

Peer Review Policy of the Annals of the Croatian Political Science Association

Apart from essays, book reviews, and notices, the *Annals of the Croatian Political Science Association* publish exclusively original academic papers that have passed the previous procedure of double anonymous peer review. Published papers must receive at least two positive reviews from the reviewers competent in the field.

In the case of split reviews in the first round of review process, a third review is required. The emphasis in the process is on anonymous reasoned dialogue between reviewers and authors. In the case of the conditionally positive reviews, the authors must implement the required changes and explain them in a separate document, where they must provide a particularly convincing argument if they consider the introduction of some of the requested changes to be unjustified. Reviewers who have given a conditionally positive review receive a revised version of the text and express their judgement on its acceptability for publication.

After the review process is completed, the final decision on publication is made by the editor-in-chief in consultations with the editorial board. If the received text does not meet the minimum quality standards of the journal or its subject and approach do not match the area of the journal, the editor-in-chief has the right to reject the text before the review process (so-called desk rejection), informing the authors as soon as possible and supporting the decision with reasonable arguments.

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