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## **Peer Review Policy: Peoples Journal Sri Lanka**

### **1. Initial Editorial Screening**

All manuscripts submitted to the Peoples Journal Sri Lanka undergo a preliminary assessment by the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board. During this stage, papers are evaluated for:

- ❖ **Relevance:** Alignment with the scope of Social Sciences and Sciences.
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- ❖ **Anonymity:** To ensure objectivity, reviewers are not provided with the author's name or affiliation, and authors remain unaware of the reviewers' identities.
- ❖ **Evaluation:** Each paper is referred to two subject-matter experts who assess the scientific quality, methodology, and contribution to the field.
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- ❖ **Acceptance:** The paper is accepted without further changes.
- ❖ **Minor/Major Revisions:** The paper is returned to the author for improvements. Authors are typically granted one month to resubmit the revised manuscript.
- ❖ **Rejection:** The paper is deemed unsuitable for publication in its current form.

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