



Internet Policy Review – Policy on the use of AI tools in manuscript preparation (September 2026)

Scope

This policy applies to all submission types and covers the use of generative AI tools, including large language models, in the drafting, revision, and structuring of manuscript text.

Authorship

AI tools may not be listed as authors. Authorship at Internet Policy Review requires the ability to take intellectual responsibility for the work, respond to editorial and peer review queries, and stand accountable for the accuracy and integrity of the content. These responsibilities can only be assumed by human authors.

Permitted uses

Authors may use AI tools for language editing, grammar correction, and improvements to readability. Such use does not require disclosure, provided that the substantive intellectual content – the argument, the analysis, the interpretation of sources – originates with the author.

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Author responsibility

Disclosure does not transfer or limit authorial responsibility. Authors remain fully accountable for the accuracy of all statements, the correctness of all citations, and the absence of fabricated or hallucinated references. This is particularly relevant given the interdisciplinary and policy-oriented nature of submissions to Internet Policy Review, where factual and legal accuracy is essential.

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AI-generated visual content must be clearly labelled as such. It may not be used to represent empirical data or to simulate results.

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