

Peer-review Policy

Upon receiving your submission, your article will undergo an initial evaluation by the Editorial Team. Sometimes articles can be desk rejected without peer review at this stage. This will be due to the article bring out of scope for the journal or otherwise unsuitable.

If your article passes the initial evaluation by the Editorial Team, it will then move through the peer review process. An email notification from the OJS portal will be sent to you when a decision has been reached.

For Research articles and Review articles, the journal holds to a rigorous double-anonymised review procedure, in which the identity of both the reviewer and author are concealed from both parties. To maintain the integrity of this process the Editorial Team assign reviewers and cannot accept author recommendations.

For Focus and Featured Graphic articles, the journal adheres to a single-blind review procedure, where the reviewers know the identity of the authors, but the authors do not know the identity of the reviewers.

For Editorial articles and Book Review articles, the journal does not require peer review to be accepted. These will be reviewed internally by the Editorial Team prior to publication.

PPP aims to review articles as quickly as possible, while maintaining rigor. Reviewers will provide comments for the author as well as recommendations to the Editor. The Editor will then make the final decision on all manuscripts, including those appearing in a special issue.

If major revisions are needed, there may be a requirement of the author to resubmit the article after they have addressed any comments from the first review. If that's the case, the article may have to undergo another round of reviews, which will result in another set of comments and recommendations to the Editor.

A PPP Editor may occasionally submit their own articles for possible publication in the Journal. In these cases, the peer review process will be managed by alternative members of the Board and the submitting Editor member will not be involved in the decision-making process.

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