

Code of Ethics

The journal *Diritto Penale e Uomo* (DPU) – Criminal Law and Human Condition is a *peer-reviewed* scientific journal based on the code of ethics for publications developed by COPE, the *Committee on Publication Ethics, Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors*.

1. Duties of the Editorial Board and the other editorial bodies.

1.1 The Editorial Board is responsible for deciding to publish the articles submitted to the Journal. The Editorial Board shall avail itself of the assistance of the Editorial Committee, the Scientific Committee and the Consultants Committee when assessing whether the proposed materials are suitable for publication, in accordance with the rules laid down by the Journal's editorial rules.

1.2. The manuscripts are evaluated for their scientific content by the Editorial Board, the Editorial Committee and the Scientific Committee, as well as by the Consultants Committee, without distinction as to the race, sex, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, ethnic origin, citizenship, scientific, academic or political orientation of the authors.

1.3. The Editorial Board, the Editorial Committee, the Scientific Committee and the Consultants Committee are required not to disclose any information on manuscripts sent to anyone other than the authors, reviewers and potential reviewers.

1.4. If any of the Journal's bodies discovers or is notified of errors or inaccuracies, conflicts of interest or plagiarism in a published article, it shall promptly notify the author and the Editorial Board. The Editorial Board will take the necessary steps to clarify the matter and, if necessary, withdraw the article or publish a retraction.

2. Duties of reviewers.

2.1. The materials considered worthy of publication by the Editorial Board are sent to one or two reviewers, depending on the type of material, to initiate the relevant revision procedure, in accordance with the procedures described in no. 7 of the aforementioned editorial rules.

2.2. The selected reviewers undertake to strictly adhere to the revision procedure laid down in the same editorial regulations.

2.3. If any of the reviewers selected by the Editorial Board does not feel qualified to review the assigned manuscript, or if they know that they are unable to perform the review within the required time-frame, they must notify the Editorial Board of their decision and waive their participation in the review process.

2.4. The materials assigned for review are to be considered confidential; therefore, they must not be discussed with other people without the express permission of the Editorial Board.

2.5. The review must be conducted objectively. Reviewers are required to provide adequate reasons for their opinions, using the review form provided by the Editorial Board.

2.6. Reviewers undertake to inform the Editorial Board if there are substantial similarities between the text under examination and any other published work of which they are aware.

2.7. Reviewers are required not to accept articles for which there is a conflict of interest due to previous working relationships or competition with the author and/or their institution of origin.

3. Duties of authors.

3.1. In proposing their materials to the Editorial Board, the authors undertake to abide by the Journal's editorial guidelines.

3.2. Proposed materials must not have been published as copyrighted material in other journals. By submitting their writings to the Editorial Board, the author(s) agree to transfer ownership thereof to the Journal, in the event of publication.

3.3. Authors are also required to ensure that their works are completely original and to mention any publications that have had an influence in determining the nature of the proposed work. If the work and/or words of other authors are used, they must be paraphrased or quoted literally.

3.4. The literary authorship of the text must be attributed to all those who have made a significant contribution to the conception, organisation, implementation and reworking of the research that forms the basis of the proposed material.

3.5. Authors are required to explicitly declare the existence of any financial conflict or other type of conflict of interest that may influence the results or the interpretation of the text. authors must also indicate any funding bodies of the research and/or the project from which the proposed material originates.

3.6. Manuscripts under evaluation should not be submitted to other journals for publication.

3.7. If an author discovers significant errors or inaccuracies in the published manuscript, he/she must promptly notify the Editorial Board and provide it with all the information necessary to indicate the necessary corrections.

3.8. Authors authorize the publication of their materials or parts of them also on DPU - the blog).