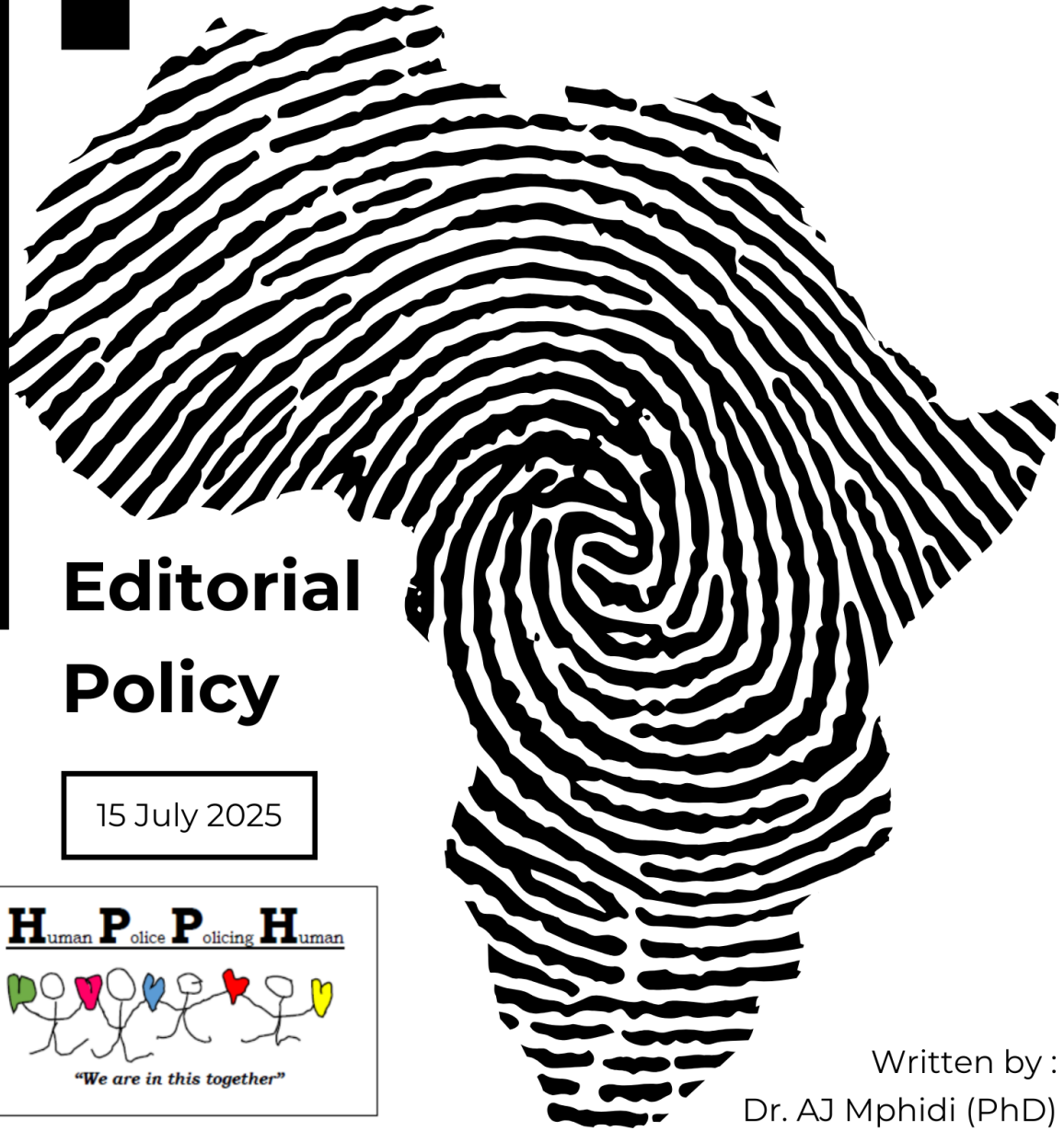


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## Editorial Policy

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## 1. Mission and Scope

The Journal of Human Police Policing Human Pty Ltd is an independent, open-access, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to advancing inclusive, community-centred scholarship, creative work, and public engagement on the topics of policing, justice, crime prevention, social transformation, and related fields. The journal strives to platform underrepresented and diverse voices—academics, practitioners, artists, youth, and communities—across a variety of content categories and formats.

## 2. Editorial Independence

- All editorial decisions are made independently of shareholders, funders, advertisers, or other external influences<sup>1</sup>.
- Editorial content is determined solely by the editorial team based on merit, originality, clarity, and relevance to our mission.
- Funding sources and sponsors have no role in editorial decision-making or content approval.

## 3. Submission and Review Process

- Submissions must be original, unpublished work and not under consideration elsewhere.
- The journal accepts a range of work: research articles, essays, community stories, policy analysis, creative and artistic expressions, data reports, and resources.
- Each submission will be matched to an appropriate review model (double-anonymous peer review, open review, collaborative review, or expert/editorial panel review) according to its category.
- The peer review process is transparent, fair, and confidential. Specifics of peer review practices for each category are published and justified; any process changes are clearly communicated.
- Authors can appeal editorial decisions via a formal process made publicly available.
- Submissions from editorial staff or board members are handled independently to avoid conflicts of interest.

#### 4. Editorial Decision Criteria

- Editorial decisions are based on importance, originality, clarity, rigour, ethical integrity, and relevance to the journal's scope.
- Inclusivity and representation are actively considered, especially for work from marginalized or underrepresented voices.
- Studies or submissions challenging previous work, or presenting negative results, are given open and fair consideration.
- The editorial board reserves the right to decline or retract work at any stage if significant ethical, legal, or integrity concerns arise.

#### 5. Ethics, Integrity, and Best Practice

- All submissions must conform to international ethical guidelines for research and publication, including informed consent and research with human participants.
- The journal strongly opposes all forms of plagiarism, data fabrication, falsification, and unethical conduct.
- Editorial decisions and corrections (errata, corrigenda, retractions) are public and ensure the academic record's integrity.
- Authorship or contributorship must accurately reflect actual contributors. Conflict of interest disclosures are required of all involved parties.
- The journal aligns with the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines.
- Allegations of research or publication misconduct will be investigated thoroughly and impartially, with outcomes clearly articulated to all parties.

#### 6. Diversity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility

- The editorial team actively seeks, supports, and highlights diverse contributors and perspectives—particularly from oppressed, impacted, or underrepresented groups.
- The journal is committed to removing linguistic, financial, and technical barriers to publishing and accessing content.
- Accessibility (plain language summaries, alt-text for images, accessible formats) is integrated into editorial practices.

## 7. Transparency, Communication, and Appeals

- Detailed author guidelines, review processes, and expected timelines are published on the journal website and updated annually.
- Authors receive prompt, constructive, and respectful feedback at every stage of review and publication.
- Readers, reviewers, and authors are invited to submit feedback on editorial processes for quality improvement.
- Mechanisms for appeals and complaints are explicit, confidential, and available to all contributors.

## 8. Copyright, Open Access, and Archiving

- The Journal of Human Police Policing Human Pty Ltd is an open-access journal; works are published under Creative Commons licenses unless otherwise agreed.
- Authors retain copyright, with appropriate permissions for reuse and distribution.
- Preprints and digital archiving are permitted and encouraged in alignment with open science best practices.

## 9. Corrections, Retractions, and Editorial Accountability

- Editorial errors, factual inaccuracies, or ethical missteps are corrected promptly and transparently.
- Retractions or expressions of concern are clearly marked and the reasons disclosed.
- The editorial board is accountable for upholding these policies and routinely reviews and updates them to reflect best international standards.

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