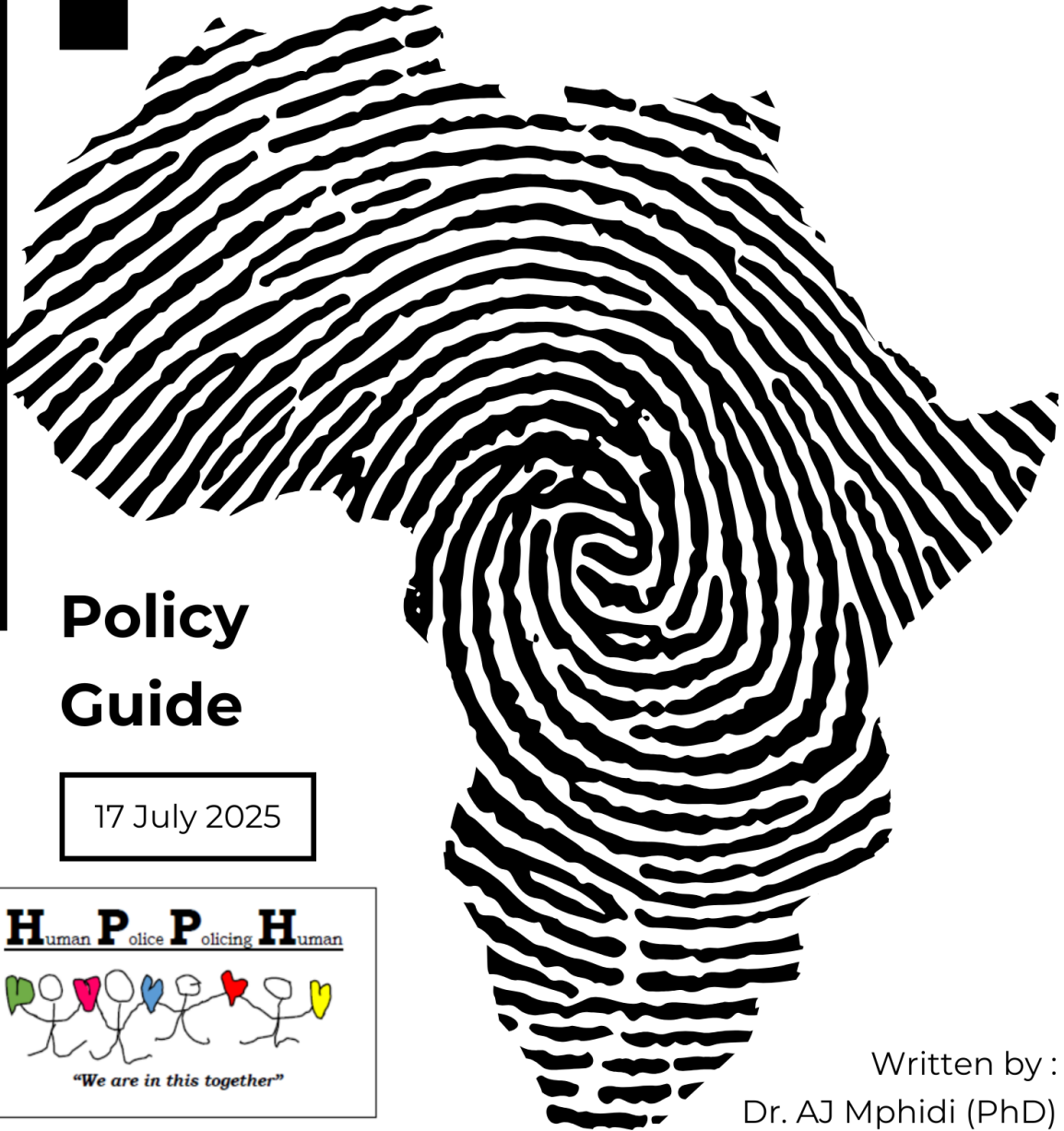


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- **Ethical Research:** All research involving human subjects requires ethical approval and informed consent where applicable.
- **Complaints:** Suspicions of misconduct should be reported confidentially to the Editor-in-Chief and will be investigated in accordance with COPE guidelines.

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- **Archiving:** Authors may deposit their published articles in institutional or subject repositories.

4. Plagiarism Policy

- **Screening:** All submissions are checked for plagiarism using Turnitin, Grammarly AI, and manual review.
- **Zero Tolerance:** Submissions showing significant plagiarism are rejected or returned for revision.
- **Post-publication:** If plagiarism is discovered after publication, the article will be retracted and authors notified.

5. Editorial Board Terms of Reference

- **Roles:** Editorial Board members support journal strategy, peer review, and integrity of content.
- **Appointment Criteria:** Expertise, academic credentials, and commitment to African research drive appointments.
- **Term Length:** Standard term is two years, renewable.
- **Removal:** Inactivity or breach of ethics may result in removal, subject to board consensus.
- **Diversity:** The Board reflects diverse backgrounds from across Africa and the research disciplines the Journal serves.

6. Archiving Policy

- **Digital Preservation:** JHPPH uses LOCKSS, PKP Preservation Network, and Google Scholar indexing to ensure permanent open access.
- **Redundancy:** Multiple backups and secure servers maintain long-term access to all articles.

7. Article Processing Charges (APCs)

- **No APCs (Startup Phase):** There are no submission or publication fees while the journal establishes itself.
- **Future Updates:** Any future introduction of fees will be communicated in advance, with waivers for low-resource authors.

8. Retraction and Correction Policy

- **Corrections:** Errors identified post-publication will be addressed with clearly marked correction notices.
- **Retractions:** Proven ethical breaches, data falsification, or plagiarism will result in formal article retraction.
- **Transparency:** All corrections and retractions are linked to the original article to preserve the scholarly record.

9. Appeals & Complaints Policy

- **Appeals:** Authors may appeal editorial decisions within 30 days in writing, stating clear reasons. Appeals are reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief (or a neutral designate) and resolved within four weeks.
- **Ethical Complaints:** Anyone may submit concerns regarding ethics or editorial process to theeditor@humanpolicepolicinghuman.co.za. All complaints are confidential, and no retaliation is permitted.

10. Data Sharing Policy

- **Encouraged Practice:** Authors are encouraged to share de-identified data underlying their results in open repositories, unless restricted by ethical, legal, or privacy considerations.
- **Data Availability Statement:** All submissions must include a statement on data availability (with repository link or reason for non-disclosure).
- **Support:** The editorial office is available to advise on appropriate repositories and ethical issues connected with data sharing.

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