



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *International Conference on Contemporary Studies in Social Sciences* on date 28th August 2025 in the Institute for Advanced International Business, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the *Scientific Committee* and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were *adjective double-blind reviews*. Each submission was examined by *at least 2* reviewer(s) independently.

The conference submission management system was Easy chair

The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitability. After the initial screening, they were sent for peer review by matching each paper's topic with the reviewers' expertise, taking into account any competing interests. A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favourable recommendations from the two reviewers.

Authors of a rejected submission were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit after addressing the reviewers' comments. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.

To strengthen the integrity of the review process, reviewers were required to declare any competing interests and were recused from handling manuscripts involving closely related authors or collaborators. Additional steps were taken to minimize unconscious bias, such as ensuring a balanced distribution of reviewers across institutions, regions, and academic backgrounds. Reviewer assignments were carefully monitored to avoid over-reliance on a narrow pool of experts, and editorial decisions were based strictly on the quality and contribution of the submissions rather than on author identity or affiliation. These measures aimed to promote fairness, transparency, and inclusivity throughout the review process.

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2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions:

1. Pertinence of the article’s content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
3. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher. Beyond this automated screening, the editorial team also conducted manual checks where similarity scores were unusually high, to distinguish between legitimate use of cited material and potential misconduct. Authors were contacted for clarification when overlaps appeared excessive or insufficiently referenced, and manuscripts were required to undergo revision before reconsideration. These combined measures were implemented to uphold academic integrity and ensure originality in all published work.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	26
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	26
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	20
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	76.9%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	8

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee declares any competing interest.

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