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ETHICAL DECLARATION

Basic principles

The operation of *Hadtudomány*, the scientific journal of the Hungarian Association of Military Science is based on the following basic principles:

- esteem of human values;
- protection of minorities, recognition of their rights;
- digital data protection;
- recognition of scientific integrity;
- respecting copyrights;
- respecting the spirit of discussion and critical thinking.

Naturally, the norms of the **Code of Ethics** of the Hungarian Association of Military Science refer to the contributors and staff of the journal of the Association. All parties involved in the publication of *Hadtudomány* (authors, editorial board, proofreaders, and publishing house) must accept the ethical rules and regulations laid out in the Code of Ethics. The present moral declaration is based on the Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE – <https://publicationethics.org/core-practices>).

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1. Decisions on publication

Decisions on publishing submitted papers are made by the Editorial Board of the Journal. The objective is to publish submitted papers if they meet the profile of the Journal, its content and formal requirements, and the regulations of publication ethics. The Editorial Board considers whether a submitted paper complies with the relevant legal acts on discrediting, copyright violations, and plagiarism. To this end, a member of the Editorial Board and the assigned proofreader may use plagiarism detection tools. The contributor(s) are notified on the decision of

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The Editorial Board and its members do not provide any information on the manuscripts submitted for publication. Exceptions to this rule are the author, the proofreaders who may be considered as reviewers, and the publisher.

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The assigned reviewer must state within a reasonable timeframe whether he/she is able to undertake an evaluation of the paper. If he/she considers his/her professional preparedness insufficient for the evaluation of the research presented in the manuscript, or if he/she will not be able to prepare his/her opinion properly by the set deadline, he/she must inform the editor in chief.

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The authors are to declare if the paper is their own original intellectual property, and if they used the works or phrases by other authors, those should be quoted appropriately and referred to properly.

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All quoted works should be referred to in a precise manner. Authors are to refer to all publications which had an impact on their work.

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All authors are required to disclose in their manuscript any financial or other material any conflict of interest that may affect its results or interpretation. If the research has received a grant, all sources of the grant must be indicated in the manuscript and made public.

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If the author discovers a substantial mistake or inaccuracy in his/her already published work, he/she must immediately notify the editor in chief or publisher of the journal and cooperate with the Editorial Board in correcting or revoking the study. The author may appeal to the Ethics Committee of the Hungarian Association of Military Science if he/she believes that the principles set out in the MHTT Code of Ethics and/or the present Ethical Declaration were violated during the evaluation and publication of his/her study.

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