



# PEER REVIEW

## THE PROCESS

Let's take a look at the process and how we aim to carry out our peer reviews.

### **Submission**

When you have submitted your paper it will be reviewed and you will receive constructive feedback.

### **Research**

We aim to reach and maintain high research standards and will utilise academics in the field with experience and published research to scrutinise your paper before publication. Our review process can take approximately two months. We accept papers for review that are not under submission elsewhere.

Using a double-blind peer review to encourage clear, objective and honest critiques of all papers is key to our journal's success. A double-blind peer review is simply a method of reviewing papers where the identity of both the author and reviewer is kept hidden. It means there is less chance of the reviewer forming bias or being influenced. However, it is important to mention, and for you to keep in mind, that self-referencing may reveal the identity of the author and you may want to consider this whilst you are preparing your paper.

### **Before sending your article check:**

- your name is not in the article (in the headers and footers, for example),
- remove it from your file properties
- all identifying marks should be removed from your submission
- anonymise any identifying citations in the text and references

### **Brief Overview of the publishing process:**

Submit Abstract  
Decision (Accept/Decline)  
Submit Final Paper  
Peer Review Process  
Decision (Accept/Decline)  
Revisions (Accept/Decline after revisions)  
Typesetting  
Proofing  
Publication

## **Reviewers**

Key questions we will ask peer reviewers:

- Does the paper inform and address festival and celebratory events?
- Does the paper fit within the aims and scope of the journal's strong interest in festival culture?
- Does it add to the body of knowledge?
- Has the author followed the submission and text guidelines?
- Is it empirical research? If so, is the design, methodology, theoretical approach, analysis and other technical aspects sound?
- Are there sufficient relevant citations?
- Is the paper well structured and written clearly?
- Is the paper properly referenced and are other author's views referenced?
- Is the submission accurate?
- Is the paper original, not plagiarised and/or submitted elsewhere?
- Is there any missing or incorrect information?
- Does the title accurately reflect the paper?
- How useful would the submission be to academics, practitioners, professionals and/or students etc.?