to resolve the issue, which may include issuing a retraction or publishing an *erratum*.

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Duties of the Editor-in-Chief

The Editor-in-Chief holds overall responsibility for the content published in the Journal and must take all reasonable measures to ensure its academic quality. In making editorial decisions, the Editor-in-Chief must follow the strategic guidelines, and comply with relevant legal standards, including those regarding defamation, copyright, and plagiarism.

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All submissions must be treated as confidential documents while under review. No part of an unpublished manuscript may be used by any member of the editorial bodies for their own research or for other purposes.

Duties of the Authors

Authors must ensure that the submitted works are original and, when the contributions of other authors are used these are properly acknowledged and cited. All sources that have influenced the submitted work must be referenced appropriately.

Authors agree not to submit or publish the same work in another journal or volume without the written consent of the Editor-in-Chief and the Publisher. Translations of essays previously published in another language may be published, with the Editor-in-Chief's approval, if they are of significant relevance to the scientific debate.

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Reviewers are responsible for providing objective, constructive, and timely evaluations of the manuscripts assigned to them. They may offer suggestions to improve the quality of the work.

Reviewers should accept the assignments only if they possess the necessary expertise to access the submission. If they are unable to complete the review, they must promptly notify the Editor-in-Chief. Reviewers must decline to review any manuscript if they have a conflict of interest within the Author, or with related institutions or companies.

Manuscripts under review must be treated as confidential documents. They may not be shared, discussed with anyone, or used for personal third-party gain.

Reviewers must provide clear and thorough evaluations, supported by well-documented arguments. They are expected to complete the review process within a reasonable timeframe.