

## Peer review policy

The journal *Arhivele Totalitarismului* considers the external peer-review process to be an essential prerequisite for ensuring high academic standards, both for the journal itself and for the authors submitting manuscripts.

For papers submitted in French or English, authors must ensure that the text has been proofread for linguistic accuracy.

For the evaluation of articles, the journal *Arhivele Totalitarismului* first submits received manuscripts to members of the editorial board for an initial assessment, which consists of verifying the compatibility of the chosen topic with the journal's editorial policy. Subsequently, using the double-blind peer-review model, whereby the identities of both the author and the reviewer are anonymized in order to reduce the risk of subjectivity in the evaluation process, each article is sent to independent reviewers who are members of the journal's pool of evaluators collaborating with the editorial board. Throughout the review process, only the editorial board is aware of the identities of both the author and the reviewer, and this information remains confidential. Independent reviewers are invited to declare their expertise and confirm the absence of any conflict of interest. They are selected from among recognized specialists in the field from research centers and universities in Romania and abroad. The list of reviewers is published on the website of the National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism.

The journal *Arhivele Totalitarismului* provides reviewers with a review form, available in Romanian or English, which they use during the evaluation process. The review form contains several sections in which reviewers are invited to assess the originality, novelty, and contribution of the manuscript to the understanding of the topic. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited, as is the use of artificial intelligence tools. Manuscripts must always include the sources used, clearly cited within the text. Reviewers assess submissions exclusively on the basis of the academic quality of the proposed study, excluding any possible form of discrimination.

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Following the evaluation, the reviewer may recommend publication of the article in the form submitted by the author, publication after minor or major revisions, or rejection of the manuscript.

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