

REVIEW POLICY

Initial manuscript evaluation

All contributions will be initially assessed by the editor for suitability for the journal. All new submissions are screened for completeness and adherence to the Guide for Authors. At this stage only a preliminary review is done at editor's desk and those considered appropriate are sent to an Associate Editor. On the recommendation of the Associate Editor, the article may be rejected or assigned to two reviewers. Those that pass are then considered for sending for peer review.

Senior Editor evaluation

When assigned a new submission, the Senior Editor will decide if it warrants peer review or if it should be rejected without review. Manuscripts rejected at this stage are insufficiently original, have serious conceptual and/or methodological flaws, have poor grammar or English language, or are outside the aims and scope of the journal. Feedback is provided by the Senior Editor for all manuscripts rejected without review and, where possible, suggestions are made on other suitable publication outlets.

Peer review

Papers deemed suitable are then sent to a minimum of two independent expert reviewers to assess the scientific quality of the paper. The Editor is responsible for the final decision regarding acceptance or rejection of articles. The Editor's decision is final. This journal operates a double blind review process.

Reviewers are asked to evaluate a manuscript for:

- originality and significance of contribution
- interest to social scientists and/or practitioners
- international relevance
- coverage of appropriate existing literature
- adequacy of methodology, analysis and interpretation

Time for review process:

The entire process of review from beginning till final review (if any) typically takes 90 days. If necessary, revised manuscripts may be returned to the initial reviewers, usually within 1 month. Reviewers and Senior Editors may request more than one revision of a manuscript.