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Ethical Standards of the *New Philological Review* Journal

Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement

The following ethical standards are obligatory for all subjects involved in the publication of the ***New Philological Review – a Journal of Contemporary Linguistics, Literary Science, Translation and Cultural Studies.*** The journal is published by the Faculty of Arts, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia.

The main aim of the ethical standards is to define the rights and obligations of all parties involved in the publication process – the authors, the journal (journal's publisher, Editorial Board, Scientific Board) and the reviewers – in order to ensure the maximum quality and transparency of the *New Philological Review* journal.

These ethical standards are in accordance with the standards of good publication morals defined by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

1 Obligations of Authors

The author is obliged to become acquainted with the instructions for the authors, and the Ethical Standards of the *New Philological Review* journal.

By submitting a manuscript to the Editorial Board, the author declares the following:

- the submitted work is original and has not been published yet,
- the author holds full and unrestricted copyright to the work, and this work has not and will not be offered for publication elsewhere until the final decision of the *New Philological Review* journal on its publication/non-publication is made.

The author is responsible for the content of the work. Plagiarism is inadmissible. By signing the licence agreement, the author declares that the work has been written in compliance with the standards of scientific approach, all paraphrases and citations in the work are accurate, properly attributed and in compliance with citation rules. The author is obliged to immediately notify the Editorial Board of any detected errors in the published work and to provide help in rectifying any inaccuracy.

2 Principles for the Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The authors are responsible for the accuracy, integrity, and originality of their work, including content created using artificial intelligence. Presenting output created or generated by the artificial intelligence system as the work of an individual or another natural person, or using the artificial intelligence system to directly create, generate or paraphrase full texts or other parts, is considered unethical, and such content will not be accepted for the publication. The author must not upload sensitive data, unpublished research data, or copyrighted material to publicly accessible AI models.

The following principles also apply:

- Status of the author: The artificial intelligence tools (e.g. ChatGPT) cannot be listed as an author, co-author, or cited as an author.
- Transparency and Publishing: The use of the artificial intelligence tools in draft creation, data analysis or image generation must be disclosed in manuscript with a detailed description of how they were used.
- Integrity and Data Privacy: The artificial intelligence tools must not be used to process confidential data and information.
- Statement on the use of AI-powered technology in the writing process:

If the author used AI, they must clearly and truthfully describe in the methodologic section how they did so, including the exact prompt used to generate the cited output. Citations of AI outputs are stated according to APA style.

We ask the authors to include a statement regarding AI.

Example 1:

> In preparation of this article, the author(s) used [NAME OF THE TOOL/SERVICE, e.g. ChatGPT] for [REASON, e.g. improving language, grammar and readability].

After using this tool/service, the author(s) reviewed and edited the content as necessary and are responsible for the content of the publication.

Example 2:

OpenAI. (Year). *ChatGPT* (day month version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com.

3 Accessible Summary

Submitted manuscripts (excluding reviews and information) must include *Accessible summary*, which is a summary of the article's main points written in comprehensible/simple English. Detailed instructions are published on website Open Accessible Summaries on Language Studies (OASIS).

The summary of the article submitted for the publication in simple language provides a brief overview of the conducted research, without technical terms, and is intended for a broader readership, including non-specialists. We ask the authors to include the summary of their articles written in simple English that meets the following requirements:

- Simple language: Use common words, avoid using jargon and abbreviations.
- Short sentences: Aim for sentences that are 20 – 25 word long or shorter.
- Brief paragraphs: The paragraphs should consist of maximum three sentences.
- Structure: Focus on the "main point" – what was the subject of the article, the results, and why is it relevant.

4 Project Support or Cooperation

If the work was produced with financial support or participation of another subject, or as a part of a project, these facts must be clearly stated and disclosed.

5 Obligations of Editorial Board and Scientific Board of NPR

Members of the Editorial Board and the Scientific Board undertake to act in accordance with the ethical standards of the *New Philological Review* journal, good morals, while avoiding any racial, sexual, religious, ethnic or political discrimination. The *New Philological Review* journal promotes peace and mutual understanding among nations of the world.

The Editorial Board decides on the publishing or non-publishing of the submitted manuscripts based on the results of an anonymous review procedure, which focuses on evaluating the academic merit of the manuscript. The review procedure is always conducted independently of the author. Exempt from review procedure are only manuscripts of informative nature, reports and reviews.

Members of the Editorial Board and the Scientific Board who publish in their own journal must not abuse their position in any way and are required to undergo the anonymous review process just like other manuscript authors.

The journal maintains anonymity of both authors and reviewers during the review procedure, thereby preventing any conflicts of interest.

The journal takes measures to prevent violations of the ethical standards defined in this document. In the event that, despite the measures outlined above, a violation of ethical standards occurs, the journal allows authors and others to report such violations and enable the Editorial Board to take appropriate measures to address the situation. The complainant may contact the journal's Editorial Board via email nfr@umb.sk The Editorial Board undertakes to address any complaints promptly and take corrective action in cooperation with the complainant.

6 Obligations of Reviewers

The reviewers are obliged to become acquainted with

- the ethical standards of the *New Philological Review* journal,
- the form of the review and the way of its preparation.

The Editorial Board decides on publishing/non-publishing of manuscript based on at least two reviews.

The reviewer cannot be from the same department as the author of the submitted manuscript. The reviewer approaches the evaluation of the article objectively, impartially and responsibly. They undertake to review the article on time and to the required quality. The reviewer should immediately inform the Editorial Board if there is a conflict of interest, they do not have enough time to review the manuscript, they do not feel sufficiently qualified or are unable to prepare the review. The reviewer maintains anonymity and undertakes not to misuse the information or ideas obtained in connection with the preparation of the review for personal gain. The reviewer should immediately notify the

Editorial Board if the article has already been published elsewhere or if it shows signs of plagiarism.

7 Procedure for Dealing with Cases of Unethical Conduct

As a matter of principle, we assume that the authors, the Editorial Board and the Scientific Board, adhere to the ethical publishing principles.

Any suspected violation of the Ethical Standards of the *New Philological Review* journal, or any unethical conduct must be reported to the Editorial Board. The investigation is conducted impartially, with examination of all relevant evidence.

Minor violations are handled internally or, where appropriate, directly with the person concerned. Severe violations are handled by the Editorial Board; impartial experts may be invited.

The investigation may resolve in informing and instructing the person concerned, a written warning or, where appropriate, a withdrawal of the article in question.

8. Final Provision

These standards enter into force after being approved by the Editorial Board and are part of the documentation of the FF MBU in Banská Bystrica.

Banská Bystrica, 19.03.2026

The ethical standards of NPR were unanimously approved by the Editorial Board of the *New Philological Review* journal by per rollam voting.

Banská Bystrica, 23.03.2026