

RJCPR | Code of ethics

The *Romanian Journal of Communication and Public Relations* (RJCPR) subscribes to the principles of ethical publishing suggested by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) [<http://publicationethics.org>].

We suggest that all prospective Authors and Reviewers read the COPE recommendations before submitting or reviewing manuscripts. To highlight those ethical commitments we consider basic, we present in the following a nonexclusive set of stringent rules guiding the submission, selection, evaluation, feedback, and publication processes at the RJCPR.

- I. Authors who submit an article to the RJCPR thereby commit themselves to their being the sole owners and originators of the manuscript. Previously published (entirely or partially) manuscripts will not be accepted. Plagiarism, falsification or fabrication of data, and/or the omission of significant material will lead to the rejection of the manuscript and the termination of all relations with the author(s). Authors are solely responsible for all statements, citations and materials included in the manuscripts they submit to the RJCPR.
- II. All papers submitted to the RJCPR undergo a thorough, objective and fair peer-review process. Reviewers should evaluate all manuscripts professionally, objectively and fairly, without allowing for any kind of interfering from personal biases or interests in their comments and/or recommendations. Evaluators should deliver their reviews promptly, and they should ensure the confidentiality of the peer review process.
- III. Editors manage the publication and peer-review processes in a confidential, unbiased and professional manner. They have editorial independence; the selection and final decision for the publication of manuscripts is based only on the scholarly merits of the materials. Responsibility for acceptance and rejection of all papers submitted rests with the Editors; their decisions, however, should be informed by feedback from Reviewers. Exceptionally, Editors may reject manuscripts that they consider inappropriate given RJCPR's (and general academic) standards without any further review process.