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MALPRACTICE STATEMENT



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INTRODUCTION

The *International Real Estate Review (IRER)* serves as a vehicle for communication between real estate academics, professionals, and policy makers and seeks to advance knowledge in international real estate markets, with special emphasis on Asian markets, by publishing theoretical and empirical academic research papers, as well as market and policy papers introducing and analyzing the operational and institutional setting, policy issues, and real estate-related laws and regulations of Asian real estate markets.

The integrity and transparency of our research content and publishing process is critical to the academic standards we uphold and communities—both scholarly and civic—we serve. *IRER* is associated with the Asian Real Estate Society and the Global Chinese Real Estate Congress, with funding and editorial support provided by the University of Macau and Johns Hopkins University. As such, *IRER* abides by and supports the academic principles of these reputable organizations. This statement defines the principles and methods we apply in every step of the review and publication process.

1. EDITORIAL BOARD

The network for publishing academia is complex and includes authors, reviewers, editors, and publishers, each with a critical role in the peer review process. The Editor and the Editorial Board determine and oversee the scope and direction of the *IRER*. These members are recognized experts in the industry and are responsible for reviewing articles submitted for publication. Executive Editors, Editors, and Associate Editors and their affiliations can be found on the journal's website.

2. AUTHORS & AUTHOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Author Responsibilities

All authors should provide significant contributions to the manuscripts submitted to *IRER*. Authors of articles published on the *IRER* are obliged to review submissions to the journal should they be invited by the editors.

Submission of an article to *IRER* is taken to imply that it represents original, unpublished work, not concurrently under consideration for publication. Authors will be asked to transfer the copyright of their papers to the *IRER*'s publisher if and when the article is accepted for publication.

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3. PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

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Review Process

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When a referee decides to reject a manuscript, the referee presents a critique to the Editor who then forwards it to the author. Each detailed critique includes a specific recommendation from the referee indicating whether or not the author should be encouraged to resubmit the manuscript for publication consideration. The Editor makes the final decision regarding re-submissions. Upon receiving a re-submission, the Editor determines whether or not the manuscript should re-enter the review process, be accepted, or simply be returned.

The Editor determines the publication dates for accepted manuscripts. As a general rule, the Editor attempts to "balance" the topics covered in any one issue. Consequently, in an effort to balance the coverage of topics, the Editor may choose the articles to be included in a given issue from among those already accepted for publication. This general rule will be set aside should the Board of Directors decide to do so, such as in the case of a special issue devoted to a single topic.

Submission via email is strongly encouraged and will receive a faster turn-around. Except for the final version, manuscripts can be submitted via email in Word, PDF, or WordPerfect file formats.

4. PUBLICATION ETHICS

If *IRER*'s editors are made aware of any allegation of research misconduct, the publisher or editor shall deal with the allegations. The publication of the manuscript is suspended, and the authors are informed as such. The article is then retracted or corrected, whichever is applicable. If misconduct was discovered post-publication, corrections, clarifications, retractions, and apologies, are published if necessary.

Conflicts of Interest

Authors must indicate any conflicts of interest over the publication process, in any part or in whole, in their submission.

Funding

Authors should acknowledge the funding source supporting the research underlying the article in the article once it is accepted for publication.

Retractions, Corrections, and Apologies

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The *International Real Estate Review* is a quarterly publication. Members of the Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES) and the Global Chinese Real Estate Congress (GCREC) receive a copy of the latest *IRER* via mail based on a valid annual membership. Members of AsRES and GCREC also receive the latest issue at each organization's annual conference. Full-text copies of all past issues are also available for free on the *IRER* website.

6. ARCHIVING

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7. OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

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- Editorial Policy
- Submission Guidelines
- Subscription information and application
- Full-text formats of the current and past articles and issues available for free download

9. PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

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