

## **PEER REVIEW POLICY AND PROCESS**

The International Journal of Legal Expatriate (IJLE) is a scholarly publication dedicated to advancing research in the fields of social science and law, to ensure the quality and credibility of published research, IJLE follows a rigorous peer review process, adhering to the guidelines and standards.

### **Peer Review Policy:**

The peer review process is an integral part of IJLE's commitment to maintaining high research standards. The journal operates on a double-blind peer review system, where both the identities of the authors and reviewers are concealed during the evaluation process. The peer review process aims to provide constructive feedback to authors, assess the significance and originality of the research, and ensure that only scholarly and well-substantiated articles are published.

### **Reviewer Selection:**

Reviewers are selected based on their expertise, academic qualifications, and research experience in the field of social science and law. Potential reviewers are contacted and invited to participate in the review process, and their consent is obtained before proceeding.

### **Review Process:**

Upon submission, each manuscript undergoes the following steps:

#### **Step 1: Initial Editorial Review**

The editorial team reviews the submission to ensure it meets the basic submission requirements and adheres to the journal's scope. Manuscripts that do not meet the initial criteria or lack originality may be desk-rejected at this stage.

#### **Step 2: Double-Blind Peer Review**

- a. Assignment: The editorial team assigns the anonymized manuscript to at least two independent reviewers with expertise in the subject matter.
- b. Review: Reviewers thoroughly evaluate the manuscript's methodology, relevance, originality, clarity, and adherence to ethical standards.
- c. Recommendations: Based on the review, reviewers provide one of the following recommendations:
  - Acceptance (with or without minor revisions)
  - Minor Revision
  - Major Revision

- Reject

### **Step 3: Decision**

The editorial team considers the reviewers' feedback and makes a final decision. Authors receive the decision along with the reviewers' comments. In case of conflicting recommendations, additional reviews may be sought, or the Editor-in-Chief makes the final decision.

### **Reviewer Guidelines:**

Reviewers are expected to:

- a. Provide unbiased, constructive, and timely feedback to the authors.
- b. Evaluate the manuscript's originality, significance, methodology, and adherence to ethical guidelines.
- c. Maintain confidentiality regarding the content of the manuscript and the peer review process.
- d. Declare any potential conflicts of interest that may affect the review process.

### **Author Guidelines:**

Authors submitting to IJLE must:

- a. Submit original research that has not been published elsewhere.
- b. Follow the journal's formatting and submission guidelines provided on the journal's website.
- c. Ensure the accuracy of data and proper citation of sources.

### **Ethical Considerations:**

IJLE adheres to strict ethical guidelines and expects authors to maintain integrity and avoid plagiarism, data fabrication, or falsification.

By implementing this comprehensive peer review policy and process, IJLE aims to maintain its reputation as a reputable and impactful journal in the field of social science and law.