



CODE OF CONDUCT

Publishing Ethics and Malpractice Policy

The entire publishing process of the collection of scientific articles from the international scientific conference *Ekonomické, politické a právne otázky medzinárodných vzťahov/Economic, Political and Legal Issues of International Relations* follows the ethical principles that are normally expected from this type of publication. Authors, by submitting an article to the editors, agree to go through a regular editorial process, including a review process. At the same time, they honestly declare that the article was not, and in the case of its acceptance, will not be offered to the publication elsewhere. The editors review articles exclusively on the basis of their scientific quality and compliance with the scope of the collection of scientific articles. There is no legal right to publish an article in the collection of scientific articles *Ekonomické, politické a právne otázky medzinárodných vzťahov/Economic, Political and Legal Issues of International Relations*.

Author's Ethics

The author, who has submitted an article to the editors *Ekonomické, politické a právne otázky medzinárodných vzťahov/Economic, Political and Legal Issues of International Relations*, honestly declares that:

1. the article is the result of his creative scientific activity (all submitted articles will undergo the process of plagiarism check via EtxtAntiPlagiarism software),
2. has a publication right from all co-authors to deal with the article,
3. agrees with the editorial process of the collection of scientific articles *Ekonomické, politické a právne otázky medzinárodných vzťahov/Economic, Political and Legal Issues of International Relations* and publication of the article, including the incorporation of the article in all databases in which the collection of scientific articles *Ekonomické, politické a právne otázky medzinárodných vzťahov/Economic, Political and Legal Issues of International Relations* is covered or will be covered in the future,
4. the article was not accepted and will not be offered for publication elsewhere,
5. the list of authors of the article includes all persons who have played a significant contribution role,
6. the list of authors of the article does not include persons who have not significantly contributed to it,
7. the article correctly lists all quotes and does not contain passages and thoughts without mentioning the source,
8. the content of the article is based on actual research,
9. article states sources of research funding in case if contribution was generated within the funding,
10. none of the authors is in conflict with the content of the article in a conflict of interest.



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Reviewer's Ethics

The reviewer commits:

1. to evaluate articles objectively, solely on the basis of their scientific quality,
2. accept the fact that reviews are anonymous from both sides,
3. keep the content of the reviewed articles secret,
4. make reviews personally and without unnecessary delay.

Editor's Code of Ethics

The editors commit:

1. to receive articles on a non-discriminatory basis from all authors,
2. evaluate whether the articles delivered meet the formal and content criteria, whether they are in line with the scope of the collection of scientific articles and, in the event of a negative evaluation, inform the authors without undue delay,
3. keep the contents of the delivered articles in secret,
4. send an article in the specified deadlines to at least two reviewers who are not in close contact with the authors, while maintaining the anonymity of the authors,
5. without undue delay to inform the authors about the outcome of the review process while maintaining reviewers' anonymity,
6. to include the articles received in the nearest available edition of the collection of scientific articles, considering its content balance.

Publisher's Ethics

The publisher commits:

1. to handle any unethical publishing behaviour,
2. to clarify the situation and take appropriate actions which may include release of an erratum or correction in cases of scientific misconduct, plagiarism, or fraudulent publication,
3. to make every possible effort to prevent the publication of fraudulent material and to forbid any misconduct that may be taken place, and, in collaboration with editors, to deal with any issue related to the intellectual property issues and potential breaches of intellectual property laws,
4. to ensure the all-time availability of its published material and the collection's content,
5. to ensure that good practice is maintained to the standards outlined above.



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Dealing with Unethical Behaviour

Identification of unethical behaviour

- Misconduct and unethical behaviour may be identified and brought to the attention of the editors at any time, by anyone.
- Misconduct and unethical behaviour may include cases as outlined above, but it is not limited to the cases specified in this Code.
- Whoever informs the editors of such conduct should provide sufficient information and evidence for an investigation to be initiated.

Investigation

- An initial decision should be taken by the International Scientific Committee at the suggestion of the editors.
- All evidence shall be treated as highly confidential and only made available to the investigating parties.
- The party under investigation shall always have the chance to respond to any charges made against them.

Minor Misconduct

Please note that any minor misconduct will be resolved in a dialogue with persons involved without involving third party members. It includes:

- communication with authors/reviewers in the cases of minor violations caused by misunderstanding of academic integrity standards as well as misunderstanding regarding breaches of the rules of this Code,
- a warning letter to the author or reviewer regarding minor misconduct

Major Misconduct

The editors consult the International Scientific Committee and, if necessary, additional experts. They decide the further action according to the identified evidence. The possible outcomes might be as per below:

- publication of a formal announcement describing the misconduct,
- informing the author's/reviewer's head of department or employer of any misconduct by a formal letter,
- formal withdrawal from the review process or retraction of article from the collection *Ekonomické, politické a právne otázky medzinárodných vzťahov/Economic, Political and Legal Issues of International Relations*,



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- embargo for submissions in collection *Ekonomické, politické a právne otázky medzinárodných vzťahov/Economic, Political and Legal Issues of International Relations* for a predefined period,
- referring a case to a higher authority for further investigation and action.