

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION POLICY

1. Resolution of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Network of Latin American Experts and Analysts (REAL), recognizing the importance of integrity in research and publication of information, approves the following Policy on Ethics in Research and Publication as an essential part of its guidelines and principles.

2. **Policy Statement**

REAL reaffirms its unwavering commitment to ethics in research and publication as an essential pillar of our organization in Latin America. This policy outlines the fundamental ethical principles guiding our academic and research activities.

2.1. Fundamental Principles

- 2.1.1. Integrity and Honesty: REAL promotes integrity and honesty at all stages of research and publication. REAL researchers and authors must conduct their research honestly and accurately, avoiding data fabrication, falsification, or misrepresentation.
- 2.1.2. Attribution and Plagiarism: All research and publication papers must be duly attributed and cited following academic and ethical standards. REAL will not tolerate plagiarism in any way or apply corrective or sanctioning measures against any infringement.
- 2.1.3. Confidentiality: We will respect the nature of confidential and privileged information with methods that ensure that data and research results are handled with the highest degree of confidentiality, where necessary.
- 2.1.4. Transparency in Funding: All funding sources for research and publication will be disclosed. REAL will ensure that funding sources do not unduly influence the results or conclusions of the research.
- 2.1.5. Peer Review and Fair Evaluation: Peer review will be conducted impartially and fairly, without bias or conflicts of interest. Reviewers and evaluators will be selected based on their experience and competence in the field of study.





3. Implementation and Monitoring

REAL's senior management will be responsible for implementing this policy in all organization-related research and publication areas. An ethics committee will be established to monitor and evaluate compliance with this policy.

4. <u>Disclosure of this Policy</u>

This Research and Publication Ethics policy will be widely communicated to all relevant employees, members, partners, and stakeholders. Training and guidance will be provided to ensure a thorough understanding and effective implementation of this policy.

REAL is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards in research and publication, promoting trust and credibility in our academic work in Latin America. This policy will be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to maintain our organization's highest standards of ethics.