Author Guide: Key Information for Prospective Contributors

Welcome to The Digital Hate Review (DHR), a peer-reviewed, open-access journal dedicated to interdisciplinary research at the intersection of discourse, hate studies, and digital culture. This guide outlines key policies, formatting requirements, and ethical standards to help authors prepare their

1. Aims, Scope & Audience

We publish original, peer-reviewed research that contributes to scholarly, social, and public understandings of discourse and social harm in digital environments. Our scope includes—but is not limited to—studies of hate speech, conspiracy theories, anti-democratic resentment, mis- and disinformation, and other communicative phenomena that reveal how digital communication shapes social realities, amplifies harm, and opens new possibilities for understanding, resilience, and repair.

We welcome:

- Empirical, theoretical, or methodological work in discourse analysis, media studies, linguistics, political communication, and digital humanities
- Applied contributions from educators, policymakers, NGO researchers, and civic technologists
- Interdisciplinary projects that connect qualitative, quantitative, computational, or LLM-enhanced approaches
- Research addressing the ethical, political, or legal implications of digital inquiry—such as data processing, anonymity, and the responsible use of AI

Submissions should demonstrate conceptual clarity, methodological rigor, and clear relevance to contemporary public discourse or policy debates.

2. Article Types & Length

- Research Articles: 5,000–10,000 words
- (main text, excluding references)
- Short Essays & Notes: 2,000–4,000 words
- Special Submissions: Longer submissions considered case-by-case (e.g., extended data studies, multimodal analyses)

3. Submission Format & Requirements

- Accepted File Format: .docx
- Citation Style: APA 7th edition (required at final stage; flexible on initial submission)
- Manuscript Structure:
  - Title page (submitted separately): article title, author names, affiliations, contact info, acknowledgments
  - Main document: anonymized text, abstract (max 250 words), tables and figures embedded or at end
  - References: complete and consistent per APA 7
  - Optional: data availability statement, appendices, supplementary material
- Language: English only.
  Authors are responsible for ensuring linguistic clarity; limited language-editing support may be provided.

4. Peer Review Process

- Double-blind review (authors and reviewers anonymous)
- Reviewed by two expert referees
- Average review time: approximately 4–8 weeks from submission to initial decision
- Max 2 rounds of revision recommended
- Authors may suggest or exclude reviewers (editorial discretion applies)

5. Open Access, Copyright & Licensing

- DHR is fully open access (no fees)
- Authors retain copyright
- Default license: CC BY-NC 4.0 (Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial)
- Reuse, republication, and repository sharing are permitted with proper citation

6. Preprints, Prior Work & Self-Citation

- Preprint servers (e.g., arXiv, OSF) permitted with disclosure
- No duplicate submissions or redundant publications
- Self-citation acceptable if proportionate and relevant

7. Data & Transparency Requirements

- All articles must include a Data Availability Statement
- Underlying data should be made publicly available upon submission (e.g., via Zenodo, OSF, or an institutional repository)
- Ethical or legal restrictions must be justified
- Authors employing AI-based or LLM-supported analysis should describe their methodological setup and safeguards to ensure transparency and reproducibility

8. Research Ethics & COPE Adherence

We follow the COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) guidelines. Authors must:

- Disclose funding sources and conflicts of interest
- Confirm ethical approval for human subjects research
- Ensure responsible data collection and reporting
- Acknowledge contributions properly

Plagiarism, falsification, and misconduct will result in rejection or retraction.

9. Promotion & Indexing

- All articles receive a DOI (Crossref)
- Indexed in Google Scholar, DOAJ (pending), and other databases
- Promoted via newsletter, social media, and institutional channels

10. Publication Schedule

- Rolling online publication upon acceptance and final copyediting
- Digital issues appear monthly or quarterly
- Annual or biannual print volumes may include selected articles

11. How to Submit

Please visit: www.DigitalHateReview.com for current calls, template files, and the submission portal.

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