

ETHICAL CODE

According to the guidelines of [“COPE - Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing”](#), the journal “Consecutio rerum. Rivista critica della postmodernità” adopts the following Ethical Code.

- **Duties of the Editorial Boards and Guest Editors**

The Editors guarantee the integrity of evaluation system employed for accepting or rejecting articles submitted by Authors.

The Editors and Guest Editors are responsible for the content published in the journal, as well as for its honesty and integrity.

The Editorial Staff and Guest Editors contribute to the implementation of the evaluation practices adopted and subscribe to all the principles that regulate these evaluation practices.

The journal practices a double-blind peer review process. It is the responsibility of the Editors and Guest Editors to ensure timely, independent, and anonymous reviews by identifying qualified referees who have no conflicts of interest resulting from a financial, competitive, collaborative, or other relationship or connection with any of the Authors, companies, or institutions associated with the manuscript.

The Editors and Guest Editors should decline to consider a manuscript for which they have an actual or potential conflict of interest resulting from a financial, competitive, collaborative, or other relationship or connection with any of the authors, companies, or institutions connected with the manuscript.

The Editors have the right to make the final decision on acceptance or rejection of a manuscript, depending on its scientific quality, originality and clarity, and its relevance to the scientific purposes of the journal.

The Editors, the Guest Editors and the Editorial Staff must ensure that each contribution is evaluated for its scientific content, without discrimination on the grounds of sex, gender, race, religion, citizenship, sexual and political orientation of the Authors.

The Editors, the Guest Editors and the Editorial Staff guarantee the adoption of systems and procedures to protect the absolute confidentiality of the identity of the Authors and Referees, as well as to avoid any misuse of the material submitted to the journal, thus ensuring that the examination of manuscripts takes place in an absolutely confidential manner.

All the Boards of the journal undertake not to disclose information about proposed articles to other people and also undertake not to use in their own research the contents of an article proposed for publication without the written consent of the Author.

The Editors and the Guest Editors are willing to accept criticism based on previously published work. They do not preclude the publication of research that challenges this work, but always give Authors the opportunity to respond to criticism.

The Editors have decisive authority and responsibility for the journal and, with respect for the constituent parts of the journal (Readers, Authors, Referees, Editors, Reviewers), strive to ensure the honesty and integrity of the journal's content and provide for the continuous improvement of its quality. All the Boards of the journal collaborate with each other and contribute, each according to its role, to the continuous editorial and scientific improvement of the journal.

- **Duties of Referees**

Referees assist the Editors and the Guest Editors in editorial decisions by evaluating the texts submitted to them within the prescribed deadlines.

The selected Referees who do not feel qualified to review the text assigned to them, or who know that they will not be able to carry out the review within the required timeframe, notify their decision to the Editors and/or Guest Editors and waive their right to participate in the review process.

Referees do not accept to evaluate - and notify their refusal to the Editors and/or Guest Editors - either texts of which they have evaluated previous versions, or texts of which they have already provided comments to the Author, or texts from which conflicts of interest may arise because of a financial, competitive, collaborative

or other relationship or connection with any of the Authors, companies or institutions connected with the manuscript.

Referees agree to treat the articles under consideration for evaluation as confidential documents. Referees should not discuss the manuscript with anyone other than the Editors, Guest Editors or Editorial Staff, nor should they discuss any information from the manuscript without permission.

Reviews produced by Referees are objective, impartial and professional. Their judgments will be justified and properly argued, avoiding any personal attacks or content that is defamatory, inaccurate or violates the copyright, privacy or any other rights of any other person.

Referees are responsible for proposing improvements to the text submitted to them, as well as for identifying relevant but not cited bibliographic material.

Referees will immediately draw the attention of the Editors, Guest Editors and Editorial Board to any substantial similarity, if not an exact match, between the text under review, or any part of it, and any other published document of which they have direct knowledge.

- **Duties of the Authors**

The Authors guarantee that their submitted works are original productions, that they are not copied, in any part, from other works of their own or others' production. They also guarantee that all texts and sources used and mentioned in the article are correctly cited. Manuscripts must be free from plagiarism, self-plagiarism, forgery, omission of significant elements, and any other ethically incorrect and unacceptable practice.

In the case of texts already published elsewhere, Authors guarantee that they hold the rights or permission for republication or translation.

Authors may not submit articles describing the same research to more than one journal at the same time. In particular, submitting the same article to several journals at the same time (multiple submission) constitutes unethical and unacceptable behaviour.

Authors agree not to pre-publish on websites or elsewhere articles submitted to the journal and under evaluation, as well as articles accepted for publication but not yet published.

The authorship of the work must be correctly attributed. All those who have actually participated in the drafting of the text, seen and approved the final version of the text and agreed to its publication must be listed as authors. If there are others who have made substantial contributions to relevant parts of the article, they should be acknowledged and listed as contributors.

Authors are required to declare, at the same time as submitting their contribution for evaluation, any possible conflict of interest that may have conditioned the results obtained or the interpretations proposed.

Authors must also indicate the eventual financing bodies of the research and/or of the project from which the article derives.

Authors commit themselves to be prompt in complying with the requested revisions. If they encounter problems in meeting deadlines, they should contact the Editors or Guest Editors to jointly assess the opportunity for an extension or withdrawal of the article from the editorial process.

Errors, inaccurate or misleading statements should be communicated to Editors, Guest Editors and the Editorial Staff for prompt correction.