

ETHICS STATEMENT

This Ethics Statement is based on the Good Practices of the Publication Ethics Committee (COPE, 2017), as well as the COPE Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing and Ethical Guidelines for Peer Reviewers.

1. Obligations of the Editorial Team

The editorial team shall treat all submitted manuscripts in a neutral and non-biased manner. They shall ensure that the content of all manuscripts is evaluated in compliance with non-discrimination principles, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, ethnicity, religious or political beliefs. Furthermore, the editorial team shall ensure the blind review of the submitted manuscripts.

2. Obligations of the Reviewers

The reviewers assist the editorial team in making decisions regarding publication of manuscripts. The review reports drawn up by the reviewers must be objective, clear, well substantiated, respectful and constructive, i.e. the final goal of all recommendations should be to ensure that the published content is of high quality.

The reviewers shall inform the editorial team without delay whenever they feel that they are not able to evaluate the submitted manuscript, whether because it does not fall within their scope of specialization or because they cannot meet the established deadlines.

The reviewers shall evaluate the submitted manuscripts always having in mind the final purpose of ensuring that the research is fit for publication. Thus, the reviewers shall evaluate the following aspects: the accuracy of the title, the originality and novelty of the approached topic, the relevance of the described notions and concepts, the structure of the manuscript, the research methodology, the grammatical, lexical and stylistic accuracy of the text, and the presence of relevant references and bibliography.

3. Obligations of the Authors

The authors shall submit the manuscripts according to the deadline published on the journal's website. Along with the submitted manuscript, the authors shall also send the Copyright and Consent Form, where they declare, *inter alia*, that the manuscript is their own original contribution, that they have observed international conventions currently in force for copyright, that they have properly identified any research undertaken by other authors and that the manuscript is drawn up by themselves and does not involve plagiarism.

The authors shall not submit the same manuscript to other journal while it is subjected to the review process of the *Annals of the University of Craiova. Philology. Linguistics*.

If the manuscript was funded from a research project or other sources that must be mentioned, according to their respective conditions, this must be mentioned in the text of the manuscript or in an endnote.

If the reviewer recommends changes to the manuscript so that it can be accepted for publication, the authors shall proceed to those changes according to the deadlines established by the editorial team.