

## **MUSICOLOGIST: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MUSIC STUDIES**

### **Publication Ethics**

#### **Authors' Policies**

Authors must certify that their manuscripts are their original work. Plagiarism, Duplicate, Data Fabrication and Falsification, and Redundant Publications are forbidden. In this context, similarity reports are taken at the preliminary evaluation stage. Authors must certify that the manuscript has not previously been published and is not currently being considered for publication elsewhere. Submitting the same manuscript to more than one journal concurrently constitutes unethical behavior and is unacceptable.

If the authors have used the work and/or words of others, the authors must ensure that the work and/or words of others are appropriately cited or quoted and identify all sources used in the creation of their manuscripts. If all work submitted for publication is to constitute a conflict of interest, and if relevant, should be indicated. The authors must have evidence that they have the necessary permissions for the use rights of the data used, research / measurement tools / analyzes. 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.

Authors of reports of original research should present an accurate account of the work performed as well as an objective discussion of its significance. Underlying data should be represented accurately in the paper. A paper should contain sufficient detail and references to permit others to replicate the work. Authors may be asked to provide the research data supporting their paper for editorial review and/or to comply with the open data requirements of the journal.

#### **Editorial Policies**

The editor of the journal is solely and independently responsible for deciding which of the articles submitted to the journal should be published. The validation of the work in question and its importance to researchers and readers must always underwrite 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 issues such as libel, copyright infringement and plagiarism.

The Editorial Board assumes the responsibility to make publishing decisions for the submitted articles, based on the evaluation of the candidate's articles, the editorial board policies of the journal, and the legally prohibited items against plagiarism and copyright infringement. All publications are judged on the basis of their intellectual content, regardless of the author's gender, race, ethnicity, religion, citizenship and political values. Personal information about the

articles is kept confidential. The conflict of interest observed regarding the article must be explained. The Editorial Board must strive to meet the needs of readers and authors. The editor shall ensure that the peer review process is fair, unbiased, and timely. The editor must not attempt to influence the journal's ranking by artificially increasing any journal metric. In particular, the editor shall not require that references to that (or any other) journal's articles be included except for genuine scholarly reasons and authors should not be required to include references to the editor's own articles or products and services in which the editor has an interest.

The editor must protect the confidentiality of all material submitted to the journal and all communications with reviewers, unless otherwise agreed with the relevant authors and reviewers.

### **Reviewers' Policies**

Any manuscripts received for review must be treated as confidential documents. Reviewers must not share the review or information about the paper with anyone or contact the authors directly without permission from the editor. Reviewers must bring to the attention of the Editor Board any information that may be a reason to reject publication of a manuscript. Reviewers should admit only to evaluate the work related to the field of expertise. If he / she thinks that he / she is confronted with a conflict of interest during the evaluation process, he / she should refuse to examine the work and inform the editor of the journal.

A reviewer should be alert to potential ethical issues in the paper and should bring these to the attention of the editor, including any substantial similarity or overlap between the manuscript under consideration and any other published paper of which the reviewer has personal knowledge.

Reviews should be conducted objectively. Reviewers should be aware of any personal bias they may have and take this into account when reviewing a paper. Personal criticism of the author is inappropriate. Referees should express their views clearly with supporting arguments.

### **Publishing Policies**

We encourage authors to refer to the Committee on Publication Ethics' International Standards for Authors at

[https://publicationethics.org/files/International%20standards\\_authors\\_for%20website\\_11\\_Nov\\_2011.pdf](https://publicationethics.org/files/International%20standards_authors_for%20website_11_Nov_2011.pdf).