

# ETICA E GIUSTIZIA

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## *Mission and Scope*

The Journal is devoted to exploring the relationship between ethics and justice, both within the framework of general legal theory and in the context of legal practice. The topics under investigation include the role of ethical principles in the creation and interpretation of legal norms; the fairness of behavior in private and public law relationships; the ethical responsibilities of parties involved in conflict resolution; legal ethics and the duties of lawyers; judicial ethics and the accountability of judges; the concept of law as a relational practice; the principle of cooperation; the philosophy of dialogue; and the interrelations among law, legal procedure, and morality. The Journal aims to promote a legal culture rooted in the ethical dimension of law, oriented toward the construction of a just legal system that effectively addresses the real needs of individuals.

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A section dedicated to the Journal's manifesto and messages from the Editor-in-Chief addressed to readers.

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A section featuring research essays.

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

A section including essays developed from jurisprudential cases.

### **VISIONS**

A section collecting writings on research methodology in the field of legal ethics.

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A section featuring translations of seminal essays, originally published in foreign languages, that have had a significant impact in the field of study.

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A section featuring short occasional writings, contributions to conferences, and opinions, as well as debates and roundtable discussions on specific topics.

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A section dedicated to studies on codes of ethics, laws, or guidelines in legal ethics, as well as empirical investigations into judicial practices.

### **STUDIES AND RESEARCH**

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### **NEWS AND MEMORIES**

A section that gathers news about academic events such as conferences and seminars, as well as obituaries and biographical profiles of scholars.

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The « *Editor-in-Chief* » is responsible for the Journal's editorial planning, oversees the publication of each issue, and selects the contributions to be submitted for evaluation.

The « *Scientific Committee* » contributes to defining the Journal's research themes and scientific orientation, ensuring the pluralism of ideas and opinions. It may provide opinions on the contributions to be published and propose essays for publication. The Committee upholds the Journal's prestige, promoting its dissemination within the academic community.

The « *International Council* » serves in an advisory role regarding publications of foreign scholars and comparative studies. It enhances the Journal's international standing and promotes its dissemination within the global academic community.

The « *Evaluation Committee* » is composed of external experts responsible for the anonymous peer review of submitted contributions. It guarantees the scientific quality of the Journal's publications, thereby contributing to its scholarly credibility and academic prestige.

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

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### **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.

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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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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.



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*Evaluation form No. \_\_\_\_*

**Title of the Contribution:**

**Analytical Assessment:**

	Fully positive	Positive	Sufficient	Negative
Coherence and Methodological Rigor				
Clarity and Style of Presentation				
Soundness of Argumentation				
Comprehensiveness of the Discussion				
Adequacy of References				
Originality of the Contribution				

**Overall Assessment:** Is the contribution worthy of publication?

YES	NO	YES, with reservations

**Further comments and suggestions for revision:**

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