# EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE JOURNAL
# "GUMILYOV JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY"

## 1. General Provisions

The Editorial Policy outlines the principles and procedures governing the publication of scholarly articles in sociology by the journal. It is developed to ensure high quality, scholarly integrity, and adherence to ethical standards for all published materials.

The Editorial Policy is based on best practices in academic publishing and complies with international standards, including guidelines provided by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). Adherence to these guidelines is fundamental to maintaining high standards of scholarly ethics and the quality of published works.

1.1. Gumilyov Journal of Sociology (hereinafter «the Journal») is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal dedicated to publishing original, high-quality, rigorously selected research articles in sociology.

1.2. The Journal has been published since 1995. It is registered with the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Certificate of re-registration No. KZ81VPY00114486 dated March 11, 2025.

1.3. The Journal is indexed by the International Standard Serial Number Center, with ISSN (Print) 3080-1702.

1.4. The Journal is published quarterly, four times per year.

1.5. The Journal's website is available at: socjournal.enu.kz

1.6. The founder and publisher is the Non-commercial Joint Stock Company «L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University», 2 Satpayev Street, Main Academic and Administrative Building, Astana, 10000, Kazakhstan.

1.7. Amendments and additions to the Editorial Policy are made by resolution of the Editorial Board.

## 2. Aim and Objectives of the Journal

2.1. The primary aim of the Journal is to publish high-quality original research contributing to the advancement of sociological science and deeper understanding of social phenomena, processes, and dynamics. The Journal seeks to serve as a platform for sharing the latest research results grounded in rigorous methodology and theoretical exploration of social reality. It remains open to diverse theoretical and methodological approaches, promoting dialogue among various scientific schools and perspectives in sociology.

2.2. The Journal, as part of the Kazakhstani academic system, addresses the following objectives through its publications:

• Publishing original scholarly articles distinguished by novelty, significance, and a high level of theoretical and empirical analysis.

• Providing a platform for discussing contemporary social issues and challenges from a sociological perspective.

• Promoting the development of both fundamental and applied sociological research relevant to academics, practitioners, and policymakers.

- Supporting open-access principles to scientific knowledge, ensuring broad dissemination and accessibility of published research to the global scientific community and interested public.
- Encouraging interdisciplinary research at the intersection of sociology and other social sciences and humanities.
- Stimulating academic discussion and critical reflection on contemporary social processes.
- Maintaining high scholarly standards through a rigorous peer-review process involving leading scholars and specialists in relevant fields.
- Offering opportunities for researchers, educators, doctoral candidates, and graduate students to publish their fundamental and applied research findings of theoretical, practical, and applied significance in sociology.
- Enhancing the quality of scholarly articles within Kazakhstan through systematic editorial engagement with authors based on established structural requirements.
- Integrating Kazakhstan into the global sociological academic community (including through indexing in bibliometric databases).
- Facilitating the integration of Kazakhstani researchers into the international scholarly community.
- Developing the Journal as an open-access academic publication.
- Expanding the Journal's presence in international databases and open electronic resources.
- Increasing the Journal's accessibility to international readers by publishing extended abstracts in English, providing keywords, and duplicating reference lists in the Latin alphabet (References).

### 3. Scope and Frequency of the Journal

3.1. The Journal covers a broad range of topics and areas within sociology, publishing articles that address both fundamental theoretical and methodological questions and empirical research findings across diverse sociological fields. The Journal welcomes contributions from various theoretical and methodological paradigms, aiming to represent the diversity of contemporary sociological research.

3.2. The main thematic areas of the Journal include, but are not limited to:
- Social theory and history of sociological thought
- Methodology and methods of sociological research (both quantitative and qualitative)
- Sociology of social processes and social change
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All scholarly articles are accepted in three languages: Kazakh, Russian, and English, and must not have been previously published in print and/or electronic form.

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- Introductory statement on the research topic.
- Purpose, main objectives, and ideas of the research.
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- Multiple irrelevant citations, inappropriate self-promotional statements, or excessive references to the author's previous works are strictly prohibited.

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- Hypothesis (or thesis) proposed;
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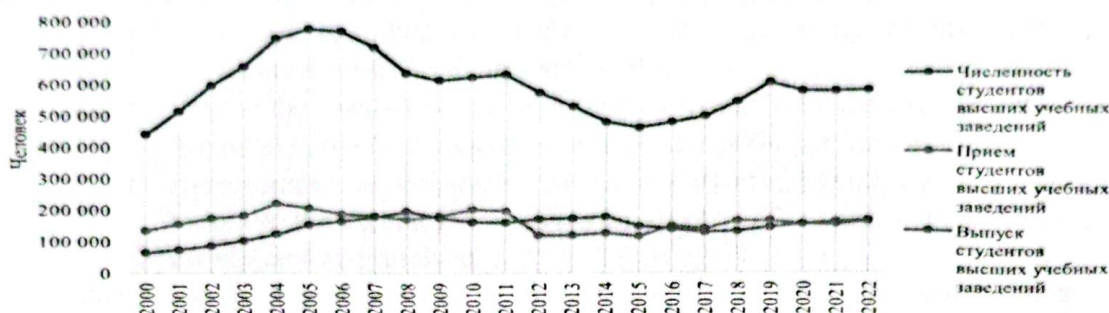
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**Figure 2. Trends in university student enrollment, graduation, and total student numbers**
Note: Compiled based on data from [14].

**Table 1. Number of international students by country of origin [14]**

| Country of origin | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Uzbekistan | 3683 | 9500 | 25964 | 15642 | 14404 |
| India | 3500 | 3717 | 4450 | 4220 | 5987 |
| Turkmenistan | 1320 | 2616 | 3176 | 2795 | 2795 |
| Russian Federation | 1075 | 1273 | 1247 | 1298 | 1263 |
| Mongolia | 439 | 565 | 888 | 1128 | 1010 |
| China | 1290 | 1240 | 807 | 871 | 811 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1026 | 1026 | 1026 | 1067 | 659 |
| Jordan | 60 | 62 | 228 | 515 | 546 |
| Other countries | 1505 | 1671 | 1683 | 1533 | 1462 |

Note: Compiled based on data from [14].

- **Conclusion** – summarizes and draws together the results obtained at this stage, confirms the validity of the author's hypothesis or thesis, and clearly outlines the author's conclusions regarding the advancement in scientific knowledge based on the research findings. Conclusions must not be abstract; they should specifically summarize research outcomes within the relevant scientific area, offering recommendations or identifying directions for future research.

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