

## ***New Editorial Policy:***

### ***Sapienza: International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies.***

The year 2022 was a year of growth, but also of challenges for our Journal and publishing house. The increase in the demand for review and publication of scientific articles was expressive and without the permanent support of our associate editors, technical team and ad-hoc reviewers, it would have been practically impossible to meet the number of documents received.

In this sense, we identified the concentration and recurrence of the same origin of authors in certain countries, languages and institutions, which led us to rethink various aspects of the editorial policy to ensure not only the sustainability of the Sapienza - SIJIS project, diversity and pluralism, but also the maintenance and increase of its scientific-editorial quality for the following year in question.

Therefore, the following points are detailed below, as a result of the Committee's deliberation:

- 1. Language of publication:** starting with the first issue/fascicle of 2023, the main language of publication will be **English**. In other words, all publications must have a complete version of the article in English, even if the main language of the document is Spanish or Portuguese.

This decision of our Scientific Editorial Committee responds to the main criteria of international advanced science so that the Journal can be inserted in global indexers that raise the scientific quality and scope of the published papers. At the same time, we will strengthen our institutional alliances to offer those authors who so wish, the option of technical translations from Spanish/Portuguese to English.

- 2. Fascicles / Number of articles / Papers:** we will continue the publication in a continuous publication format, that is, with a permanent flow of reception and publication after the acceptance and delivery of the final version within the time intervals of each issue/fascicle. The periodicity will continue in quarterly format until the second quarter of 2023, as a pilot test for a possible change.

The number of articles per regular issue will be limited to a maximum of 25 articles per issue, prioritizing those of empirical origin and/or with original theoretical discussions. The

number of articles per special/special issue/dossiers will be limited to a maximum of 15 articles. The minimum for the publication of an issue/fascicle will be 10 articles. Any exception to these limits will be previously decided by the Committee.

- 3. Deadline for evaluation / publication:** Due to our limitations of team members (where most of them are volunteers) and the increasing flow of manuscripts received, we update the deadline to an interval of **6 to 12 weeks, on average**, to obtain the first editorial decision. Submissions should be made through the journal's platform, or to the centralized e-mail: **flow@sapienzaeditorial.com**

The accounts **editor@sapienzaeditorial.com** and **poli.sapienza@gmail.com** will be exclusively for clarifying doubts and/or solving technical problems. No submissions will be accepted through these two channels.

**All peer review/refereeing** will now be compulsorily registered in the **Publons platform**, as this certifies a clean review process and contributes to improve the profile of the collaborators who carry out the refereeing. The rest of the evaluation criteria of the editorial policy remain unchanged.

- 4. Manuscript format / Submission rules:** As of 2023 a new template will be instituted with some new features in relation to the previous one. Among the main points of change are the following:

- Manuscripts will begin to **adopt the markup format**, as a result of our entry into new indexing bases that will soon be announced.
- **Exclusive use of APA** standards, with flexibility between **6th** and **7th** editions. In other words, articles will no longer be accepted in any other format.
- Use of a structured **abstract** with a **maximum of 300 words**, containing:

**objective:**

**methodology/approach:**

**results:**

**implications (practical and/or theoretical for the research field and/or for society):**

**Originality/value added:**

- In the final section of the paper, a section should be indicated pointing the **effective contribution of each author** (theoretical-conceptual foundation, analysis of data and statistics, elaboration of figures tables, drafting of the text, choice of references, etc.). It should also indicate if there was a **conflict of interest** and if there was any source of **financing**. Finally, indicate the **coherence of the manuscript** with the **interdisciplinary/critical scope** of the Sapienza journal.

- We suggest keeping the **IMRyD** format, with a maximum limit of **7000 words**.
- Only **literature review articles** that follow a **critical character** will be accepted, always incorporating **a new proposed research agenda and/or critical implications** of the literature raised. The minimum number of possible references for this type of article will be **30**, where **70% must correspond to the last 5 years**.
- The **maximum number of authors per manuscript is limited to 5 participants**, provided there is a plausible justification for exceeding the number of 3 participants. Exceptional cases may be evaluated by justification at the time of submission.

**Other details will be specified in the template that serves as a model for the submission of manuscripts in 2023.**

All the points described above were planned in order to meet the editorial goals proposed for the year 2023, so that the community can continue to strengthen and Sapienza can effectively join internationally prestigious indexing bases. These measures are effective as of January 1, 2023.

Any questions, comments and/or suggestions can be sent to the following e-mail address:  
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**Happy holidays and a wonderful new year 2023 to all members of the community!**