

## **General statements**

17 Series of St. Petersburg State University' Vestnik "Philosophy. Conflictology. Cultural Studies. Religious Studies." is scientific and theoretical journal of the Institute of Philosophy. The Series became a separate edition in 2012. It's the successor of 6 Series of Leningrad State University's Vestnik established in 1946. In order to preserve and multiply the best traditions of Russian philosophical science, journal publishes the research results in the field of traditional philosophical disciplines - ontology, epistemology, logic, ethics, aesthetics and the history of philosophy. At the same time, it publishes the latest developments on cultural and religious studies and conflictology. The publication is aimed at a professional audience as well as at wide range of readers interested in the problems of world outlook and current philosophical situation.

## **Editorial Policy**

The editorial policy of 17 Series of the Vestnik of St. Petersburg State University is based on current legislation in the field of copyright law, the Charter of the Vestnik SPSU, ethical principles and organizational norms recommended by the Ethics Committee of the publication Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE) (<http://publicationethics.org/>).

The editorial policy's aims 1) to create conditions for the publication of topical articles and materials on philosophy, cultural and religious studies and conflictology; 2) to participate in joint publishing projects of leading educational institutions of Russia and the world; 3) Systematic updating of themes and journal columns in accordance with the requirements of the modern social and cultural situation.

### **Priority areas of editorial policy:**

1) Publication of articles, book reviews, archival materials and translations with commentary creating by leading domestic and foreign researchers, as well as the most promising research results of young scientists. The main conditions of publication are the scientific novelty and relevance, theoretical depth and professionalism.

2) Competitive selection of publishing materials is based on their actual scientific informational novelty. All incoming manuscripts pass through compulsory, objective and independent peer review by leading experts from St. Petersburg State University. The Editorial Board is guided by the "Regulations on reviewing the materials". It is not allowed publication of previously published articles in Russian or articles submitted for publication elsewhere.

3) Formation of editorial portfolio is a public platform for free scientific community. The Series presents different points of view, while welcoming the debate on their pages. The editorial board draws a clear line between censorship and editing materials therefore, the position of the authors of articles and reviews in content and style may not reflect the views of the editorial board of the Series.

4) Preservation and enhancement of the classical tradition of the St. Petersburg State University Vestnik is achieved by thorough editing and publishing work both of authors and editors in order to maximize the quality of presentation of research results. Regular information about the most important events in the scientific life of St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia and in the world, as well as systematic review of the most interesting monographs and collections of articles forms and maintains communicative space in the humanities.

5) Promotion of series in the scientific informational space of Russia and the world, development of professional relations by expanding the geography of publications. Constant updating journal's columns and topics to reflect the latest trends in modern philosophical knowledge. Monitoring Series impact factor in order to compare with specialized journals included in the list of VAK, RINS, Scopus and WoSc and to ensure compliance with the criteria of publications in these journals.

#### **Editorial board is guided by ethical principles:**

1) Scientific objectivity and independence in the matter of selection of research materials. Acceptance or rejection of scientific articles is carried out exclusively on the basis of relevance, scientific merit, originality of the presented results, as well as their compliance with the scientific domain of the edition. Authors' discrimination on grounds of nationality, gender, religious beliefs and political views is unacceptable.

2) Competence and scrupulousness in the process of scientific expertise and preparing materials for publication. Articles containing slander, personal criticism and copyright infringement rejected without review. Plagiarism and non-recognition of sources are considered as violations of scientific ethics. Editorial Board will prevent such violations and inform the scientific community. It also ensures the ability to publish materials that reflect different points of view, reserving the right to reduce the published materials and their adaptation to the rubrics of the journal.

3) Confidentiality and privacy of information. Scientific ideas and materials contained in publication should not be used in the work by the board members and other third parties without the written permission of the authors. Confidential information received by reviewers must not be disclosed and used for personal benefit.

4) Collegiality and mutual respect. All members of the board are involved in shaping the content of journal on an equal footing and are equally responsible for the quality of published materials. Controversial issues and conflicts of interest (academic, personal, financial) must be resolved by the Editorial Board. The final decision on acceptance or rejection of a paper remains within the competence of the chief editor.

5) Transparency and accountability, which is expressed in close collaboration with the authors, reviewers and readers of the journal, in the readiness to recognize errors and, if necessary, to publish corrections, updates, retraction and apologies in order to ensure continuous improvement and increase reputation of the journal within the scientific community.