

# Publication Ethics

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## **Ethical Guidelines for Journal Publication**

The publication of an article in *Millah: Journal of Religious Studies* is a significant contribution to religion studies especially for Islamic issues and to the process of improving knowledge. The articles support and embody the scientific method. It is therefore important to agree upon standards of expected ethical behavior for the author, the editor, the peer reviewer, and the publisher.

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## **Duties of Authors**

### *Reporting Standards*

The authors should present a reliable and accurate working paper as well as a discussion of its significance. The data should be reported accurately in the article. A paper has to be equipped with sufficient detail and relevant references. Fraudulent or inaccuracy statements that lead to unethical behavior are unacceptable.

### *Data Access and Retention*

*Millah: Journal of Religious Studies* may ask the Authors to provide the raw data in connection with a paper for editorial review, public access, or retention purposes.

### ***Originality and Plagiarism***

The authors have to ensure to cite and quote appropriately when using the working paper of others. Any form of plagiarism from passing off another's paper as the author's own paper, to copying or paraphrasing substantial parts of another's paper (without attribution), to claiming results from research conducted by others are unethical publishing behavior and unacceptable.

### ***Multiple, Redundant, or Concurrent Publication***

Basically, an author is strictly not allowed to publish manuscripts describing essentially the same research in more than one journal or primary publication concurrently. It constitutes unethical publishing behavior and is unacceptable.

### ***Acknowledgment of Sources***

The author should acknowledge the work of others properly. Authors should cite publications that have been influential in determining the nature of the reported work. Information obtained privately, as in conversation, correspondence, or discussion with third parties, must not be used or reported without explicit, written permission from the source. Information obtained in the course of confidential services, such as refereeing manuscripts or grant applications, must not be used without the explicit written permission of the author of the work involved in these services.

### ***Authorship of the Paper***

Authorship should be limited to those who have made a significant contribution only to the paper. All those who have made significant contributions should be listed as co-authors. The others should be acknowledged properly. The corresponding author should ensure that all co-authors have seen and approved the final version of the paper and have agreed to its submission for publication.

### ***Human or Animal Subjects***

If the work involves the use of animal or human subjects, the author should ensure that the manuscript contains a statement that all procedures were performed in compliance with relevant laws and institutional guidelines and that the appropriate institutional committee(s) has approved them. Authors

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### ***Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest***

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### ***Fundamental Errors in Published Works***

When an author discovers a significant error or inaccuracy in his/her own published work, it is the author's obligation to promptly notify the journal editor or publisher and cooperate with the editor to retract or correct the paper. If the editor or the publisher learns from a third party that a published work contains a significant error, it is the obligation of the author to promptly retract or correct the paper or provide evidence to the editor of the correctness of the original paper.

## **Duties of Editors**

### ***Publication Decisions***

The editor of a peer-reviewed journal is responsible for deciding which of the articles submitted to the journal should be published, often working in conjunction with the relevant society (for society-owned or sponsored journals). The validation of the work in question and its importance to researchers and readers must always drive such decisions. The editor may be guided by the policies of the journal's editorial board and constrained by such legal requirements as shall then be in force regarding libel, copyright infringement, and plagiarism. The editor may confer with other editors or reviewers (or society officers) in making this decision.

### ***Fair Play***

An editor should evaluate manuscripts for their intellectual content without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, ethnic origin, citizenship, or political philosophy of the authors.

### ***Confidentiality***

The editor and any editorial staff must not disclose any information about a submitted manuscript to anyone other than the corresponding author, reviewers, potential reviewers, other editorial advisers, and the publisher, as appropriate.

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### ***Involvement and Cooperation in Investigations***

An editor should take reasonably responsive measures when ethical complaints have been presented concerning a submitted manuscript or published paper, in conjunction with the publisher (or society). Such measures will generally include contacting the author of the manuscript or

paper and giving due consideration of the respective complaint or claims made, but may also include further communications to the relevant institutions and research bodies, and if the complaint is upheld, the publication of a correction, retraction, expression of concern, or other note, as may be relevant. Every reported act of unethical publishing behavior must be looked into, even if it is discovered years after publication.

## **Duties of Reviewers**

### ***Contribution to Editorial Decisions***

Editors are assisted by peer reviewers to decide the editorial aspects as well as for improving the quality of the papers.

### ***Promptness***

Whenever the appointed reviewer is not able to review because of an unqualified reason or is unable to respond promptly so he or she should notify the editor and excuse himself from the review process.

### ***Confidentiality***

Any manuscripts received for review must be treated as confidential documents. They must not be shown to or discussed with others except as authorized by the editor.

### ***Standards of Objectivity***

Reviews should be conducted objectively. Personal criticism of the author is inappropriate. Referees should express their views clearly with supporting arguments.

### ***Acknowledgment of Sources***

Reviewers should identify relevant published work that has not been cited by the authors. Any statement that an observation, derivation, or argument had been previously reported should be accompanied by the relevant citation. A reviewer should also call to the editor's attention any substantial similarity or overlap between the manuscript under consideration and any other published paper of which they have personal knowledge.

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