



Peer-Review Statements

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1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

1. Initial Submission and Screening

Upon submission, manuscripts undergo an initial review by the editorial team to ensure:

- Alignment with the journal's broad multidisciplinary scope, including religious studies, gender studies, multilateralism, terrorism, policing, defense, and regional studies (American, Japanese, Middle Eastern, European).
- Compliance with formatting and submission guidelines.
- Preliminary assessment of the manuscript's originality, relevance, and contribution to its field.

If the manuscript does not meet these basic requirements, it may be rejected at this stage without peer review.

2. Peer Review

Manuscripts passing initial screening are then sent to two or more expert reviewers, selected for their deep knowledge and experience in the subject matter. Reviewers are

chosen to reflect the journal's interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary focus. The review process evaluates the following aspects:

- **Originality and Contribution:** Does the manuscript present new insights or perspectives? Does it contribute meaningfully to ongoing debates in the fields of gender, terrorism, international relations, defense, regional studies, or religion?
- **Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Approaches:** Does the manuscript integrate insights across disciplines, such as political theory, sociology, religious studies, law, or gender theory?
- **Methodological Rigor:** Are the research methods sound, whether qualitative, quantitative, or theoretical? Are they appropriately applied to the subject matter?
- **Theoretical Engagement:** Does the manuscript engage critically with key theories relevant to the research topics, such as theories of gender, multilateralism, terrorism, or international security?
- **Ethical Standards:** Does the manuscript address ethical concerns, particularly in research involving human subjects, sensitive data, or controversial topics like terrorism and violence?
- **Clarity and Structure:** Is the manuscript clearly written, well-organized, and logically structured, particularly in an interdisciplinary context?

Reviewers are expected to provide constructive feedback on these aspects, offering suggestions for revisions, improvements, or clarifications.

The matrix of assessment is based on the following criteria:

- The title of the manuscript reflects the content of the manuscript
- The title of the paper is appealing to the readers
- The introduction is concise and well written
- Paper's motivation is clear
- Contributions (novelties) proposed in this manuscript are clearly explained
- Contributions in this manuscript reflect author(s)' in depth knowledge of the literature
- Contributions in this manuscript to the literatures are strong
- Literature review reflects author(s)' in depth dialog with related literatures
- The choice of methodology is appropriate
- The methodology is clearly explained
- Empirical results are neatly represented in tables & graphs

- Empirical results are analyzed and discussed using existing literatures
- Empirical results are valid and robust
- Empirical results reflect paper's contributions to the literatures
- The conclusion is well written
- The references reflect articles/works cited in main text
- The manuscript is written in good English language

3. Revision and Resubmission

After the review, the editorial team communicates the reviewers' feedback to the authors. Authors are expected to revise the manuscript in response to the reviewers' comments and suggestions. Authors must submit a **point-by-point response** to reviewers' feedback, outlining the revisions made or explaining why certain suggestions were not incorporated.

In cases where substantial revisions are required, the manuscript may be sent for a second round of review.

4. Final Decision

After the revision process, the editorial board, in consultation with the reviewers, will make the final decision on the manuscript. Possible outcomes include:

- **Acceptance:** The manuscript is accepted for publication as is or with minor revisions.
- **Minor Revisions:** The manuscript is accepted with minor changes required.
- **Major Revisions:** Significant revisions are necessary, and the manuscript will undergo further review.
- **Rejection:** If the manuscript does not meet the standards of the journal, it will be rejected.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers are instructed to assess the quality of submissions based solely on the academic merit of the content, following the criteria outlined below. These criteria are intended to ensure that each manuscript contributes meaningfully to the academic field while adhering to ethical publishing practices. The criteria are ordered by importance:

1. Relevance to the Journal's Scope and Themes

The manuscript must align with the journal's interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary scope, which includes topics such as religious studies, gender, multiculturalism, terrorism, defense, regional studies (American, Japanese, Middle Eastern, European), and others. The research should contribute to one or more of these areas in a meaningful way

2. **Originality, Novelty, and Timeliness**

The article should demonstrate originality in its approach, offering new insights, perspectives, or methodologies. It should address current or emerging issues in its field and provide a fresh contribution to the existing literature. The research must be timely and relevant to contemporary academic debates.

3. **Methodological Rigor and Analytical Soundness**

The research should employ appropriate and robust methodologies, whether qualitative, quantitative, or theoretical. The methods used must be clearly explained, transparent, and suitable for the research questions posed. The analyses and results must be valid, reliable, and based on sound reasoning, demonstrating a clear connection between research questions, data collection, analysis, and conclusions.

4. **Adherence to Ethical Standards**

The manuscript must adhere to the ethical guidelines relevant to its research field, including the ethical treatment of human subjects, data integrity, and transparency in reporting. This includes proper citation and attribution of sources, and the avoidance of any form of plagiarism, data fabrication, or misrepresentation. Authors must disclose any potential conflicts of interest or funding sources that may affect the research's objectivity.

5. **Clarity, Cohesion, and Accuracy**

The article should be well-written, clear, and logically structured, with a coherent argument and flow. The language should be precise and free of grammatical errors. Figures, tables, and other visual aids should be clearly presented and contribute to the clarity of the content. All claims, particularly complex or controversial ones, must be substantiated with evidence and appropriately referenced.

6. **Quality of Citations and Literature Review**

The manuscript should engage critically with relevant literature, demonstrating a thorough understanding of existing research in the field. Citations should be accurate and up to date, and the author should demonstrate how their research builds upon or challenges existing knowledge.

7. **Contribution to Knowledge**

The manuscript should provide a significant contribution to the academic field. This could be through advancing theory, offering novel empirical findings, or proposing innovative approaches to current issues. The manuscript should clearly state its implications for policy, practice, or future research directions.

In addition, all manuscripts will undergo **textual overlap checks** to detect possible signs of plagiarism. The publisher uses plagiarism detection tools to ensure that all submissions are original and properly attributed. Any detected overlap with previously published works will be addressed according to the journal's plagiarism policy.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	124
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	71
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	37
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	29,8%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	26

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Competing interests refer to any relationships, financial or otherwise, that could influence, or be perceived to influence, the editorial decision-making process. In accordance with ethical standards in academic publishing, all authors, editors, and reviewers must disclose any competing interests that could be seen as influencing the publication process. These interests may include financial relationships, personal connections, academic or professional conflicts, or other interests that could compromise objectivity.

While it is natural for authors, editors, and reviewers to have interests, the **ethics of scientific publication** demand full transparency. Measures must be in place to mitigate any potential conflicts to uphold the integrity and validity of the editorial process.

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