

## EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE COLLECTION

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### Theme and Scope

##### Introduction

The Social Sciences Collection arose in 2020 for the purpose of providing Ediciones Complutense with its own space in which to collect outstanding material on Social and Legal Sciences as part of an academic editorial project of scientific relevance capable of covering studies and research on Society, Politics, Law and Economics. These are areas in which Universidad Complutense de Madrid enjoys recognised standing based on excellent national and international indicators on quality and production, particularly standing out in terms of research projects, publications and the contracts it has obtained.

The Social Sciences Collection is open to those lines of research of greatest interest in the modern context of social sciences, focusing on consolidated disciplines within this field as well as new and emerging fields of study. Case studies, comparative research (diachronic or synchronic) and studies based on statistics and qualitative or quantitative methods are equally accepted. Discourse analysis, documentary studies, surveys, field and cultural studies or other methods to obtain relevant knowledge are also welcome. Other systems are accepted by the collection provided that they meet the scientific requirements of rigour and reliability.

##### Scope

The Social Sciences Collection houses works of proven university quality selected according to academic criteria by a plural Scientific Committee specialising in the topics and issues related to social sciences. These works include both general texts that are subject to rigorous and specialised treatment and monographic research with the same quality requirements but that may also reach a wider audience, whether that be due to the interest in and current nature of the topics discussed, the innovative nature of the approach adopted or the capacity to convey new trends or movements, including inter- and transdisciplinary studies within the broad social sciences space.

The works may be of single, shared or collective authorship and written in Spanish or English. They may be written in other languages under special circumstances if the monograph and target audience require this. The Scientific Committee of the Social Sciences Collection will take this factor into consideration.

To consider publication, a minimum of fifty percent of authors of any given project have to belong to universities other than UCM. In the case of collective works, the percentage of internal and external authorship will be calculated.

##### General Objectives

The Social Sciences Collection seeks to raise the profile and communicate monographic research projects on specific and specialised topics or more general-interest texts from the various areas covered by social sciences provided the same are subject to rigorous, academic, scientific and modern treatment that reflect the fields leading to research and teaching interest. With a plural and open approach that includes various topics and degrees of analysis, it also welcomes studies connected to similar disciplines. The collection aims to communicate scientific production, with a focus on both that developed by the university community as well as the national and international scientific community, whether consolidated specialists or more recent researchers, in order to build up a catalogue capable of serving as a benchmark for modern research in social sciences.

This Social Sciences Collection mainly seeks to communicate studies and research from the following fields:

- Social and cultural anthropology
- Political science
- Law
- Economics
- Sociology
- Social work

## Editorial process

Requests for publication must be made using the **official form** and will be registered according to their date of arrival, with confirmation of receipt being sent within ten working days. They will subsequently be passed to the Chair of the Collection together with all the other documentation submitted for review at the Scientific Committee under publishing policy criteria, and a decision will be taken within ninety working days from receipt. If the request is rejected, the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense will issue the corresponding reasoned report within ninety working days. If it is approved, the author must submit the full text of the work within six months, if not already submitted, in accordance with the **publishing guidelines** available on the website. Once the full text has been received and subjected to the corresponding anti-plagiarism analysis, it will be reviewed by the technical staff of Ediciones Complutense in order to ensure that it meets the publication rules of the publisher.

The work will then be anonymised and submitted for review and reporting to two specialists of recognised standing in the field with no ties either to the institution to which the author belongs or Universidad Complutense de Madrid, the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense and the Scientific Committee of the collection. In the event of a discrepancy, the opinion of a third reviewer will be taken into consideration. The reviewers will be proposed by the Scientific Committee of the collection and they must return their reports within thirty working days.

Reviewers and members of the Scientific Committee of the collection and the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense must refrain from taking decisions in any of the following situations:

- A direct relationship exists between an author and a reviewer.
- Recent and significant professional collaboration exists between the author and the reviewer.
- The reviewer is collaborating on the work sent to them.
- The reviewer believes they cannot be objective, whether for personal reasons or an interest of a financial nature.

When at least two reports are favourable (publishable / publishable with corrections), the considerations expressed by the external reviewer(s) for inclusion will be sent to the author anonymously.

The Scientific Committee of the collection will issue a reasoned ruling within thirty working days from reception of the reports from the reviewer(s), which it will pass to the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense alongside said reports. The latter will adopt a final decision within thirty working days.

If the result is favourable, the author must deliver the **declaration of good practice and transfer of rights** as a preliminary step before signing the publishing contract. If the original includes figures, photographs, maps, graphics or any other kind of illustration or image, the author must also provide documentary evidence that the same are not subject to rights or

The author will be entitled to receive two proofs for correction. The first will be delivered within twenty working days from the date of receipt of the original final manuscript and the second within fifteen working days from the date of receipt of the first corrected proofs. The correction process will consist of checking the proofs against the original and, where appropriate, including any essential last-minute additions, the publication of which is subject to a decision from Ediciones Complutense.

Finally, the book will be published within sixty working days from receipt of the final page proofs corrected by the author.

For further information, we recommend consulting the sections on [instructions for authors](#), [instructions for reviewers](#), [original manuscript selection and review process](#), [original manuscript selection diagram](#) and [portfolio services](#).

## Editorial criteria

Generally speaking, publication proposals for conference proceedings, project results reports, translations of works that do not include a critical study, facsimile editions, master's dissertations and doctoral dissertations that have not been reformulated for publication will not be accepted.

Submitted works must meet the publication guidelines of the Publisher and fall under the themes of the collection. They must also meet the requirements on originality, scientific interest, relevance to the topic, conceptual and methodological rigour, contribution to knowledge, internal coherence of the text and clear explanations, valid and sound conclusions, and sufficient and up-to-date bibliography.

Works must be submitted alongside the corresponding [declarations of authorship](#) and of [good practice and transfer of rights](#), and will be examined by anti-plagiarism software.

If the publication will receive external funding, the author must specify the amount thereof and the name of the partner entity.

Pursuant to Spanish legal regulations, all those works with ethical implications (research in humans or the use of biological samples of human origin, use of human embryonic stem cells or lines taken from them, clinical trials, use of personal data and genetic information, animal experimentation, use of biological agents of risk to human or animal health or the environment, confined use of genetically modified organisms - GMO, release of GMO) must have the corresponding report from the Research Ethics Committee of the corresponding centre for publication, in accordance with Spanish Law 14/2007 (OSG of 4 July 2007), the purposes of which are contained in Article 12.

If the original includes figures, photographs, maps, graphics or any other kind of illustration or image, the author must provide documentary evidence that the same are not subject to rights or that the pertinent reproduction authorisation has been obtained.

For further information, we recommend consulting the sections on [instructions for authors](#).

## Original manuscript review systems

The publication proposal will be submitted for preliminary review by the Scientific Committee of the collection according to publishing policy criteria. If approved, the full manuscript must be submitted (if this has not already taken place), which, after the

corresponding anti-plagiarism analysis, will be reviewed by the technical staff of Ediciones Complutense in order to ensure that it meets the publication rules of the publisher.

The work will then be anonymised and submitted for review and reporting to two specialists of recognised standing in the field with no ties either to the institution to which the author belongs or Universidad Complutense, the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense and the Scientific Committee of the collection. In the event of a discrepancy, the opinion of a third reviewer will be taken into consideration. The reviewers will be proposed by the Scientific Committee of the collection and they must return their reports within thirty working days.

The reviewers will review contributions according to a **standard form** and must issue an overall rating (Publishable/Publishable with corrections/Not publishable) based on the following aspects:

- Content: originality, scientific interest, relevance to the topic, methodology, conclusions and bibliography.
- Expression and presentation: structure and clarity of the text, conceptual rigour and internal consistency of the text.

For further information, you may consult the sections on **instructions for reviewers**, **original manuscript selection and review process** and **original manuscript selection diagram**.

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2. Following the sale of all copies, if this was the publication purpose.
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