

Publication Ethics and Responsibilities Framework

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When you submit a paper to, review for, or engage with the editorial processes of the **International Review of Public Policy and Administration (IRPPA)**, it is understood that all participants agree to comply with established standards of academic integrity, transparency, and ethical conduct.

The **International Review of Public Policy and Administration (IRPPA)** is committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethical publishing and academic integrity. This Publication Ethics and Responsibilities Framework outlines the ethical principles, standards, and responsibilities governing all participants in the publication process, including authors, editors, reviewers, and the publisher.

The journal adheres to internationally recognised best practices and follows the guidelines of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) to ensure transparency, accountability, and integrity in scholarly communication.

1. Ethical Principles

- **Integrity:** Ensuring honesty and accuracy in research and publication
- **Originality:** Accepting only original, unpublished work
- **Transparency:** Promoting openness in methods, data, and disclosures
- **Accountability:** Responsibility for the content and findings presented
- **Fairness:** Ensuring impartial and unbiased editorial decision-making

Related Policies:

[Plagiarism and AI Usage Policy](#)

2. Responsibilities of Authors

- Submit original work that has not been published or submitted elsewhere
- Ensure proper acknowledgement and citation of all sources
- Avoid all forms of plagiarism, fabrication, or falsification of data
- Disclose any conflicts of interest
- Ensure proper authorship contribution
- Obtain necessary ethical approvals
- Provide accurate data and supporting materials

Related Policies:

[Author Responsibilities and Submission Ethics](#) | [Submission and Editorial Process Policy](#)

3. Responsibilities of Editors

- Ensure fair and unbiased decisions

- Maintain confidentiality
- Manage peer review process
- Prevent ethical misconduct
- Avoid conflicts of interest

Related Policy:

[Editorial Responsibilities and Independence](#)

4. Responsibilities of Reviewers

- Provide objective and constructive reviews
- Maintain confidentiality
- Declare conflicts of interest
- Identify missing references
- Report ethical concerns

Related Policies:

[Reviewer Responsibilities and Guidelines](#) | [Peer Review Process](#)

5. Responsibilities of the Publisher

- Support editorial independence
- Ensure ethical publishing standards
- Maintain accessibility and archiving
- Address ethical issues transparently

Related Policies:

[Open Access Policy](#) | [DOI Policy](#)

6. Ethical Misconduct

- Plagiarism (including self-plagiarism)
- Data fabrication or falsification
- Duplicate publication
- Improper authorship
- Citation manipulation

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7. Handling of Ethical Issues

- Preliminary editorial assessment
- Author communication
- Investigation if required
- Actions: rejection, correction, retraction

Related Policies:

[Withdrawal, Retraction, and Correction Policy](#) | [Complaints and Appeals Policy](#)

8. Conflict of Interest

All participants must disclose conflicts that may influence their work.

Related Policy:

[Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

9. Data Availability and Research Transparency

- Data availability statements
- Transparent methodology
- Accessible supporting data

Related Policy:

[Data Availability and Research Transparency Policy](#).

10. Ethical Compliance in Research

- Compliance with ethical standards
- Ethical approval where required
- Informed consent

Related Policy:

[Author Responsibilities and Submission Ethics](#)

11. Complaints and Appeals

The journal provides mechanisms for handling complaints and appeals transparently.

Related Policy:

[Complaints and Appeals Policy](#).

12. Retraction, Corrections, and Updates

- Corrections for minor errors
- Retractions for major issues
- Transparent updates

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13. Archiving and Preservation

All content is securely archived for long-term access.

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[Archiving and Preservation Policy](#)

14. Compliance Statement

The journal follows internationally accepted ethical standards, including COPE guidelines.

15. Disclaimer

The views expressed are those of the authors and not necessarily of the journal.

Related Policies:

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16. Jurisdiction

All disputes shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Agartala, Tripura, India.

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