

AI policy guidelines

Tér és Társadalom (“Space and Society”) recognises the growing significance of Generative AI tools, particularly generative Large Language Models (henceforth “AI”) in academic use, while considering its associated ethical dilemmas and risks. The journal supports the ethical use of AI tools, which supplement rather than replace human scientific input. Tér és Társadalom expressly prefers scholarly papers based on a priority of human involvement, but allows the controlled use of AI tools through certain phases of the writing process. The editors reserve the right to reject manuscripts suspected of unacceptable AI usage.

Authors bear full responsibility for their submissions and AI usage. Therefore, the journal operates under the following framework for responsible use.

Disclosure of AI use: Authors must clearly and fully acknowledge any use of AI tools through a formal, written statement included with the article during the submission process. The disclosure should identify the name of the AI technology used; a detailed description of how the tools were used (including purpose, research method, formatting, grammar, tables and figures, proofreading, etc.); and how they personally supervised and verified AI-generated content. Non-use of AI tools should be declared with a simple negative statement.

Acceptable and unacceptable AI use:

AI may be used as a supplementary tool in research work and the writing process in the following areas:

- Research preparation: literature collection, data collection
- Quantitative analysis
- Copyediting and grammar cleanup (spell-checking, stylistic refinement, formatting, text optimisation, citation generation, proofreading, etc.)

AI may not be used for tasks replacing human authorship and critical thinking:

- Text generation and translation (excluding grammar checkup)
- Fabricated or manipulated datasets, interviews, survey results, etc.
- Synthetic data generation to fill in data gaps without a full disclosure of methodology
- The inclusion of “data hallucinations”, i.e. fictitious references, figures, or data

Specific regulations concerning editors and reviewers: The journal’s editors and reviewers are subject to further limitations in AI use. Reviewers may not use AI tools in preparing their reviews as a substitute for their expertise and critical evaluation. Editors must likewise make their decisions without the use of AI tools, except for checking submitted manuscripts for evidence of AI use (with consideration for their inherent unreliability of checking methods).