

# Journal Policy, Publication Ethics & Publication Malpractice Statement

## Aims and scope

**Lege artis. Language yesterday, today, tomorrow** is a scholarly journal in linguistics issued online by the University of SS Cyril and Methodius in Trnava twice a year. It aims to publish innovative research articles that contribute to an understanding of language-related issues from a synchronic and diachronic perspective. The Journal welcomes papers within a wide range of language viewpoints including inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary approach, traditional disciplines, and functions. We have strong international Editorial Board and Official External Reviewers, each member of which represents a school of linguistics, a university or a country: China, Germany, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the USA.

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We state the following principles of Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement based on the Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors of the Committee on Publication Ethics – COPE (available at <http://publicationethics.org/>).

## I Duties and responsibilities of editors and reviewers

The Editorial Committee of **Lege artis** consists of Editors, Reviewers, Language and Managing Editors. Members of the Journal actively participate in scholarly projects, thus contributing to scientific progress and expansion of the existing scope of knowledge in different fields of linguistics. Managing Editors help the authors format the text according to our Guidelines and Template (<https://lartis.sk/guidelines/>), which highlight the peer review process, redundant publications, ethical approval and many other important things. When the text is ready, it is sent for reviewing. In the reviewing process, not only the members of the editorial team are involved; we also invite outstanding scholars with matching fields of expertise, if necessary. The editors who approve the final form and content of the Journal are responsible for ensuring that authors receive useful and professional feedback and advice. Based on the overall quality of the submitted articles, their importance, originality and clarity, theoretical and methodological value, the Editorial Board selects the contributions to be published. The Editorial Board is thus responsible for both the scientific and scholarly quality of the Journal.

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