

Ethics and Deontology Charter of the Journal *Les cahiers du cread*

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- To protect the authors who submit their proposals for publication;
- To safeguard and promote the autonomy of research by respecting ethical principles;
- To ensure freedom of scientific expression while respecting the rights of individuals and institutions;
- To enhance the quality, legitimacy and credibility of scientific work in the fields covered by the editorial scope of the journal;
- To integrate ethics into research and investigative methods, thereby contributing to the overall progress of scientific knowledge.

While these rules are important, they are not enough. Each author must show discernment and balance in dealing with the challenges they face in their research, studies or reflections.

The basic principles

The following five ethical principles, essential for social science research, guide the entire publication process of articles submitted to Les cahiers du cread:

- **Scientific progress:** Each article must contribute to the advancement of research, based on a thorough analysis of relevant and recent publications in the field, in particular those published in Les cahiers du cread.
- **Collective interest:** Each publication should aim to enrich collective scientific knowledge and promote the general welfare of society.
- **Methodological rigour:** Knowledge produced in the social sciences is always subject to improvement. Therefore, the acceptance of constructive criticism is essential for the development of research.
- **Confidentiality and anonymity:** All information collected must be used with the utmost respect for the anonymity of the individuals involved.
- **Responsibility:** Any publication must be carried out with fairness, transparency and integrity. Plagiarism is strictly forbidden.

General Characteristics of the Journal *Les cahiers du cread*

1. Les cahiers du cread is a publication that is
 - o **Interdisciplinary:** It promotes exchanges between the human and social sciences, with a particular focus on topics related to the fields defined by the legal texts that created and organised CREAD, namely macroeconomics, industrial economics, social and solidarity economics, and agricultural and rural economics.
 - o **Scientific rigour:** This is reflected in the selection of articles.

o Trilingual: It ensures the dissemination of scientific works in Arabic, French and English.

2. Les cahiers du cread publishes original articles only. Authors undertake not to submit their articles to other journals simultaneously. Our journal does not accept articles that have already been published, even if the copyright has been transferred.
3. Upon receipt of an article, the author will receive an acknowledgement of receipt and a reference number. The Editorial Board carefully evaluates each submission to determine whether it fits the editorial scope of the journal.
4. The Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors decide whether the article is suitable for publication.
5. Eligibility for review is based on five criteria: alignment with the journal's editorial policy, originality, absence of plagiarism, methodological rigour, and inclusion of up-to-date bibliographic references.
6. In cases where an article is deemed ineligible for review, the Editorial Board may suggest modifications for resubmission.
7. If accepted for review, the article will undergo a double-blind peer review by two independent reviewers who are blinded to the identity of the author. These reviewers are selected on the basis of their expertise in the relevant field.
8. Les Cahiers du CREAD undertakes to avoid any conflict of interest between authors, reviewers and members of the editorial board.
9. The Editorial Board will therefore exclude from the evaluation of a text any person considered to be too "close" to the author (member of the same research centre, the same university, the same research group, regular collaborators, etc.). The evaluation reports are received by the secretariat of the journal, which ensures coordination between the parties involved (authors, reviewers and the editorial board).
10. In the event of disagreement between the two reviewers, the article is submitted to a third reviewer, appointed under the same conditions as the first two.
11. Submitted articles will be evaluated according to their conformity with the editorial policy of the journal. They may use different methods or approaches and may address theoretical and/or methodological issues, but they must make a consistent theoretical, methodological or empirical contribution.
12. If an article is rejected, the author will be notified. The author may revise and resubmit the same article or submit a new article which will go through the initial review process.
13. The reviewers will make one of the following recommendations
 - Article accepted as is
 - Article accepted with major revisions
 - Article accepted with minor revisions
 - Article not accepted
14. The final decision to accept, revise or reject an article is made by the Editorial Board. This decision will be communicated to the authors with appropriate feedback. If revisions are requested, authors will be given a deadline to make the necessary

changes. The revised article is then resubmitted to the original reviewers for evaluation. If the revisions are accepted, the article is considered "publishable".

15. Before publication, the author will receive the final copy, formatted according to the journal's standards and language corrected. The author must approve the final version for publication within one week. If no response is received, the article will be submitted for publication.

Conflicts of Interest

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