

Salesianum Policy on the Use of Generative AI

Salesianum has its own [*Code of Ethics*](#), which complements the [*Publication Policy*](#) and outlines the responsibilities of authors, peer reviewers, and the Editorial Board.

The following guidelines are intended to provide direction regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI)—that is, those models and platforms capable of producing text, images, or other content at the user’s request. The rapid development of AI and the emergence of user-friendly platforms that leverage its creative potential can significantly impact the production, management, archiving, and evaluation of submissions intended for *Salesianum*.

To address this, *Salesianum* adopts the following policy, which offers guidance to authors and reviewers in order to safeguard the authenticity of contributions, uphold intellectual property rights, and ensure transparency in the review process. *Salesianum* is committed to regularly updating these guidelines in accordance with the fast-paced technological evolution of AI.

Use of AI by Authors

Salesianum allows authors to use generative AI tools in a supportive capacity—for example, to improve the linguistic quality of texts, check the accuracy of translations, detect grammatical errors or methodological inconsistencies, verify information, search for bibliographic references, and similar tasks. Authors who make use of such tools remain fully responsible for the statements contained in their texts and for ensuring their accuracy. They are therefore expected to carefully supervise the entire process and thoroughly review the AI-generated outputs in order to prevent potential errors, distortions, or unintentional plagiarism.

In accordance with the *Salesianum* [*Code of Ethics*](#), the author guarantees the complete originality of the submitted text and assumes full authorship of every part, which is therefore presumed to have been written by them. The use of generative AI tools in no way justifies attributing authorship to the tool, nor does it permit any third-party claims to authorship.

Use of AI by Reviewers

Salesianum advises reviewers against using generative AI technologies, as the manuscripts submitted for review must be treated as confidential documents and therefore must not be uploaded to platforms that could compromise intellectual property rights or confidentiality.

The trust that *Salesianum* places in its reviewers—based on their professional competence and sound judgment—precludes the use of AI tools for carrying out critical evaluations, a task whose nature and sensitivity must remain strictly human. Even partial use of AI tools may introduce bias,

incompleteness, or prejudice into the review process, potentially compromising the overall assessment.

Reviewers remain personally and fully responsible for the content of their evaluation reports.

Reviewers, particularly those who are not native speakers, may use language correction tools to improve the linguistic quality of their reports, provided they respect the confidentiality of the documents and refrain from uploading sensitive information that could reveal the author's identity.

Use of AI in the Editorial Process

Manuscripts submitted to *Salesianum* are to be treated as confidential documents. For this reason, the *Salesianum* Editorial Board refrains from uploading them, even partially, to AI platforms that could potentially violate their intellectual property rights and confidentiality.

Similarly, the Editorial Board does not submit to AI tools any reviewer reports, the final editorial report, or the communication between authors and the Editorial Board, all of which are to be considered strictly confidential.

As stated in the *Salesianum* [*Code of Ethics*](#), the Editorial Board reserves the right to use tools such as [*Compilatio* ©](#), or similar software, to detect possible cases of plagiarism, manipulation of citations, or to identify portions of text that may have been generated by AI. Documents examined through [*Compilatio* ©](#) remain accessible solely to the *Salesianum* Editorial Board for editorial purposes and do not become part of the software's public archive.

Should the Editorial Board identify content that appears to have been generated by AI, the author will be contacted to provide clarification and may be required to submit a written statement certifying the complete authorship and originality of the contribution.

Once the originality of a submission has been verified, the Editorial Board does not make any use of AI technologies to evaluate the suitability of contributions for publication in *Salesianum*.