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## 1. Aims & Scope

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The journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** (*Kawsaypacha Journal: Society and Environment*) is the research journal of the [Instituto de Ciencias de la Naturaleza y Energía - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú](#) (INTE-PUCP). It is indexed in SCOPUS, SciELO, LATINDEX and others.

*Kawsaypacha* (means "World of Life" in Quechua, a native language of the Andean region). This journal contributes to the academic debate that analyzes the relationship between society and the environment from different perspectives; promotes an interdisciplinary reflection and offers innovative approaches and tools to understand the growing complexity of our relationship with nature and socio-environmental sustainability. For this, we adopt international standards of scientific communication and open science practices.

The journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** accepts original and unpublished contributions from graduate researchers and thesis writers, both national and international. These contributions may come from environmental sciences, biological sciences, social sciences, economics, humanities, engineering sciences, technological developments, and others, addressing topics like:

- Sustainable use of the territory, water, energy, or biological resources.
- Analysis of the formulation and implementation of environmental policies or the role of the different actors.
- Impact of agriculture, forestry, and aquaculture on biodiversity and ecosystems.
- Initiatives related to implementing circular economy and industrial ecology.
- Local and regional sustainability initiatives, their practical implementation and relevance for use in a broader context.
- Information, communication or education strategies for the training and awareness of citizens on environmental sustainability.
- Other relevant topics.

The journal disseminates original academic articles in Spanish, English or Portuguese, and focuses on technological innovations and research on environmental issues. It publishes essays, literature reviews, bibliographic reviews and information on issues related to social and environmental topics.

The views expressed in the articles published on **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** are on the strict responsibility of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editorial Team.

## Periodicity

**Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** is a semi-annual journal. The articles of each issue are published continuously.

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Circular economy,  
Interdisciplinary research

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The journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** is committed to the academic community to promote the exchange of information and the development of scientific knowledge on topics related to the interaction between society and the environment. In this regard, it promotes ethical best practices in scientific production among all contributors and adopts international standards of scientific communication and open science practices.

It publishes original and unpublished articles under open access license, providing free and immediate access to all journal's content including the first issue. Thus, it does not charge neither article processing charges nor article submission.

The author(s)/ co-authors give PUCP their consent to publish his article in the journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License ([CC BY-NC 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/)), which allows readers and users to share (copy and redistribute the material in any media or format), adapt (remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially). You can do so under the following restrictions: Attribution — You must give appropriate credit, provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made. You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use.

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In case the author/co-authors wish to re-edit the approved article, the date on which it was originally published in the journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** must be provided and the journal's Editor must be informed on this re-edition.

Finally, authors can save their article in the repository or personal website once it has been published in the journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente**. Immediately after its publication, the journal will ensure it is included in databases and index systems in which we collaborate; as well as carrying out several media strategies to disseminate it on digital media.

## 4. Ethical Guidelines

The journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** is committed to the academic community to carry out comprehensive work with a high standard of academic quality and is governed by the ethical principles for research evaluation established by the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru in this document ([PUCP, 2011, art. 8-12](#)).

Likewise, it adheres to the principles of transparency and good practices in academic publications established by the [Committee on Publication Ethics](#) (COPE); and adopts the ethical guidelines established by [SciELO \(Scientific Electronic Library Online\)](#), the Directory of [Open Access Journals](#) (DOAJ), the [Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association](#) (OASPA), and the American Psychological Association (APA).

### General principles

The Journal assumes that all individuals involved are respectful of ethics and human rights, and in this regard, promotes compliance with the following general ethical principles: respect for persons, beneficence and non-maleficence, justice, scientific integrity, and responsibility. These principles apply to everyone involved in the process: authors, reviewers, members of the Editorial Board, and the entire team involved in the editorial process.

### Ethical Guidelines for Authors

The ethical essence of all scientific communication is that the author accurately and fully accounts for the methods and results of their studies. It is essential to ensure that written works are entirely original, of high quality, and academic relevance, and have been guided by the following principles:

**Originality and no plagiarism:** The author must ensure that their manuscript is original and unpublished, and that any observation, comment, or argument included in the manuscript, which has been previously published, is accompanied by the appropriate citation and reference.

Plagiarism is the copying or misuse of another person's intellectual property, and self-plagiarism is the act of presenting the author's own previously published work as a new original piece. Both practices are unethical.

Editors will use various tools to identify similarities and verify that proper citation has been done.

**Multiple, redundant, or concurrent publication:** An author must not publish manuscripts describing the same research in more than one journal or publication. Submitting the same manuscript to more than one magazine constitutes an unethical behavior.

Duplicated publications are not considered: manuscripts that rework extended abstracts presented at academic events, as well as those that synthesize dissertations or theses registered in university repositories. In any of these cases, the manuscript to be submitted must reproduce brief extensions of the original text, and on the preceding page (see below), the reference to the original text and the context in which it was produced must be clearly indicated. If the publication of this manuscript is accepted, in coordination with the author, this information will be included in the article.

**Co-authorship of the manuscript:** When including other authors, only consider those who have made significant contributions to the conception and writing of the presented research. We recommend considering the [CRediT \(Contributor Roles Taxonomy\)](#) specification system, which identifies 14 different roles. Co-authors will determine who will assume the role of corresponding author, and this person will be responsible for establishing communications with the Journal.

**Protection of rights and well-being of research participants:** Researchers must ensure ethical treatment of human or non-human participants involved in their studies. Authors, when describing their research, are prohibited from revealing confidential information or identifying individuals unless the participants provide a document giving explicit consent for such disclosure. In this case, the author must attach said document to the manuscript (APA, 2020).

**Conflict of interest:** Authors must explicitly state that the manuscript they are submitting has no conflicts of interest (personal, economic, financial, institutional, or other) that could limit the objectivity of the content.

**Communication of errors:** when authors discover significant errors or inaccuracies in their own work to be reviewed or has already been published, it is their obligation to notify the Editor of the Journal promptly and cooperate to amend the error.

### Ethical guidelines for reviewers and evaluators

The reviewers or evaluators are academics and researchers, with recognized prestige in their field nationwide and worldwide; the texts will be assigned to them according to their subjects and specialties. The reviewers will fulfill their function in total anonymity and the anonymity of the authors will also be maintained.

Peer review plays an important role in the decision-making process of the Editorial Board and can contribute to improving the author's work. Reviewers' role is regulated by the following principles:

**Promptness:** the appointed referee must acknowledge their capacities and time availability proposed by the Editors. In case the reviewer did not master the manuscript's topic, its rejection should be notified and if possible, another reviewer can be proposed.

**Confidentiality:** the received manuscript must be treated as a confidential document. It must not be shown to or discussed with others, except if expressly authorized by the Editor.

**Standards of objectivity:** reviews must be conducted objectively, based on the content of the manuscript and the observations should be clearly stated with supporting arguments.

**Acknowledgement of sources:** reviewers should identify relevant published work which has not been cited by the authors and suggest its inclusion. They must verify that an observation, comment, or argument which has been previously reported should be accompanied by the relevant citation. The reviewer should also notify the Editor about any significant similarity or overlap between the manuscript under consideration and any other publication of which they have personal knowledge.

**Disclosure and conflicts of interest:** information and ideas obtained from the peer review system must be kept under strict confidentiality and must not be used for the reviewer's

personal advantage. Reviewers will recuse themselves from considering manuscripts in which they have conflicts of interest resulting from competitive, collaborative, or other relationships/connections with any of the authors or institutions connected to the papers.

### **Ethical Guidelines for Editors**

The Editors are responsible for deciding which of the articles submitted to the journal will be published, considering the policies of the Editorial Board of the journal and the opinions of the reviewers, as well as the coordination throughout the editorial process. The Editorial Board will be aware of the current legal requirements concerning defamation, copyright infringement, and plagiarism.

They need to consider the following criteria to make decisions:

**Fair play:** the evaluation of the manuscripts will be done without considering the authors' race, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, ethnic origin, citizenship, or political philosophy.

**Objectivity:** the evaluation of the manuscripts should be conducted objectively based on the content of the manuscript and the support of the arguments.

**Confidentiality:** no member of the Editorial Team can disclose any information about a manuscript submitted to the journal to anyone other than the corresponding author, reviewers, potential reviewers, editorial advisers, and the publisher as appropriate.

**Disclosure and conflicts of interest:** original material disclosed in a manuscript submitted to the journal must not be used by any Editor or Editorial Team member for their own research without the author's explicit written consent.

### **Against malpractice and misconduct**

The Editorial Board of the journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente**, taking into account the [Ethical Principles for Research established by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú](#) (PUCP, 2011, articles 8-12), the principles of transparency and good practices in academic publishing established by the [Committee on Publication Ethics](#) (COPE), the SciELO

[Guidelines to Best Practices for Strengthening Ethics in Scientific Publishing](#), and the guidance provided in the [Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association](#) (7th ed.), establishes the following process:

Some of the issues of misconduct and malpractice that we deal with include (but not limited to):

- Data or research fraud (manipulation of data or reporting research that has not been done).
- Contributor fraud (adding people who have not contributed significantly as co-authors or not recognizing those who contributed).
- Plagiarism in all its forms.
- Simultaneous submission.
- Undisclosed conflict of interest or competing interest.
- Researcher, Editors, or reviewer bias (influencing the research process in any way that breaks research ethics).

All allegations should be taken seriously and treated in the same way, until a successful decision or conclusion is reached. Every reported act of unethical publishing behavior will be considered, even if it is discovered years after publication.

For more information on publication ethics violations, we recommend reviewing section "IV. Publication Ethics Violations" of the [Normas Éticas de la revista Derecho de la PUCP](#). These will be considered by the Editorial Board in response to any ethical misconduct.

## 5. Guidelines for Authors

The journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** publishes original and unpublished articles from graduate researchers and thesis writers, both national and international, presenting studies or research that contribute to the academic debate on the relationships between society and the environment.

The article are published under an open access model, by the Creative Commons 4.0 International ([CC BY-NC 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/)) licence, which allows readers and users to share (copy and redistribute the material in any media or format), adapt (remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially). You can do so under the following restrictions: Attribution — You must give appropriate credit, provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made. You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use.

The author/co-authors retain copyright in the article.

Since the first issue, the journal publishes articles for free, without any charge to the authors for publication, in accordance with international standards of scientific communication and open science practices.

The journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** welcomes contributions of two types ([see Anexo 1. Definitions](#))

**Research articles** are papers which seek to communicate findings or original results of scientific, educational, technological, pedagogical, or teaching research projects, as well as to report the process undergone to obtain them. These contributions, after being formally revised for compliance with the basic standards of the journal, will be evaluated under the double-blind modality.

The article (including figures, tables, and bibliographic references) must have a minimum of 5000 words and a maximum of 7000 words (consider 300 words for a figure that can occupy less than half a page and 600 words for a figure that occupies the whole page).

**Other types of contributions:** This category includes short essays, bibliographic reviews, letters to the Editor, or other similar content. After a formal review to assess compliance with the journal's basic standards, the Editor will determine if they merit peer review under the double-blind modality.

These contributions should have a length between 1500 and 3000 words and possess the same characteristics as outlined for research articles.

The author (whether an individual or the corresponding author of the work in co-authorship) who submits a manuscript to the journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** assumes responsibility that it is an original and unprecedented work, not having been previously published in any print (book or magazines, among others) or electronic media (including the Internet), nor submitted to be published in another journal.

If there is a preliminary version of the manuscript that has been published (in any printed or electronic medium), the author must include the reference and link on the **Preceding page** (see further below), specifying the context in which it was published, as well as the updates and changes made in the new version.

In the case of manuscripts with multiple authors, on the **Preceding page** (see further below), the role of each author in the production of the study and manuscript must be specified; we recommend considering the CRediT (Contributor Roles Taxonomy) specification system, which identifies 14 different roles. Authors are also requested to designate who is responsible for submitting the manuscript to the platform and establishing communications with the Journal.

The author must ensure that an observation, derivation, or argument which has been previously reported must be accompanied by the relevant citation and corresponding reference. Follow the provisions of the APA Standards 7th edition.

The author authorizes the journal to publish all types of contributions having been approved to be published in any print or electronic version and via the media they may deem necessary. They will sign the Authorizing Letter that will be sent by the Editorial Staff before it will be published.

We invite you to review the [Ethical Standards](#) and [Rules for the evaluation process](#) sections before submitting your manuscript.

## Files to send

### Previous page (It must include):

- Type of manuscript (according to the typology previously mentioned).
- Title in English and Spanish.
- Author or authors:
  - Each one must register using both family names starting with the first surname (in case of having only one family name, specify only one).
  - The name as it should appear on the article (it may be different from the previous one).
  - Institutional affiliation, email, nationality, ORCID code
  - Short abstract of each of the authors (5 lines maximum).
  - The role of each one according to the [CRediT \(Contributor Roles Taxonomy\)](#) specifications, which identifies 14 different roles.
- Attest that there is no conflict of interest.
- If it is the case, include the information about the authorizations of figures (photographs or illustrations) in the manuscript.

### File with the manuscript

At the beginning of the text should go:

- Title in English and Spanish.
- Abstract: in English and Spanish, maximum of 250 words each.
- At least 5 keywords both in English and Spanish, also include geographical area (country, region). It is recommended to include concepts that are not in the title to improve chances of retrieval.

For more details, download the [Word file](#) with the required parameters and [Annex 2. Recommendations for text preparation](#). Both documents are part of the Guidelines for Authors.

### If applicable:

- Excel file with tables and figures (produced with Excel).
- File with photos and other images.
- Supplementary files that need to be published as annexes.

## Submission

To submit your manuscript:

- Make sure that none of the authors' names appear anywhere in the file and text. ([Annex 3. Here are guidelines on how to anonymize](#)).
- We recommend checking the following checklist before submitting your manuscript.
- [Register on the platform](#).
- Upload the files and enter the details of your manuscript and the authors using this [link](#).

Take care of entering the title and other data on the platform, always using uppercase and lowercase.

## Retractions and modifications

The Editors of the journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente** will always be willing to publish corrections, clarifications, and apologies when necessary. For the withdrawal, retraction, elimination or change of an article, they will consider the guidelines of the [Regulations of the Research Ethics Committee of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú](#), as well as the suggestions established by the [Publication Ethics Committee](#) (COPE) and by [Elsevier](#).

## 6. Review Process

The Editorial Board of the journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente**, taking into account the [Ethical Principles for Research established by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú](#) (PUCP, 2011, articles 8-12), the principles of transparency and good practices in academic publishing established by the [Committee on Publication Ethics](#) (COPE), the [SciELO Guidelines to Best Practices for Strengthening Ethics in Scientific Publishing](#), and the guidance provided in the [Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association](#) (7th ed.), establishes the following process:

### First step: Reception of contributions

All contributions submitted to be published on the journal **Revista Kawsaypacha: Sociedad y Medio Ambiente**, will be initially evaluated by the Editors to determine if they comply with the Guidelines for Authors, which includes the ethical standards of the Journal and the formal. In case they do, they will proceed with the peer review process.

Those who do not meet the formal requirements will receive a message through the platform with a deadline of 3 weeks to address the comments. After this period, the manuscript will be categorized as "UNPUBLISHABLE". If the author wishes to submit their text addressing the comments, they will need to resubmit it, initiating a new evaluation process.

### Second step: Evaluation and peer review (double-blind)

Reviewers are scholars and researchers, nationally and internationally recognized in their fields, and external to the Editorial Team; papers will be assigned according to their topics and expertise. Reviewers will work anonymously, and the authorship will also remain anonymous.

The manuscripts will undergo a double-blind peer review system, which is carried out by ensuring anonymity between reviewers and authors, to ensure their academic quality, suitability, and novelty.

Reviewers will consider the following evaluation criteria:

- The title is consistent with the content of the article,
- The manuscript provides an original contribution to the knowledge of the topic,
- It is well-structured, logical, and clear.
- It presents synthetically the methodology, stating aspects such as research, participants, procedure, instruments, and data analysis technique.
- It describes the results in a systematic, organized, and synthetic manner, showing the most relevant and original aspects of the research.
- It develops a critical analysis of the most important findings of the research, its scientific relevance, and its limitations, along with recommendations for future studies, its implementation, or new lines of research.
- It presents relevant and updated references.

Reviewers will send their evaluation with suggestions and recommendations for the authors and Editors stating one of these options:

- a) It is accepted to be published with no further amendments.
- b) It could be published with some modifications (for example: stylistic corrections, accuracy in certain data).
- c) It could be published with substantial modifications (for example: better supporting its ideas, modifying the wording). In these cases, the text will be sent back to the reviewer.
- d) It cannot be published.

**If the rating is (b) or (c)**, the Editors, will send the evaluation comments to the author. The author must submit the revised text within the indicated deadlines, clearly indicating how and where in the text they have incorporated the changes.

In the case that the author disagrees with the reviewer's comments, they should send a communication to the Editors explaining their reasons. The Editors will assess the relevance of conveying these observations to the author and will mediate communications between both parties while ensuring anonymity.

If the author does not respond to the Editors' communication within a month, the manuscript will be categorized as "**It cannot be published**". If the author wishes to submit their text addressing the comments, they will need to resubmit it, initiating a new evaluation process.

Once the Editors approve the text, this decision will be communicated to the authors, and the editorial production process will commence.

**If the rating is (d), It cannot be published**, the Editors will communicate the decision to the author and, if applicable, attach the reviewer's comments.

If the author wishes to submit their text addressing the comments, they will need to resubmit it, initiating a new evaluation process.

### Third step: Editing phase

Once the text is approved, it will move to the style editing phase to refine the writing, spelling, citation format, and align it with the stylistic criteria of the Journal. During this process, it's possible that authors may be consulted to address certain formal or content-related queries identified in this stage.

Upon completion of this process, the manuscripts that have been approved for publication in the next issue of the Journal are organized and formatting is applied.

After formatting is completed, the Editors will send the author the final version of their manuscript along with the Authorization Letter template. Authors need to confirm their agreement with the sent PDF file and attach the signed Authorization Letter from all authors.

### Fourth step: Publishing and dissemination

Since number 10 (July-December 2022) the "publication in process" is applied, which allows articles that are validated by the authors to be published. Once the publication process of all the articles in the number has been completed, the complete version of the number is prepared.

As articles are published, the Editorial Staff will promote and disseminate them in academic networks and ensure that they are properly incorporated into the indexes, databases, and repositories in which the journal is indexed.

## 7. Digital Preservation Policy ([Link](#))

The PUCP Journal Portal database uses Amazon Web Services (AWS) for its operation. One of the features provided by this service is the automatic creation of backup copies ("backups") of data stored on other AWS servers located in distant geographical regions. Thanks to this functionality, the PUCP Library System guarantees the permanent availability of both the contents and the updated backup copies in real time.

The PUCP Journal Portal database also adheres to the recommendations proposed by the PKP Preservation Network, in order to ensure permanent availability and access to content. For this reason, the LOCKSS module has been enabled, which allows the creation of a backup file that will be used in the event of any technical or administrative eventuality that affects the Portal.

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