

Unified Scholars and Publishers

Terms and Conditions of Use

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1. Introduction

1.1 These terms and conditions shall govern your use of all our web platforms, as listed in Sec 22.

1.2 By using our website(s), you accept these terms and conditions in full; accordingly, if you disagree with these terms and conditions or any part of these terms and conditions, you must not use our website.

1.3 If you [register with our website, submit any material to our website or use any of our website services], we will ask you to expressly agree to these terms and conditions.

1.4 You must be at least [18] years of age to use our website; by using our website or agreeing to these terms and conditions, you warrant and represent to us that you are at least [18] years of age.

2. Credit

2.1 This document was created using a template from Docular (<https://seqlegal.com/free-legal-documents/website-terms-and-conditions>).

We have retained the above credit so as not to violate copyright.

3. Copyright and patent notice

3.1 Copyright (c) [2023] [Unified Scholars and Publishers Inc.], [Unified Scholars and Publishers UK Ltd.]

3.2 Subject to the express provisions of these terms and conditions:

(a) we, together with our licensors, own and control all the copyright and other intellectual property rights that relate to all our websites. Our users - scholars and researchers - may lay valid claim to the copyrights of materials that are submitted to and appear on our website; and

(b) all the copyright and other intellectual property rights in our website and the material on our website are reserved.

4. Permission to use website

4.1 You may:

(a) view pages from our website in a web browser;

(b) download pages from our website for caching in a web browser;

(c) submit/upload files to our website [subject to our publishing policy and/or publishing terms]

(d) print and/or download files from our website [for your own personal and/or commercial use subject to our publishing terms]

- (e) [stream audio and video files from our website [using the media player on our website]]; and
- (f) evaluate, assess, and submit reviews of files on our website;
- (f) [use [our website services] by means of a web browser];
- (h) earn legitimate income on the platform (subject to our payment terms)

[additional list items]

subject to the other provisions of these terms and conditions.

4.2 Except as expressly permitted by Section 4.1 or the other provisions of these terms and conditions,

4.3 You may only use our website for [[your own personal or business purposes]] if and only if they relate to scholarly publishing and/or the transfer and dissemination of research knowledge.

4.4 Except as expressly permitted by these terms and conditions, you must not edit or otherwise modify any material on our website. Your right to submit reviews doesn't allow you to modify or edit manuscripts that are legally owned by other scholars.

4.5 Unless you own or control the relevant rights in the material or are granted such rights, you must not:

- (a) republish material from our website (including republication on another website);
- (b) sell, rent or sub-license material from our website;
- (c) show any material from our website in public;
- (d) exploit material from our website for a commercial purpose;

4.6 Notwithstanding Section 4.5, users may download, save, share, distribute and redistribute [manuscripts] in [print and/or electronic form] to [any person] within the academic or research community, provided there is no commercial intent.

4.7 We reserve the right to suspend or restrict access to our website, to areas of our website and/or to some functionality of our website. We may, for example, suspend access to the website [during server maintenance or when we update the website]. You must not circumvent or bypass, or attempt to circumvent or bypass, any access restriction measures on the website.

5. Misuse of website(s)

5.1 You must not:

- (a) use our website in any way or take any action that causes, or may cause, damage to the website or impairment of the performance, availability, accessibility, integrity or security of the website;
- (b) use our website in any way that is unlawful, illegal, fraudulent or harmful, or in connection with any unlawful, illegal, fraudulent or harmful purpose or activity;
- (c) hack or otherwise tamper with our website;

- (d) probe, scan or test the vulnerability of our website without our permission;
- (e) circumvent any authentication or security systems or processes on or relating to our website;
- (f) use our website to copy, store, host, transmit, send, use, publish or distribute any material which consists of (or is linked to) any spyware, computer virus, Trojan horse, worm, keystroke logger, rootkit or other malicious computer software;
- (g) [impose an unreasonably large load on our website resources (including bandwidth, storage capacity and processing capacity)];
- (h) [decrypt or decipher any communications sent by or to our website without our permission];
- (i) [conduct any systematic or automated data collection activities (including without limitation scraping, data mining, data extraction and data harvesting) on or in relation to our website without our express written consent];
- (j) [access or otherwise interact with our website using any robot, spider or other automated means[, except for the purpose of [search engine indexing]]];
- (k) [use our website except by means of our public interfaces];
- (l) [violate the directives set out in the robots.txt file for our website];
- (m) [use data collected from our website for any direct marketing activity (including without limitation email marketing, SMS marketing, telemarketing and direct mailing)]; or
- (n) [do anything that interferes with the normal use of our website].

[additional list items]

5.2 You must not use data collected from our website to contact individuals, companies or other persons or entities.

5.3 You must ensure that all the information you supply to us through our website, or in relation to our website, is [true, accurate, current, complete and non-misleading].

6. Registration and accounts

6.1 To be eligible for [an account] on our website under this Section 6, you must [be an academic, researcher, scholar, student or a publisher].

6.2 You may register for an account with our website by [completing and submitting the account registration form on our website, and clicking on the verification link in the email that the website will send to you].

6.3 You must not allow any other person to use your account to access the website.

6.4 You must notify us in writing immediately if you become aware of any unauthorised use of your account.

6.5 You must not use any other person's account to access the website, [unless you have that person's express permission to do so].

7. User login details

7.1 If you register for an account with our website, [we will provide you with] OR [you will be asked to choose] [a user ID and password].

7.2 Your user ID must not be liable to mislead and must comply with the content rules set out in Section 10; you must not use your account or user ID for or in connection with the impersonation of any person.

7.3 You must keep your password confidential.

7.4 You must notify us in writing immediately if you become aware of any disclosure of your password

7.5 You are responsible for any activity on our website arising out of any failure to keep your password confidential, and may be held liable for any losses arising out of such a failure.

8. Cancellation and suspension of account

8.1 We may:

- (a) [suspend your account];
- (b) [cancel your account]; and/or
- (c) [edit your account details],

at any time in our sole discretion with or without notice to you.

8.2 We will not cancel or suspend an account if it remains unused for long periods.

8.3 You may cancel your account on our website [by sending us an email with your user id]

8.4 We most likely would not edit your account details, but reserve the right to do so, if necessary

9. Your content(s) and our rights thereto

9.1 In these terms and conditions, "your content" means [all works and materials (including without limitation text, graphics, images, audio material, video material, audio-visual material, scripts, software and files) that you submit to our website(s), for storage, peer review service, publication or any processing or services that we offer;

9.2 You grant to us a [worldwide, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free licence] to [use, reproduce, store, adapt, publish, translate and distribute your content in any existing or future media] OR [reproduce, store and publish your content on and in relation to this website and any successor website] OR [reproduce, store and, with your specific consent, publish your content on and in relation to this website].

9.3 You grant to us the right to sub-license the rights licensed under Section 9.2.

9.4 You grant to us the right to bring an action for infringement by any third party of the rights licensed under Section 9.2.

9.5 You retain all your moral rights in your content to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law; and you warrant and represent that all other moral rights in your content have also been granted to us, to use on your behalf, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law.

9.6 Without prejudice to our other rights under these terms and conditions, if you breach any provision of these terms and conditions in any way, or if we reasonably suspect that you have breached these terms and conditions in any way, we may delete, unpublish or edit any or all of your content.

9.7 You warrant that you are the intellectual owner of your material and that there are no plagiarised or inappropriate parts of the material;

9.8 You agree that you bear sole responsibility for violations of copyright and intellectual property infringement that may be contained in your material;

10. Rules about your content

10.1 You warrant and represent that your content will comply with these terms and conditions.

10.2 Your content must not be illegal or unlawful, must not infringe any person's legal rights, and must not be capable of giving rise to legal action against any person (in each case in any jurisdiction and under any applicable law).

10.3 Your content, and the use of your content by us in accordance with these terms and conditions, must not:

- (a) be libellous or maliciously false;
- (b) be obscene or indecent;
- (c) infringe any copyright, moral right, database right, trade mark right, design right, right in passing off or other intellectual property right;
- (d) infringe any right of confidence, right of privacy or right under data protection legislation;
- (e) [constitute negligent advice or contain any negligent statement];
- (f) [constitute an incitement to commit a crime, instructions for the commission of a crime or the promotion of criminal activity];
- (g) [be in contempt of any court or in breach of any court order];
- (h) [be in breach of racial or religious hatred or discrimination legislation];
- (i) [be blasphemous];
- (j) [be in breach of official secrets legislation];
- (k) [be in breach of any contractual obligation owed to any person];
- (l) [depict violence[in an explicit, graphic or gratuitous manner]];
- (m) [be pornographic[, lewd, suggestive or sexually explicit]];
- (n) [be untrue, false, inaccurate or misleading];

- (o) [consist of or contain any instructions, advice or other information which may be acted upon and could, if acted upon, cause illness, injury or death, or any other loss or damage];
 - (p) [constitute spam];
 - (q) [be offensive, deceptive, fraudulent, threatening, abusive, harassing, anti-social, menacing, hateful, discriminatory or inflammatory]; or
 - (r) [cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to any person].
- [additional list items]

11. Limited warranties

11.1 We do not warrant or represent:

- (a) the completeness or accuracy of the information published on our website;
- (b) that the material on the website is up to date;
- (c) that the website will operate without fault; or
- (d) that the website or any service on the website will remain available.

[additional list items]

11.2 We reserve the right to discontinue or alter any or all of our website services, and to stop publishing our website, at any time in our sole discretion without notice or explanation; and save to the extent expressly provided otherwise in these terms and conditions, you will not be entitled to any compensation or other payment upon the discontinuance or alteration of any website services, or if we stop publishing the website.

11.3 To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and subject to Section 12.1, we exclude all representations and warranties relating to the subject matter of these terms and conditions, our website and the use of our website.

12. Limitations and exclusions of liability

12.1 Nothing in these terms and conditions will:

- (a) limit or exclude any liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence;
- (b) limit or exclude any liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation;
- (c) limit any liabilities in any way that is not permitted under applicable law; or
- (d) exclude any liabilities that may not be excluded under applicable law.

12.2 The limitations and exclusions of liability set out in this Section 12 and elsewhere in these terms and conditions:

- (a) are subject to Section 12.1; and

(b) govern all liabilities arising under these terms and conditions or relating to the subject matter of these terms and conditions, including liabilities arising in contract, in tort (including negligence) and for breach of statutory duty, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise in these terms and conditions.

12.3 To the extent that our website and the information and services on our website are provided for a fee, we may only be liable for any loss or damage equivalent to the fees paid, less for charges.

12.4 We will not be liable to you in respect of any losses arising out of any event or events beyond our reasonable control.

12.5 We will not be liable to you in respect of any business losses, including (without limitation) loss of or damage to profits, income, revenue, use, production, anticipated savings, business, contracts, commercial opportunities or goodwill.

12.6 We will not be liable to you in respect of any loss or corruption of any data, database or software.

12.7 We will not be liable to you in respect of any special, indirect or consequential loss or damage.

12.8 You accept that we have an interest in limiting the personal liability of our officers and employees and, having regard to that interest, you acknowledge that we are a limited liability entity; you agree that you will not bring any claim personally against our officers or employees in respect of any losses you suffer in connection with the website or these terms and conditions (this will not, of course, limit or exclude the liability of the limited liability entity itself for the acts and omissions of our officers and employees).

13. Breaches of these terms and conditions

13.1 Without prejudice to our other rights under these terms and conditions, if you breach these terms and conditions in any way, or if we reasonably suspect that you have breached these terms and conditions in any way, we may:

- (a) send you one or more formal warnings;
- (b) temporarily suspend your access to our website;
- (c) permanently prohibit you from accessing our website;
- (d) [block computers using your IP address from accessing our website];
- (e) [contact any or all of your internet service providers and request that they block your access to our website];
- (f) commence legal action against you, whether for breach of contract or otherwise; and/or
- (g) [suspend or delete your account on our website].

[additional list items]

13.2 Where we suspend or prohibit or block your access to our website or a part of our website, you must not take any action to circumvent such suspension or prohibition or blocking[(including without limitation [creating and/or using a different account])].

14. Variation

14.1 We may revise these terms and conditions from time to time.

14.2 [The revised terms and conditions shall apply to the use of our website from the date of publication of the revised terms and conditions on the website, and you hereby waive any right you may otherwise have to be notified of, or to consent to, revisions of these terms and conditions.] OR [We will give you written notice of any revision of these terms and conditions, and the revised terms and conditions will apply to the use of our website from the date that we give you such notice; if you do not agree to the revised terms and conditions, you must stop using our website.]

14.3 If you have given your express agreement to these terms and conditions, we will ask for your express agreement to any revision of these terms and conditions; and if you do not give your express agreement to the revised terms and conditions within such period as we may specify, we will disable or delete your account on the website, and you must stop using the website.

15. Assignment

15.1 You hereby agree that we may assign, transfer, sub-contract or otherwise deal with our rights and/or obligations under these terms and conditions.

15.2 You may not without our prior written consent assign, transfer, sub-contract or otherwise deal with any of your rights and/or obligations under these terms and conditions.

16. Severability

16.1 If a provision of these terms and conditions is determined by any court or other competent authority to be unlawful and/or unenforceable, the other provisions will continue in effect.

16.2 If any unlawful and/or unenforceable provision of these terms and conditions would be lawful or enforceable if part of it were deleted, that part will be deemed to be deleted, and the rest of the provision will continue in effect.

17. Third party rights

17.1 A contract under these terms and conditions is for our benefit and your benefit, and is not intended to benefit or be enforceable by any third party.

17.2 The exercise of the parties' rights under a contract under these terms and conditions is not subject to the consent of any third party.

18. Entire agreement

18.1 Subject to Section 12.1, these terms and conditions [together with [our privacy and cookies policy], [author declarations], shall constitute the entire agreement between you and us,

and shall supersede all previous agreements between you and us in relation to your use of all of our website(s).

19. Law and jurisdiction

19.1 These terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with [English law] and/or the law of the [United States], as well as the Law of any other country as decided by Us;

19.2 Any disputes relating to these terms and conditions shall be subject to the [exclusive] OR [non-exclusive] jurisdiction of the courts of [England] and/or the courts of the [USA], or as decided by Us.

20. Payment

20.1. You agree to pay any fees and/or charges at the prices then in effect on our website(s);

20.2. You authorize us directly or through our payment partners to charge your payment method, or payment provider for any such amount upon submitting your paper.

20.3. You agree that refunds are only possible for services NOT received; and should you be dissatisfied with a service, you shall follow and comply with our complaints procedure.

20.4. We reserve the right to cancel a payment or service, for breach of our terms, and issue refunds, where applicable, less of any applicable deductions.

20.5. You agree that we must get paid for the service you have received, and should you fail to meet your payment obligations, you grant us the right to enforce collections through any means.

21. Our details

21.1 This/These website(s) is(are) owned and operated by [Unified Scholars and Publishers UK Ltd.].

21.2 We are registered in [UK] under registration number [14519192], and our registered office is at [70 Portland Street, Derby, DE23 8QB, UK].

21.3 Our principal place of business is at [Derby, UK].

21.4 You can contact us:

(a) [by post, to [70 Portland Street, Derby, DE23 8QB, UK]];

(b) [using our website contact form];

(c) [by telephone, on [+447914534911]]; or

(d) [by email, using [admin@unifiedscholars.org]].

22. Our websites and web platforms

22.1. "Unified Scholars and Publishers", company html website

22.2. "Unified Scholars Platform", web application

22.3. "E-Journal platform", and their various names

22.4. "Repository-10", and its various names

22.5. "Unified Scholars mobile apps" (ios, Android, etc)

22.6. "Unified Publishers Platform"