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Author Guidelines

Editorial objectives

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Each paper is reviewed by the editor and, if it is judged suitable for this publication, it is then sent to two referees for double blind peer review. Based on their recommendations, the editor then decides whether the paper should be accepted as is, revised or rejected.

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Does the article demonstrate originality of theory, practice or is it an original case study?

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Are the author's themes clearly stated? Does the paper follow through by addressing these themes, consistently and cogently?

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Does the paper demonstrate an adequate understanding of the current literature in the field? Does it connect with the literature in a way, which might be useful to the development of our understanding in the area it addresses?

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Has the intellectual work that is the basis for this paper been built on adequate evidence, informational input, or other intellectual raw materials? Has the research or equivalent intellectual work on which the paper is based been well designed?

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Are the conclusions of the paper clearly stated? Cohesiveness of paper: do the conclusions adequately tie together the other elements of the paper (such as theory, data and critical perspectives)?

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