

Elgar Journals Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement

Edward Elgar Publishing recognises that it has a duty to ensure its Journal program is fair, professional and ethical. This is evident through its overriding approach to publishing which is to collaborate with authors, editors and users to achieve mutually beneficial goals such as dissemination, innovation in learning and scholarship, recognition, reputation and contribution to the academic record.

Authors have a right to know that when they submit an article to an Elgar journal, it will be processed as promptly as possible, that if subjected to peer review this will be fair and neutral, that they will be kept informed of the progress of their article, and that if accepted it will be published in a form that upholds the high standards and quality values espoused by Edward Elgar Publishing.

Elgar journals are committed to upholding industry standard publication ethics and do so by the following means:

Peer Review

- Each Elgar journal has its own policy on peer review, which may vary by article type. Please refer to the respective journal pages for more detail.
- Where peer review is undertaken, all Elgar journals commit to protecting the confidentiality of peer reviewers, thus giving reviewers the confidence to provide frank and honest feedback.
- Reviewers are selected to ensure there is no conflict of interest with respect to the research or to the author.

Journal Editor Responsibilities

- Each article submitted to Elgar journals will be judged without prejudice on its own merits.
- If an Editor of an Elgar journal has a conflict of interest, in respect of a particular article, then the publishing decision will be taken by one of the other Editors.
- The Editors of Elgar journals have full responsibility and full authority to reject or accept an article for their respective journal.
- Book review editors will take a neutral, even-handed approach to which books they choose to review, and from which Publishers.

Publishing Ethics

- The aim of all Elgar journals is to uphold and contribute to the academic record.
- Elgar journals have no tolerance for plagiarism, and where this is identified, swift action to remedy the situation will be taken.
- Edward Elgar Publishing aims to be transparent in its communications with Journal Editors, providing them with the necessary information, support, and clarity on Elgar Journals policies, to carry out their roles effectively.
- Edward Elgar Publishing shall publish corrections, clarifications, retractions and apologies, where appropriate.

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