



About the Journal

Access to Justice in Eastern Europe (AJEE) is an open access, peer-reviewed journal that publishes original research, reviews, and commentary on topical issues related to judiciary and civil procedure reforms.

AJEE was founded by the East European Law Research Center (EELRC) in 2018. On July 6, 2023, EELRC was registered as an entity in the field of printed media and served as a founder of the Journal, approved by decision number 456 of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting.

The annual schedule of AJEE is as follows:

No. 1 - February; No. 2 - May; No. 3 - August; No. 4 - November. A special issue is launched in advance.

AJEE allows the following **types of publications**: Research Articles, Notes and Comments (Case Notes and Reform Forum's Note); Opinion Articles; Review Articles; Book Reviews.

Editorial Team and Board

We are proud of the diverse and dedicated team members of our Journal staff and Editorial Board. Among our members, there are well-known academics and young researchers, as well as representatives from different European countries. All of them cover areas within the scope of the Journal, with expertise in law, including civil procedure, criminal procedure, and judiciary.

Our journal boasts an **international readership** and renowned authors, garnering a strong reputation and being highly citable in the academic community.



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Scope

AJEE systematically publishes articles related to topical issues of judiciary and civil procedure reforms, as well as criminal procedure.

The main aim of AJEE is to offer a forum for the discussion of topical issues of judiciary and civil procedure reforms and to share research results related to access to justice developments in East European countries.

This scope has been chosen due to the unique combination of post-social legal doctrine's legacy and Western influence, as well as legislative alignment with EU law.

We also welcome and encourage submissions from other regions that explore comparative perspectives or offer insights into global trends and developments related to access to justice.

The new AJEE Gateways provide portals for regular publications, enabling thematic research in areas such as Access to Justice Amid War, Sustainable Justice and Dispute Resolution, and Found in Translation.

We are proud to announce a Special Issue aimed at collecting articles related to the intersection of legal and economic issues. Please find more information on our website.







Indexing

AJEE is indexed in Web of Science Core Collection, Emerging Source Citation Index.

AJEE is indexed in Scopus Elsevier (Q2 Scimago).

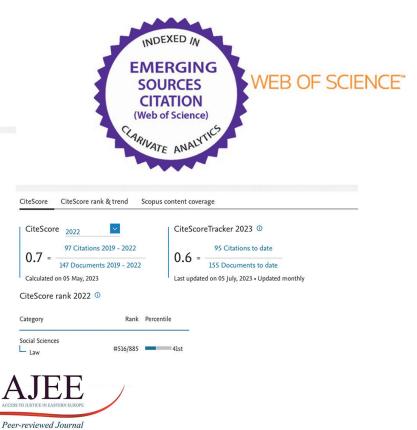
AJEE is also listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), ERIH Plus, UlrichWeb, HeinOnline.

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AJEE Editorial Process Timeline

Our journal follows a rigorous editorial process to ensure the quality and integrity of published articles. The entire publishing process, excluding the time needed for authors to respond to revision requests or queries, typically takes **40 working days**. Our dedication to maintaining a seamless and efficient editorial process ensures that quality research reaches our readership in a timely manner.

The publication process involves four main stages:

1 Submission:

Upon receiving a manuscript, an assigned editor conducts a pre-desk evaluation, which includes checking the manuscript's compliance with the journal's scope and guidelines, ensuring proper formatting, and conducting similarity and AI detection checks. This initial assessment typically takes **2-3 working days**. Authors are required to provide detailed information, including author details, abstract, and other relevant information about the manuscript.

2 Peer Review:

The peer review process is a crucial part of scholarly publishing. We employ a double-blind peer review process to ensure unbiased and impartial evaluations. After the initial screening, the editor selects appropriate reviewers who have expertise in the manuscript's subject matter. This reviewer selection process takes 2-3 working days. Reviewers are invited to assess the manuscript and are given up to 5 working days to prepare their reviews in accordance with the journal's guidelines. (The peer review period is counted twice in the table, as it represents the main stage of the publication process. This ensures that the assessment is thorough and upholds the journal's standards).

3 Production:

Accepted articles move to the production team for editing, proofreading, and layout preparation. This comprehensive process takes up to **20 working days** to ensure the final version adheres to high publishing standards. The approved articles are then published on our website, and we offer an option for Online First Articles to expedite their availability to readers.

4 Post Publication:

The final stage involves post-publication activities. We diligently index our articles in the most important scholarly databases to increase their visibility and impact. Additionally, we actively promote our authors and their research on our social media platforms, encouraging readers to engage with the content, provide comments, and share feedback. We strive to maintain efficiency throughout the editorial process; however, it's important to note that we cannot guarantee the timing of authors' responses to revision requests or queries. This may affect the overall duration of the publishing process.

Table 1: AJEE Ordinary Editorial Process Timeline - up to 40 WDs

Submission up to 3 WDs

Peer Review Stage up to 10 WDs

Production up to 20 WDs

Post Publication 3-4 weeks





Fast Track Publishing with AJEE

We understand the importance of timely publication, and we offer a fast track publishing option in AJEE without compromising on high quality.

With Fast Track Publishing, you can:

Coordinate your publishing goals with conferences, project schedules, and other purposes.

Maintain a competitive advantage by getting your scholarly results available to the reader audience quickly. Increase the visibility of your results for further funding opportunities and research.

For timely manner publishing, we offer Fast Track publishing with a turnaround time of 20 working days from submission to publication online first. These timelines depend on the topic of research and require authors to provide timely revisions and updates to their work on schedule.

To achieve this rapid turnaround, we allocate additional resources to administer the peer review and production processes. Our dedicated AJEE staff ensures a high level of professional engagement to meet your fast track publishing needs.

Table 2: AJEE Fast Track Editorial Process Timeline - up to 20 WDs

Peer Review Stage up to 10 WDs

Peer Review Stage up to 10 WDs

Production - Online First Article up to 8-10 WDs

AJEE Charges Policy

Authors pay a publication fee
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in Open Access. AJEE publishes in full Open Access
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material in any medium or format in an
unadapted form only, for noncommercial
purposes, and with proper attribution to
the creator.

The payment is a flat rate of 1050 EUR per article for all types and lengths of publications. This one-time fee covers peer review administration, professional production of articles in various formats, and dissemination in addition to other publishing functions.

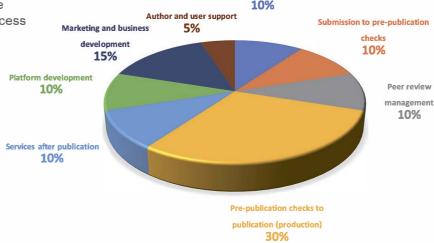
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10%

Author and user support

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Table 3: Article Price Transparency



AJEE waives 20% of its content every issue and offers waivers or discounts to authors from Ukraine and low-income states to support the transition to full open access. The fee is displayed to demonstrate the cost of publication to authors.



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Author and User Support

At AJEE, we prioritize author and user support, offering comprehensive assistance throughout the publishing process to ensure their success. Through our dedicated resources, we empower authors and reviewers to conduct and promote impactful research, while also providing tools to track the impact of their work. Authors are welcomed to join our webinars and training sessions, tailored specifically for them and reviewers, as we believe in equipping our community with essential knowledge and information. Our commitment lies in fostering a collaborative and informed environment, where authors and users can thrive and achieve their publishing goals with confidence.

Marketing and Business Development

We welcome open debate and discussion, supporting and managing an open and transparent commenting functionality on published articles for registered users. AJEE uses social media, digital media, newsletters, and webinars to promote and highlight the work of authors, reviewers, and editors. There is a proactive communications team that collaborates with authors and institutions to communicate authors' work to both scientists and society. AJEE's editor on social media promotes articles and initiatives through editorial campaigns and events to specifically highlight authors' work. We use the following social media platforms:

on Twitter: https://twitter.com/ajee_journal

on LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/access-to-justice-in-eastern-europe/?viewAsMember=true

on Academia.edu: https://independent.academia.edu/AJEEJournal

on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Access-to-Justice-in-Eastern-Europe-102418504898401/

AJEE staff support and trainings

AJEE recognizes the paramount importance of staff support and continuous training, demonstrated by its active involvement in reputable organizations like COPE, successful collaborations with the European Association of Science Editors, and participation in professional development programs such as the School for Editors, aimed at enhancing the qualifications of its dedicated team. Additionally, AJEE staff's membership in the Ukrainian regional chapter of EASE further exemplifies their commitment to upholding high editorial standards.

From Submission to Publication Checks

Articles submitted to the Journal first undergo an editorial process, which assesses article scope and eligibility, checks for plagiarism and AI detection, and verifies data. Before, during, and after these checks, the assigned editor also responds to editorial inquiries and provides authors with information on what is required for the full prepublication checks to begin. Since May 2023, AJEE has been cooperating with Scholastica for submission and peer review services. The peer review process is a core component of the publishing process, and the assigned editor is responsible for its oversight and management. When a review is submitted, the editorial team checks the review and its accompanying peer review status.



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Production

Before an article is published, the production team provides proofs and performs quality checks on citations, references, image resolutions, and ensures that persistent identifiers are correctly assigned and resolved.

Editing and Proofreading

Editing is an essential part of the writing process, ensuring that a piece of content is polished, coherent, and error-free. Our team of native English-speaking editors is dedicated to providing top-notch editing services to authors, helping them refine their work to the highest standard. From correcting grammar and punctuation to improving sentence structure and clarity, our editors meticulously review each document to enhance its overall quality and readability. We take pride in assisting our authors on their journey to creating impactful and well-crafted pieces. With our expert editing, authors can be confident that their message will be conveyed!

Services after Publication

Once an article is published, AJEE creates a dedicated page for each article that displays article-level metrics for authors and readers to see and measure the impact of their work (Dimensions). AJEE ensures all articles are fully discoverable. For articles that pass peer review, AJEE sends content to all the major bibliographic indexers across our subject areas (Scopus, Web of Science, Heinonline, DOAJ). The Journal has been accepted for indexing by these major databases. For readers, all articles can be live-tracked and easily found through customizable article alerts and feeds.

AJEE Website Development

AJEE has a scalable, custom-built publishing infrastructure supporting the open research publishing process, including registration, submission, publication, post-publication peer review, and article versioning. This technology is regularly improved and customized to meet the needs of authors and reviewers, ensuring high-quality publications.

AJEE continually innovates its web-based publishing technology to make articles more dynamic, interactive, and reproducible, enhancing the overall user experience and making its content widely discoverable.

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