



Policy on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Research and Publishing

The Athens Institute recognizes the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in academic research and publishing. AI technologies can assist in idea generation, language polishing, data analysis, and structuring submissions. However, AI cannot replace human scholarly judgement, creativity, and accountability. This policy outlines the principles governing the responsible use of AI by authors, reviewers, and editors. The Athens Institute uses AI-based software to detect whether a paper contains AI-generated text. If the results show AI generated papers, then the results are sent to authors only. We do recommend that the authors themselves do this before they submit their abstract/paper.

1. Principles of Responsible AI Use

- AI may assist but cannot substitute for original, critical, and ethical scholarly work.
- Authors, reviewers, and editors remain fully responsible for the accuracy, validity, and integrity of all work submitted or published.
- Transparency and disclosure of AI use are essential to uphold research integrity.

2. Expectations for Authors

2.1 Assistive AI Tools

It is wholly appropriate to use AI tools to improve grammar, clarity, style, or English language editing; publication in Atiner journals is contingent on good writing and proper English. Using AI tools for this purpose does not require disclosure. Authors, however, cannot use those tools to write the paper, only to improve it. Authors are responsible for ensuring the originality and intellectual rigour of their work.

2.2 Generative AI Tools

When generative AI is used to create text, images, references, or other content, authors must:

- Disclose the use of such tools in the acknowledgements or methods section, including the tool's name and purpose.
- Verify the accuracy of facts, data, and references produced by AI.
- Check for plagiarism, fabricated sources, or misleading information.
- Avoid citing AI tools as independent sources.



- Refrain from attributing authorship to AI systems.

Undisclosed or inappropriate use of generative AI may result in rejection or retraction.

3. Expectations for Reviewers

- Reviewers may use AI tools to improve language, clarity, or English expression in their reviews.
- Review reports must not be generated by AI systems.
- Confidentiality must be maintained: unpublished manuscripts or review content must not be uploaded to AI platforms.
- Reviewers remain fully responsible for the accuracy, fairness, and originality of their evaluations.

4. Expectations for Editors

- Editors may use AI tools for administrative tasks (e.g., organizing and tracking manuscript submissions, managing peer review and decisions, proofreading English).
- Generative AI must not be used to draft decision letters, assess manuscripts, or summarize unpublished work.
- Editors are responsible for safeguarding the scholarly record and ensuring that AI use does not compromise confidentiality, accuracy, or fairness.

5. Addressing Misuse of AI

- Concerns about inappropriate or undisclosed AI use should be reported to the journal's editorial office.
- Investigations will be conducted in accordance with **Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)** guidelines and Athens Institute's publishing policies.
- The Institute reserves the right to reject or retract work where AI has been used unethically or without disclosure.