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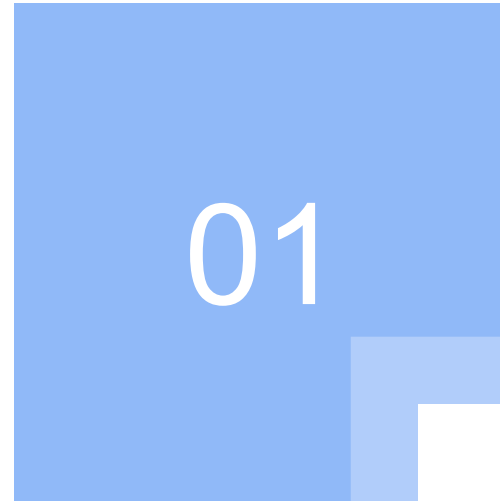


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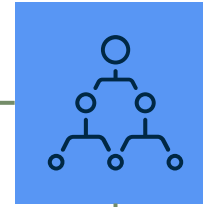
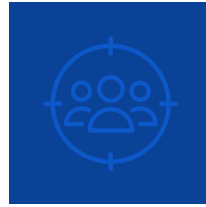
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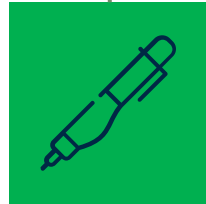


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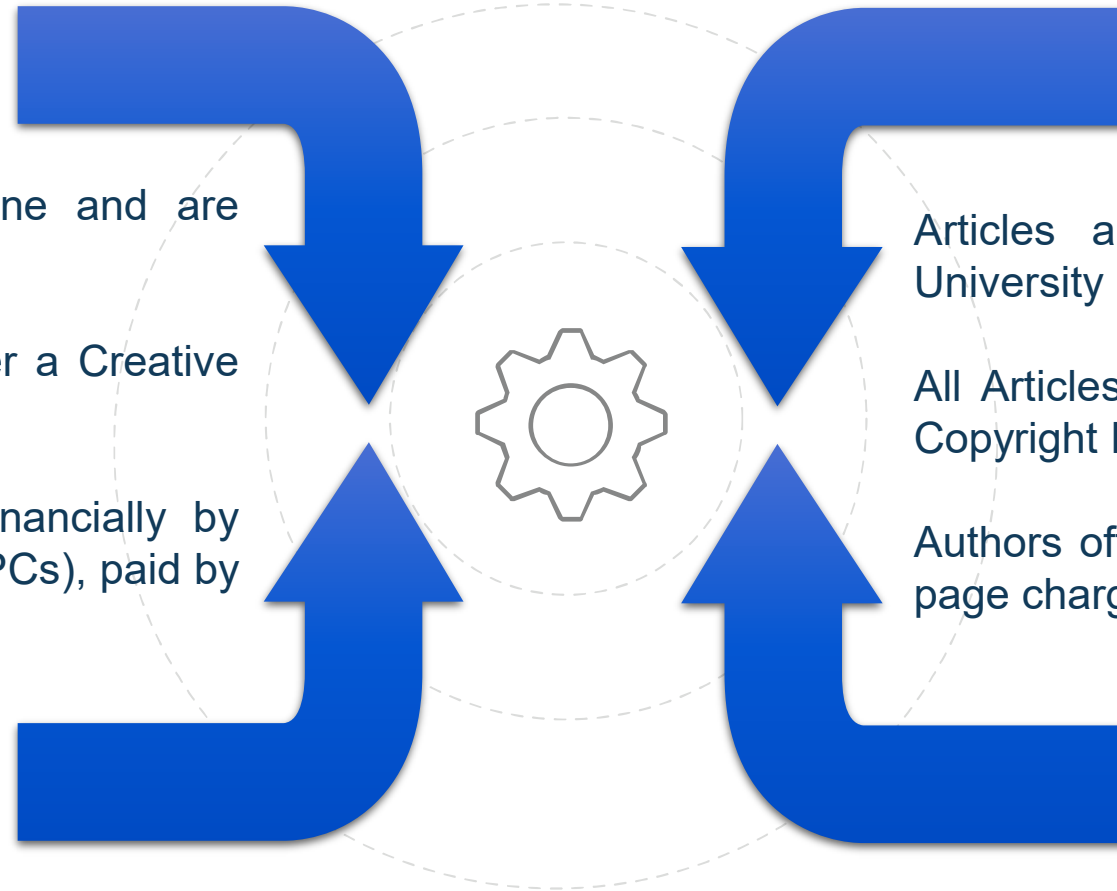
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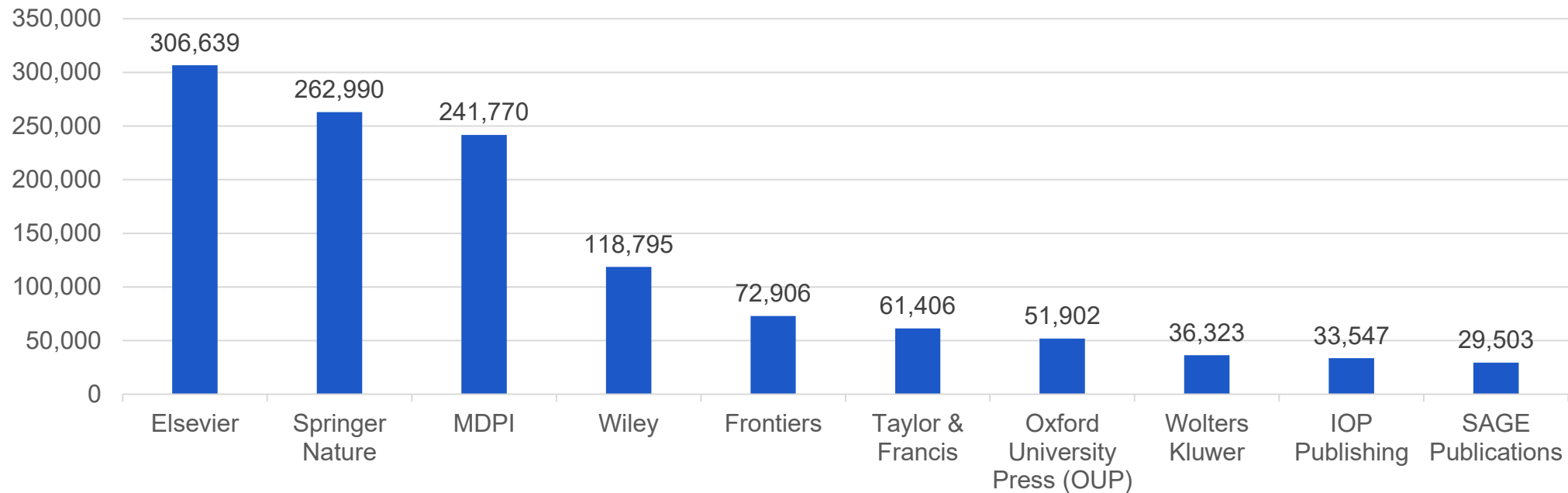
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- Law
- Linguistics
- Political science
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- Social policy
- Social work
- Sociology
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Introduction



Statistics & Indexing

Journal Statistics

- **4,112** Papers published
- **859** Papers cited 10 times or more

Journal Indexing

- ESCI (Web of Science), 2021
- Scopus, 2016

Impact Factor

- Current Impact Factor : 1.7 (2024)
- CiteScore: 3.1 (2024)

Journal Rank:

- JCR - Q2 (*SOCIAL SCIENCES, INTERDISCIPLINARY - ESCI*)
- CiteScore - Q2 (*General Social Sciences*)

Rejection Rate:

- **69.85** (2023)
- **68.07** (2024)



Advantage

34.2 days: Submission to First Decision

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- **Quick** Turnaround Time
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- Copyright by authors
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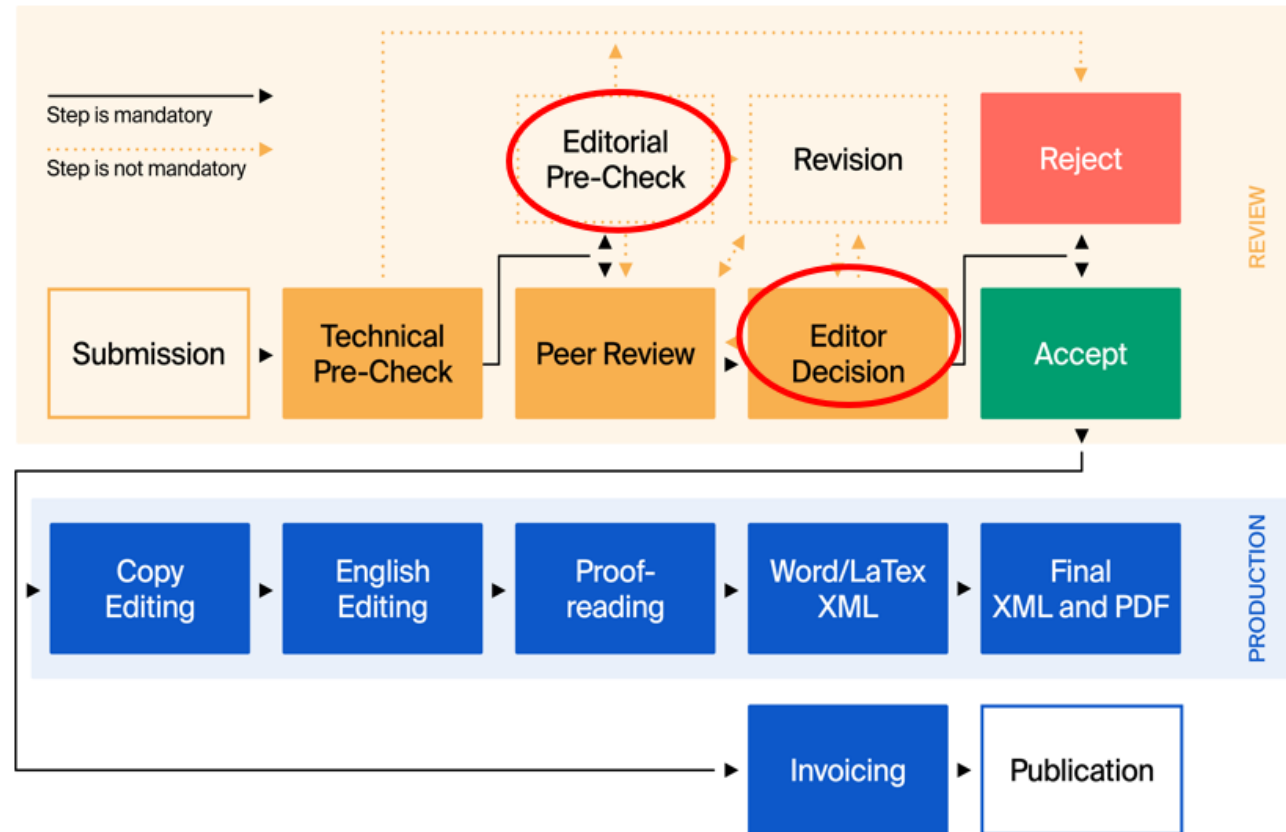
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 2. Editorial Board member
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- 1<2<3

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- Editorial Pre-Check
- Editor Decision: The First Decision and The Final Decision



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- ✓ Originality/novelty
- ✓ Significance of content
- ✓ Quality of presentation
- ✓ Scientific soundness
- ✓ Interest to the readers
- ✓ Overall merit

Peer-Review - Content

Evaluation Criteria

Articles

- ✓ Does the introduction provide sufficient background and include all relevant references?
- ✓ Is the research design appropriate?
- ✓ Are the methods adequately described?
- ✓ Are the results clearly presented?
- ✓ Are the conclusions supported by the results?

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- ✓ Is the work a significant contribution to the field?
- ✓ Is the work well organized and comprehensively described?
- ✓ Is the work scientifically sound and not misleading?
- ✓ Are there appropriate and adequate references to related and previous work?
- ✓ Is the English used correct and readable?

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- ✓ All review reports
- ✓ Novelty
- ✓ Significance of content: Introduction, design, methods, result, and conclusions
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- ✓ Scientific soundness
- ✓ Interest to the readers
- ✓ Language
- ✓ Ethical
- ✓ Overall merit



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