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Overview

Hello there dear scholars! We know that going through all of the information herein can be time-consuming. This is why we have this page for people like you to start from. Most of the time, you will be here because you have a manuscript that you wish to publish and there will be several questions on your mind based on your experience on the matter and the specific requirements from your end. We will try to point you in the right direction with the least words possible.

The First Challenge

Most scholars like you find themselves here through either organic search when you are looking for a place to submit your manuscript, recommendations from your friends who have already published with us or direct initial contact from one of our secretariat members. The first questions, therefore, emerge from the obvious doubt that exists in the absence of familiarity. You can read our frequently asked questions to get a head start on the common questions scholars like yourself ask us. You can also get a preliminary overview of our journals, what we stand for and why we do what we do. After you are okay with that, let us now tell you about our journals.

About Our Journals

We host twenty different journals that are in the genres of Advanced Research, Swahili Studies, Agriculture and Biotechnology, Information Technology, Forestry and Agroforestry, Business and Economics, Arts and Social Sciences, Engineering, Education Studies, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Science, Interdisciplinary Studies, Law and Ethics, Traditions, Culture and Religion, History and Geography, Geopolitics and Governance, Climate Change and Resource Sustainability, Pure and Applied Chemistry, Tourism and Hospitality Management and Finance and Accounting. You can click any of the genres you want to be redirected to the specific journals. We have also commenced a Thesis Archive that is meant to academically preserve and distribute the assortment of scholarly research around the world.

The advantage is that there is a high chance your manuscript will fit in one of these journals and that we do the journal selection and assignments ourselves so that you focus on the content of your manuscript without worrying if it fits the specificities of our journals.

More About the Journals?

What is open access? First of all, all our journals are open access with the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License. You can read about this from our open access policy.

What open access means is that if you publish with us, we will not sell your articles for profit to the target stakeholders. This means that your work will be free and easy to access by anyone from around the world. This is also why we will attach a flexible Creative Commons license that allows other scholars or researchers to use and reuse your work but always credit it as yours. Open access to knowledge is what is spurring innovation around the world because people can easily access knowledge, learn from it, recreate it, improve it and finally redistribute it for others to repeat the process.

Are the journals peer-reviewed? Yes, they are. You can read about this from our peer-review process. This is sometimes referred to as being refereed. Although not the same concept, the two words mean that we do not publish anything without having professionals go through the information for quality, relevance and accuracy guarantees. We also try to improve articles submitted to us and make them far much better than their original versions.

Are the journals indexed? Of course. Indexing is important because it ensures the articles published in our journals can be easily accessed by anyone interested in the information globally. If you submit your manuscript to a poorly indexed journal, you will know this easily after your manuscript has been published because it will be hard to reach it without knowing the exact link where it is published. For well-indexed journals, you can simply search for your name or part of the title in Google Scholar (or even just google) and the article shows up. All our journals assign journal-level, issue-level and article-level DOIs. This means that all our articles are indexed by Crossref and that your articles will always have the same identifier link no matter how many times we move them. These days we find our journals appearing in more databases and indexes than we can keep up with. Some of them include ISSN, Crossref, Scilit, Lens.Org, Dissemin, Google Scholar, Fatcat, Semantic Scholar, Microsoft Academic, WorldCat, Bing, Scinapse, Wikidata, CORE, PlumX, BASE, DataCite, and more.

But are they in Scopus and/or DOAJ? Unfortunately, not yet. And the reason is that all of our journals are still quite young for inclusion in these highly esteemed databases. DOAJ requires at least 2 years whereas

Scopus at least 3 years of operation. The best time to apply for these indexes is after at least 5 years of operation or they will reject your journals and give you an embargo of several years before you can apply again. Our strategy is to create the best peer-review process following the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines as we wait for our time to apply for the indexes. If this is a must for your case, then see you again in 3 years.

Anything else? We have also signed up for archiving with enduring international libraries and databases. What this means to our scholars is that their work will always be available and accessible even after none of us is still alive on this earth. That takes care of situations some scholars find themselves in when they realize that some of the articles they listed in their CVs can no longer be reached or no longer exist. We are also a part of the Sherpa/Romeo aggregation that highlights our open access policy and our self-archiving policy. Self-archiving means that immediately after you publish your work with us, you are free to redistribute it through your other networks. Your institution can have it displayed on their website if it is allowed and you can share the same on academic social sites and conferences.

How to Submit

First of all, before you submit your manuscript, we usually encourage you to discuss about us with your colleagues, co-authors or a representative at your institution. This makes it easier for you because everyone will be on the same page. If you skip this stage, there might be a chance that there are some specific requirements that your co-authors or institution require that we haven't met.

After you have gotten that out of the way, you can then email us your submission through the Editor-in-Chief's email editor@eanso.org. You can read the specific requirements and guidelines for details.

We have a central redirecting email for all our journals and archives so that we do not complicate the process for our scholars. You can look at the submission guidelines in detail. We however prioritize the quality and accuracy of your information above everything else. You should keep the word count between 3000 and 7000. This is especially important if you are intending to request a print copy after the issue your article appears in has been printed.

You should also take the referencing seriously and use the APA system. Accurate, useful and meaningful citations and references are what draw the line between the mainstream information we read in newspapers and academic articles. Having this in mind will mean that even your sources and years of the sources are deliberately selected to add knowledge and experience to your article.

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So, What Happens After You Submit?

Well, a lot. In the first 30 minutes, the manuscript shall be preliminarily reviewed to make sure that it is academic, scholarly, quality and fits in one or more of our 20 hosted journals. The abstract is usually read at this stage so that we can effectively assign your manuscript to a specific journal. We also look at the availed biodata to make sure that all the authors are known with their affiliations and contact information that includes the emails, phone numbers and ORCIDs. If this stage is not successful, we will immediately inform you via email and guide you on the most appropriate course of action.

If the above stage is successful, we will then assign your manuscript an alphanumeric code for the blinding process. Take the blinding process as a stage where the names and the contact information for authors are removed from their manuscript and replaced by the alphanumeric codes. This makes sure that there is no bias during the review process and the privacy of the scholars publishing with us is safeguarded.

The manuscript is then registered into our articles tracking system and sent to reviewers. It is after this has been done that you receive an acknowledgement letter that has information like the journal your article has been placed under, the expected article processing fee for the journal and the expected dates

between review and publishing. The acknowledgement email often attaches a stamped acknowledgement letter that you can print (although we discourage this because of our environmental championing mission) for future reference.

We hope that this information gets you started well as you move around our site looking to publish your article. The good thing here is that we are always available (unless when we are not) for assistance. You can chat with us, call and even email us whenever you have challenges during your publication process.

What About the Fee?

Oh yes! We almost forgot. None of our journals is free. The cheapest is 55 US dollars whereas the most expensive is 190 US dollars. If you need a print copy after the issue is out, you will usually be required to pay an extra 60 US dollars (for making us destroy trees) and the shipping fee to your country or affiliation. You can read more about this from our applicable fee section.

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