

# SICUREZZA e GIUSTIZIA

## Magazine Ethical Standards

Sicurezza e Giustizia, a quarterly magazine with a scientific and professional profile, focused on law with a preference for interdisciplinary approaches, complies in all respects with the most recent guidelines issued by the [Committee on Publication Ethics \(COPE\)](#), to which the recent Regulation refers. ANVUR for the classification of magazines in non-bibliometric areas, for an ethical approach to scientific publications, committing to fully respect the COPE recommendations throughout the publication process. The procedures adopted are scrupulously based on transparency, fairness, non-discrimination and merit on the basis of exclusively scientific criteria. The magazine is committed to respecting this Code of Ethics at every stage of the publication process and in all its activities.

### 1. COMPONENTS OF THE MAGAZINE

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for defining the strategic editorial lines, in agreement with the Editorial Director and supported by the Editorial Committee and the Scientific Committee. He is legally responsible for the decision on the final publication of the proposed articles, based on the thematic priorities and editorial choices of the magazine, in accordance with an anonymous review (peer review) carried out by qualified and objective reviewers. It is the responsibility of the responsible Director to ensure that authors, reviewers and members of all committees are fully aware of the contents of this Code of Ethics. Assisted by the Editorial Director and the Editorial Committee, the Director is responsible for the full application of the Code of Ethics and the policies for supervising the ethical aspects of research practices, as specifically stated in the following points.

### 2. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Decisions on publication are taken on an exclusively scientific basis. The relevance of the contribution to the thematic priorities, strategic editorial choices and editorial criteria of the magazine, the topicality, originality and relevance of the content will be evaluated, avoiding any discrimination, for example ethnic, religious or political, gender, age, citizenship, sexual orientation.

### 3. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Directors, the Editorial Committee and the reviewers undertake full confidentiality at every stage of the review process, also refraining from disseminating any information on the content of the article or from making any use not authorized by the author.

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Any information, operational practice or work indication obtained directly or indirectly during the editorial process must be considered confidential even by the authors who cannot use it either for personal purposes or to favor third parties.

## 4. AUTHORS

The authors of the articles submitted to Sicurezza e Giustizia are required to respect the rules and editorial criteria of the magazine and must ensure that each submitted contribution is original and not simultaneously submitted to other publications without the explicit consent of the Editorial Director. In case of subsequent publication in other places, the Editorial Director must be informed and consent and reference must be made to the previous publication in Sicurezza e Giustizia. The authors are required to be extremely precise in citations, whether literal or in paraphrasing, giving exact account of the sources. The publication of articles in the magazine is free of charge and financial contributions are never requested from the authors. The identity of all authors must be clear, with explicit indication of the names of those who participated in the work.

Every action referable to the Author, even outside the magazine Committee of which he may be a member, must be undertaken and pursued in full compliance with legality, impartiality and the principles of fair competition, must always be managed with the utmost "social correctness". Actions relating to the Author in conflict with the objectives of the magazine and with this Code of Ethics lead to the exclusion of the same from the Committee and from future magazine activities due to professional and ethical incompatibility.

## 5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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The authors are required to obtain permission in advance from the interested party to reproduce any material on which they do not hold the copyright, giving adequate knowledge to the Directors. Security and Justice undertakes the utmost attention and scrupulousness in acquiring consents and releases for publication. For the cover images or those present in the texts, the magazine complies with full compliance with regulatory requirements and best practices regarding intellectual property.

## 6. REVIEW AND PUBLICATION PROCEDURES

The Directors undertake to inform and keep the authors adequately updated on the selection phases and publication times, promptly communicating the results of the external evaluations. The reason for rejecting a contribution is provided and, if the author requests a new and different external

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evaluation, the decision in this regard lies with the Directors. In the event of a positive evaluation, the Directors, on the basis of the external evaluations, can in any case request the necessary corrections and additions from the authors, while maintaining the anonymity of the evaluator. Any objections and observations from the author will be evaluated by the Directors.

In the event of a significant error or inaccuracy even after publication, the author is required to promptly inform the Editorial Director by providing the information necessary to make the necessary corrections in the first useful publication.

## 7. EVALUATORS

The Directors, with the support of the Editorial Committee, identify the evaluators on the basis of their high skills relating to the topic of the contribution, general scientific and ethical reliability and the necessary impartiality. The evaluator is required, in compliance with predefined times, to make an opinion on the originality and relevance of the topic, analytical and methodological ability, language and clarity of the exposition, completeness and updating of the sources and relevance and significance of the results and conclusions. The evaluator must finally decide on the publication (with or without major or minor revisions) or non-publication of the contribution.

## 8. FALSIFICATION OF DATA AND PLAGIARISM

In the presence of complaints, external reports or other well-founded reasons for suspicion of data falsification or plagiarism, the responsible Director will ask the author for clarification, indicating the reasons for suspicion. Having consulted the Editorial Director, the Director in charge reserves all decisions on any documented requests or other needs for correction or retraction in the first useful issue of the magazine, informing the author.

Security and Justice encourages scientific debate on published articles. The Directors reserve the right to decide on any type of reply request.

## 9. CORRECTNESS

The evaluation process must take place entirely with correctness, precision and objectivity, on an exclusively scientific, non-ideological, non-personal and non-discriminatory basis.

## 10. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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The authors must not be in any situation of conflict of interest in relation to the content of the proposed contribution: the Directors reserve any evaluation in this regard. Any external financiers of the research from which the contribution arises must be declared.

Potential conflicts of interest, both in the sense of previous collaborations as well as competition situations or other possible relevant relationships, which may deductively become evident to the evaluator, in any case unaware of the author's identity, must be promptly communicated to the Directors by the evaluator, who is required to abstain from the judgment as soon as awareness of the risk of conflict of interest is acquired, *prima facie* or during the evaluation procedure.

Conflicts of interest that concern any member of the magazine's bodies must be promptly communicated to the Directors and entail a duty to abstain from one or more decisions and further measures made appropriate by the circumstances of the specific case, up to and including removal from the aforementioned bodies.

## 11. PRACTICES CONTRARY TO SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY

The evaluator and each member of a magazine body are required to promptly report to the Directors any practice contrary to scientific activity, relating to publications and any other Security and Justice activity, of which they become aware during the evaluation process or at any other time and location. Assisted by the Editorial Committee and, if necessary, by the Scientific Committee, the Directors take the necessary decisions, which must be promptly communicated to the interested person, who has the right to assert his/her reasons through a complaint that the Directors will have to evaluate at appropriate times.

## 12. DIGITAL PRESERVATION

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