



## **ANTI-PLAGIARISM AND ANTI-DUPLICATION PROCEDURES**

In the context of the SOGEI Coordination among the Italian Geographic Associations and Partnerships (AGEI, AIC, AIIG, CISGE, SGI, SSG), the protection of research ethics and the adoption of shared transparency and communication instruments and strategies is a subject of common interest to us all. The SOGEI journals have mutually agreed to adopt the following procedures:

**ANTI-PLAGIARISM:** The Journals shall routinely use a common anti-plagiarism software on all the publication submissions, by means of a wide-ranging database which will be further enhanced with use. The software will also have the potential to compare the papers which have been checked with articles published in different languages, thus detecting any possible proposals for publication that turn out to be largely based on translations. The response of the software and its effect on the publication process, even though technically deriving from comparison algorithms which can give qualitative outcomes and references to possible unreferenced sources, are not automatic: in fact, any possible indications of this will be carefully examined by the editorial boards and the effect on the specific submission will nevertheless be the result of an accurate and in-depth verification of the same. Should the checks detect cases of serious plagiarism, these would be referred to the editorial boards of all the journals adopting this system.

**ANTI-DUPLICATION:** In order to avoid malpractice, such as the submitting of the same paper to more than one editorial board at the same time, the Journals will share a database of the various proposals able to rapidly make a comparison of any very similar texts, even if submitted under different titles and containing the same extensive and repeated excerpts without the appropriate quotations. It is to be noted that the verification process, peer review and prospective acceptance of the paper for publication will lie completely with each Journal, just as with any other operational modality for the “internal” processing of the text.

These, along with other modalities of collaboration, are aimed at strengthening the self-regulating and organising capacity of the geographic community in order to maintain and increase the quality of its scientific journals, promote greater attention to the ethics of research and to make the publication practice increasingly transparent.