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Submission Guidelines

Journal *Proelium*

NEW GENERAL AND EDITORIAL GUIDELINE
S OF THE SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL PROELIUM (SERIES VIII) – 2026

1. General Guidelines 2026

a. *Proelium* is an open-access scientific jornal dedicated to the dissemination of original and relevant research in the fields of military sciences, security and defence, as well as technological and social areas with direct application to the military and strategic context.

b. It is addressed to the national and international academic and scientific community, welcoming articles resulting from research projects, scientific communications, case studies and critical essays that contribute to the production and sharing of knowledge with institutional, operational and social impact.

c. The journal adopts an interdisciplinary approach, integrating contributions from the social sciences, exact sciences and engineering, emerging technologies and health sciences, always articulated with contemporary challenges in security, defence and strategic governance.

2. Scientific and Thematic Areas of the *Proelium* Journal

a. *Proelium* accepts original submissions framed within the following areas:

(1) Crisis and Armed Conflict Studies

(2) Military Operations

(3) Leadership, Human Behaviour and Health in Military Contexts

(4) Military Techniques and Technologies

(5) Internal Security Studies and Criminal Phenomena

3. Scientific Peer Review Process

a. All submitted articles are subject to a scientific peer review process (double-blind peer review), ensuring impartiality and academic rigour.

b. Each manuscript is evaluated by at least two independent scientific reviewers. Editorial decisions are communicated to the corresponding author by electronic mail. In the event of rejection, the journal provides a justified statement based on the reviewers' assessments and the responsible editor's evaluation.

4. Periodicity and Publication

a. *Proelium* is published on a semi-annual basis, ensuring the regularity of its editorial cycle and the continuity of its scientific mission. Each volume includes original peer-reviewed scientific articles selected according to criteria of quality, relevance and methodological rigour.

b. Articles are made available in open-access digital format, with the assignment of an individual DOI (Digital Object Identifier) and structured metadata, in accordance with international interoperability standards.

c. The journal follows international best editorial practices, promoting the visibility and accessibility of its contents and facilitating their integration into digital library systems, scientific databases and institutional repositories.

5. Submission Guidelines

a. Manuscript Submission Guidelines for the *Proelium* Journal

Before submitting an article to the *Proelium* Journal, careful reading of the present guidelines is recommended. Manuscripts that do not fully comply with the requirements stipulated herein may be rejected outright, without being sent for scientific review.

b. Submission Platform

All submissions must be made exclusively through the digital platform of the *Proelium* Journal, available at: https://revistas.rcaap.pt/proelium/about/submissions

In case of doubts regarding the authenticity of the platform or potential fraud attempts, authors should contact the editorial team.

c. Submission and Publication Fees

The *Proelium* Journal is a free-access scientific periodical and does not involve any costs (APC- Article Processing Charges) for submission, evaluation or publication of articles.

d. Manuscript Format and Submission

(1) Manuscripts must be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.docx).

(2) The text must comply with formal standards of scientific presentation, with particular attention to clarity, conciseness and academic rigour. Authors must use double spacing throughout the main text and Times New Roman font, size 11.

e. Manuscript Structure

The manuscript must include, in the following order:

(1) Title page, including:

• Full title of the article (in uppercase letters and right-aligned);

• Full name(s) of the author(s), institutional affiliation and ORCID;

• Email address of the corresponding author;

• Total number of pages and figures/tables included.

(2) Structured abstract (maximum 250 words), including the following elements:

• Objective: clear statement of the study's purpose;

• Methods: characterisation of the sample, methodological design, data collection and analysis techniques;

• Results: concise presentation of the main findings;

• Conclusions: implications of the results for research or practice.

(3) Keywords: three to five, separated by semicolons.

(4) Main text, divided, according to the nature of the study, into: Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion and Conclusions.

(5) References, presented in alphabetical order, according to APA style, 7th edition.

(6) Appendices and supplementary materials, if applicable.

(7) Authors' biographical note: a brief biographical note of up to 75 words for each author, included at the end of the article.

f. Peer Review Policy

(1) All manuscripts undergo a preliminary review by the Editorial Board. Manuscripts that fall outside the journal's scope or do not demonstrate sufficient scientific merit may be rejected without peer review.

(2) Articles accepted for scientific evaluation are subject to a double-blind peer review process, ensuring reciprocal anonymity between authors and reviewers.

(3) The final decision regarding acceptance or rejection of the article lies with the Editorial Board, based on the received reviewers' reports.

g. Length Limits

(1) The main text must not exceed 30 pages, including abstract, summary, tables, charts, figures and references.

(2) The total number of tables and figures must not exceed eight.

h. References

(1) References must be presented in alphabetical order, according to the surname of the first author.

(2) All works cited in the text must appear in the reference list, and all entries in the reference list must correspond to at least one citation in the text.

(3) Below are examples of different types of sources according to APA style, 7th edition:

- Journal article

  Silva, M. J., & Rodrigues, L. P. (2020). Transformational leadership and group cohesion in the Armed Forces: An empirical analysis. *Revista Lusitana de Psicologia Militar, 12*(2), 45–62. https://doi.org/10.32745/rlpm.v12i2.3001

- Single-author book

  Ferreira, A. L. (2017). *Psychology of decision-making in military contexts*. Edições Universitárias Lusófonas.

- Edited book chapter

  Costa, R. F., & Almeida, D. J. (2019). Military organisational psychology: Challenges and opportunities. In T. Marques & P. Barros (Eds.), *Organisational behaviour in armed institutions* (pp. 115–138). Instituto de Ciências Sociais Militares.

- Thesis or dissertation

  Oliveira, H. C. (2021). *Resilience and performance in military operations: A study with officers in training* [Master's dissertation, Military Academy]. AM Scientific Repository. https://repositorio.am.pt/handle/123456789/987

- Technical or institutional report

  Ministry of National Defence. (2020). *Strategic plan for the development of leadership competencies in the Armed Forces (2020–2030)*. Directorate-General for Defence Resources. https://www.defesa.gov.pt/media/strategialideranca.pdf

- Conference paper

  Pereira, T. M., & Simões, J. R. (2018). The role of emotional intelligence in small-unit leadership. *Proceedings of the International Congress of Applied Psychology to Defence*, 211–220. https://doi.org/10.1234/cipad.2018.15

- Legislative source

  Assembly of the Republic. (2009). Law no. 31/2009, of 3 July: Approves the Statute of the Military Personnel of the Armed Forces. *Diário da República*, 1st series, no. 127. https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/lei/31-2009-495697

i. Figures, Tables and Equations

(1) Figures must be submitted in JPG or TIFF format (minimum 300 DPI), and vector graphics in EPS format.

(2) Captions must be included in the same file as the figure and be sufficiently explicit to allow independent understanding.

(3) Tables must be created using the specific function of the word processor and not with spaces or tabs.

(4) Tables present numerical values or textual information organised in rows and columns. Figures may include charts, photographs, maps, diagrams, drawings or other types of non-textual illustration or representation. Whenever included, they must be mentioned in the text preceding or following them.

(5) Figures, tables and equations must always be accompanied by their respective number and title, placed on the line below the table, followed by the source, when applicable.

j. Data, Codes and Materials

(1) Authors must explicitly declare whether the data, materials and codes used are available and where they can be accessed.

(2) If availability is not possible for ethical or legal reasons, this must be duly justified.

k. Ethical Statements

Authors must ensure that the research complies with prevailing ethical principles, namely those defined by the APA and other relevant international bodies, and must explicitly declare:

(1) The obtaining of informed consent from participants (when applicable);

(2) Approval by a recognised ethics committee (when applicable);

(3) The absence of plagiarism or duplicate publication.

l. Conflicts of Interest and Funding

An explicit declaration regarding potential conflicts of interest and sources of funding must be included in the author note. Even in the absence of conflicts or funding, a statement to that effect must be provided.

m. Copyright and Licensing

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prior authorisation from the Editorial Board, with explicit acknowledgement of the source.