

Publication Ethics Charter

The journal *Projectics* is committed to upholding and promoting the highest standards of scientific ethics and good editorial practices.

This charter is based in particular on the **principles of transparency and good practice in scientific publishing set out by the *Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)*** and provides a framework of reference for all stakeholders in the editorial process.

1. General Principles

The journal *Projectics* ensures:

- the scientific integrity of published works, as defined by the *European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity*¹
- editorial independence
- the impartiality and confidentiality of the evaluation process
- the transparency of publication practices
- respect for individuals, data and organisations studied.

Any proven breach of these principles may lead to the rejection, correction or retraction of an article.

2. Responsibilities of Authors

2.1 Originality and Scientific Integrity

Authors submitting a manuscript to the journal *Projectics* undertake to:

- submit original, unpublished work that has not been submitted simultaneously to another journal;
- cite all sources used in an appropriate manner;
- refraining from any form of plagiarism, abusive self-plagiarism, falsification or fabrication of data.

2.2 Criteria for Authorship

Authorship requires substantial contribution to:

- the design, collection or analysis of data;
- the writing or critical revision of the manuscript;
- the final approval of the submitted version.

¹ <https://allea.org/code-of-conduct/>

Anyone who does not meet these criteria should be mentioned in the acknowledgements, where appropriate. The nature of the various contributions can also be specified using the 14 roles provided by the *Contributor Role Taxonomy (CRediT)*².

2.3 Data, Fieldwork, and Ethical Considerations

The authors declare:

- that the data were collected in accordance with applicable legal and ethical frameworks;
- that the individuals, organisations or fieldwork sites studied were treated with respect, confidentiality and fairness;
- that the necessary authorisations were obtained where required.

Authors are encouraged to collect, analyse, store and share their data in accordance with the *FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable)*³.

2.4 Conflicts of Interest

Any potential conflicts of interest (financial, institutional, personal or scientific) that could influence the work must be explicitly declared at the time of submission in order to prevent any conflicts of interest.

2.5 Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools

The use of artificial intelligence tools (particularly generative AI) must be declared transparently, explaining the purposes (reasons) and methods (tools, versions, prompts, etc.) for which they are used.

These tools cannot under any circumstances be considered as authors and cannot replace the scientific responsibility of the authors. Authors must ensure that the tools preserve the fundamental rights and guarantees offered to research stakeholders. Authors are encouraged to undergo regular training in the informed use of these tools.

The journal reserves the right to reject any article proposal suspected of undeclared use of artificial intelligence.

3. Responsibilities of Reviewers

Reviewers undertake to:

- conduct their reviews in an objective, reasoned and constructive manner;
- respect the confidentiality of the manuscripts reviewed;

² <https://credit.niso.org/>

³ <https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/>

- report any links or conflicts of interest that could influence their judgement;
- alert the editorial committee in the event of suspected plagiarism, ethical breaches or scientific integrity issues.

The specifications relating to the use of generative artificial intelligence referred to in 2.5 also apply to anyone involved in the editorial process.

4. Responsibilities of the Editorial Board

The editorial board of the journal *Projectics* undertakes to:

- ensure a fair, rigorous and transparent peer review process;
- base editorial decisions exclusively on the scientific quality, originality and relevance of the work;
- preserve editorial independence from any institutional, economic or political influence;
- ensuring the confidentiality of exchanges and data processed.

5. Assessment Process

Submitted articles are subject to double-blind review, unless otherwise specified by the journal (special issues, etc.).

The evaluation criteria focus in particular on:

- scientific and methodological quality;
- contribution to the fields covered by *Projectics*;
- clarity of argumentation and writing;
- compliance with ethical standards, in particular this charter.

6. Management of Ethical Breaches

In the event of suspected or proven ethical breaches (plagiarism, falsification, undeclared conflicts of interest, etc.), the journal conducts a thorough investigation with the authors concerned, which remains confidential until its conclusion.

Depending on the conclusion and the seriousness of the breach, the journal will apply the sanction procedures recommended by COPE, which may include:

- rejection of the manuscript;
- publication of corrections or retractions;
- notification of the institutions concerned, if necessary.

Any retraction will be subject to a transparent procedure and appropriate communication to the scientific community.

7. Corrections, Retractions, and Scientific Debates

The journal *Projectics* recognises the right to error and scientific debate. Errata, corrigenda or retractions may be published when necessary, in the interests of transparency and integrity of the scientific corpus.

8. Commitment to Transparency

This charter is public and accessible.

It is subject to change in order to adapt to international standards for scientific publication and the recommendations of COPE (*Committee on Publication Ethics*).

For any questions relating to publication ethics or to submit a complaint, the community may contact either the journal's generic email address revue.projectique@gmail.com, the journal's ethics officer, Romain Pierronnet, at romain.pierronnet@univ-lorraine.fr, or both. The journal undertakes to handle all requests promptly and in full respect of confidentiality.