

ETHICS POLICY

1. Introduction

Pensamiento Americano Journal identified with ISSN: 2027-2448 and ISSN-e: 2745- 1402 is dedicated to the dissemination of high quality research and articles in the areas of Social Sciences, such as: Law, Anthropology, History, Sociology, Philosophy, Psychology, Cultural Studies, Political Science, Pedagogy, Social Work, etc., with a particular focus on issues that affect and reflect the diversity of the Latin American community. This publication is based on the principles of academic rigor, originality and relevance, providing a platform for intellectual dialogue and the exchange of unpublished research.

Given the importance of maintaining the trust of our readers, authors and the scientific community in general, we have developed this ethics policy to guide all activities related to the editorial process. Our commitment is to ensure that all parties involved, including authors, reviewers and editors, act with integrity, transparency and accountability.

This policy is in line with international ethical standards such as **COPE** (Committee of Publication Ethics) in academic publishing and seeks to promote fair and equitable practices in all aspects of journal management. In relation to the authors and taking into account the COPE guidelines, Pensamiento Americano makes clear that: the decisions of the referees to accept or reject a document for publication should be based on its importance, originality and clarity, without ignoring the validity of the study and its relevance.

2. General Principles

- **Integrity:** All parties involved in the publication process (journal team, committees, reviewers) must act with honesty and transparency.
- **Impartiality:** The selection and evaluation of manuscripts will be based solely on their academic quality and relevance, without discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality or ideology.
- **Confidentiality:** Information about submitted manuscripts will be handled confidentially and will not be disclosed to third parties not directly involved in the editorial process.

3. Authors' Responsibilities

- **Originality:** Authors must guarantee that their papers are original and have not been previously published or under consideration in another journal.

- **Acknowledgment of Sources:** All sources used must be properly cited and necessary permissions obtained for the use of copyrighted materials.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Authors must disclose any financial or other conflicts of interest that could influence the results or interpretation of their work.
- **Correction of Errors:** If authors discover significant errors in their published work, they should immediately inform the editor and cooperate in the publication of an erratum or correction.

4. Reviewers' Responsibilities

- **Objectivity and Justification:** Reviews should be conducted in an objective and constructive manner, providing a clear and substantiated assessment of the manuscript.
- **Confidentiality:** Reviewers must treat manuscripts as confidential documents and not discuss them with third parties.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Reviewers should decline to review manuscripts in which they have conflicts of interest resulting from competitive, collaborative or other relationships with the authors.

5. Editors' Responsibilities

- **Fair Decision:** Editors should ensure that the decision on manuscripts is based on relevance, originality and scholarly quality.
- **Transparency in the Process:** Editors should ensure the transparency of the peer review process and provide authors with the necessary information on the status of their manuscript.
- **Handling Ethical Complaints:** Editors should take reasonable steps to respond to ethical complaints about a manuscript or published article.

6. Rights and Responsibilities of the Editorial Board

- **Ethics Oversight:** The editorial board will monitor compliance with this ethics policy and take appropriate action in the event of violations.
- **Policy Update:** This policy will be reviewed and updated regularly to reflect best practices and changes in international ethical standards.

7. Plagiarism and Misconduct

- **Plagiarism Prevention:** The journal uses plagiarism detection software to verify the originality of manuscripts.
- **Misconduct:** Any suspected scientific misconduct, including falsification of data, will be rigorously investigated and may result in withdrawal of the article and notification to the appropriate institutions.

8. Final Statement

Pensamiento Americano Journal is committed to promoting academic integrity and creating a fair and respectful environment for the exchange of ideas and ideas. knowledge. All participants in the editorial process are responsible for adhering to this ethics policy.

All the actors involved in the editorial process and management assume that their procedures and methodologies conform to the international ethical codes of scientific research in the Social Sciences. This procedure is referred to in the editorial contract that is signed between the author(s) and the members of the journal at the time of submitting the article to Pensamiento Americano.

Authors must state in writing, through the cover letter of the article, that its publication is conditioned to the editorial processes and the judgment of the referees. They must also sign the copyright assignment form and the declaration of conflicts of interest, taking full responsibility for any ethical violations they may have incurred in the research from which the article derives. Likewise, the author is obliged to report any conflicts of interest that his/her work may have in case they exist.

Pensamiento Americano will reject all those articles that implicitly or explicitly contain experiences, methods, procedures or any other unethical activity or that contain discriminatory, offensive, aggressive, etc.; or those that do not clearly express any type of conflict of interest.

The editor is committed to act in a neutral and objective manner, without any kind of sexual, religious, political or origin discrimination of the authors, and to respect human rights. It is also committed to publish scholarly contributions solely on their merits, without taking into account any commercial or conflicting of interest. The editorial team keeps up to date with intellectual property and copyright regulations, and is obliged to ensure compliance with them.

Pensamiento Americano also complies with the regulations of the World Intellectual Property Organization, which applies to Colombia through Decision 351 of 1993 of the Cartagena Agreement Commission and Law 23 of 1982.