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Publication ethics and malpractice statement

In Statu Nascendi (ISN) is a peer-reviewed journal that aspires to be a world-class scholarly platform encompassing original academic research dedicated to the circle of Political Philosophy, Cultural Studies, Theory of International Relations, Foreign Policy, and the political Decision-making process. The journal investigates specific issues through a socio-cultural, philosophical, and anthropological approach to raise a new type of civic awareness about the complexity of the contemporary crisis, instability, and warfare situations, where the “stage-of-becoming” plays a vital role.

Publication ethics and malpractice statement

In Statu Nascendi is committed to ensuring the highest standards of publication ethics. Our ethics and publication malpractice statement is mainly based on the Code of Conduct and Best-Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors (Committee on Publication Ethics, 2011). The way we understand our responsibilities come down to the fact that all parties involved in the act of publishing (editors, authors, reviewers and the publisher) have to agree upon the highest possible standards of ethical behavior, but each party has its own responsibilities.

Responsibilities of the Editor of In Statu Nascendi

- Balancing scholarly innovation and profitability of the journal, working closely with all departments, guiding them in their work towards goals
- Building a loyal Readership to ensure In Statu Nascendi's overall success.
- Anticipate the needs of our loyal readership and reach out to new readers through various means of communication.
- Building cross-functional teams, including fundraising, media, creative, interactive production, talent acquisition, business, and strategic development.
- Providing a final review of all content provided, approving only the best manuscripts & rejecting unappealing pieces or recommending ways to improve them.
- Ensuring all information is appropriately verified, and all sources are credited before publishing it, whether it's written or visual content, so as to prevent copyrights infringements and discard of any misrepresentation or deformation.

- Assigning tasks and projects to ensure all deadlines are met, questions are answered, and requests are addressed, sharing internal communication through a variety of brainstorming sessions.
- Developing and implementing marketing strategies aimed at improving the readability of our journal.
- Creating and enforcing parameters and policies regarding all publications and their contents, taking quality and originality as the most critical aspects.
- Designing and implementing marketing ideas to promote the journal around the world;
- Finding new ways to expand the brand's content, its market presence, and its overall reach;
- Networking, Building strategic relationships and partnerships with contributors.
- Representing the brand at social events throughout the year;
- Managing organization's Facebook account, website, and its electronic communication.
- The editor is ultimately responsible for deciding which of the papers submitted to the journal will be published; in making these decisions, editor is guided by the policies of the journal (In Statu Nascendi's Guidelines for Submission and Publication of Manuscripts, and by legal requirements regarding libel, copyright infringement and plagiarism;
- Liaising with Publishers, Authors, Proofreaders, and other colleagues, to create original content for each publication, overseeing the planning and conception of both written and visual materials to be featured in print and online media outlets.
- Responsible for providing a clear description of peer review processes;
- Creating Strong Editorial Boards, delegating and assigning tasks to all staff members, overseeing the activities of Junior Editors; providing suggestions where necessary to ensure that all written content is accurate, has proper grammar, and syntax, ensuring the writing follows the style of the brand.
- Providing new editorial board members with clear guidelines on everything that is expected of them and keeping existing members updated on new policies and developments;
- Evaluating manuscripts exclusively on the basis of their academic and intellectual merit, without regard to the author(s)' race, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnic origin, religious belief, citizenship, political orientation or social class. Ensuring a fair and unbiased double-blind peer review of the manuscripts and that all information related to them is kept confidential.
- Developing and maintaining a database of suitable reviewers and updating it on the basis of reviewer performance;
- Approving the final versions submitted and the release of each piece.
- Ensuring that unpublished materials disclosed in a submitted manuscript are kept private and confidential
- Confidentiality, Objectivity, Clear Disclosure of any conflict of interest
- Taking appropriate measures should any ethical complaints be presented concerning a submitted or published manuscripts;

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- Authors are obliged to present an accurate account of the work performed as well as an objective discussion of its significance. The research presented should represent author's own contributions and have not been copied or plagiarized from other works.
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- Adjusting to our high standards, disclosure of any conflict of interest

- The author should be mindful that any unethical publishing behaviors are unacceptable; particularly plagiarism that will be ostracized in all its shapes and forms,
- 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 editors and cooperate with them to retract or correct the manuscript.
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- The work of the peer reviewers is of extreme importance for they assist the editor in reaching stronger editorial decisions,
- Any manuscripts received for review must be treated as confidential piece of work
- Per reviews should be conducted objectively, promptly and observations should be formulated clearly with supporting arguments, so that authors can use them for improving their papers;
- Reviewers evaluating manuscripts should be open minded regardless of the authors' race, age, gender, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, religious belief, citizenship, political orientation or social class;
- Privileged information or ideas obtained through peer review must be kept confidential and not used for personal advantage;
- Reviewers must report to the editor of ISN if they are aware of any possible copyright infringement and plagiarism on the author's part;
- Anyone who feels unqualified or unable to review any particular manuscript should immediately notify the editor so that alternative reviewers can be contacted;

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