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**1) Best Practices of Publishing Scholarship in *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture***

1.1 *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* ISSN 1481-4374 <<http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweb>>—the peer-reviewed quarterly of scholarship in the humanities and social sciences—is published by Purdue University Press <<http://www.thepress.purdue.edu>> ©Purdue University <<http://www.purdue.edu>> online in full text and open access.

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1.10 Authors receive from the journal acknowledgment of receipt of submission within 1-2 weeks.

1.11 Papers submitted for publication are evaluated in double-blind peer review by 2+1 experts in the field in the length of 3-4 months.

1.12 The paper submitted is within journal's intellectual trajectory as outlined in the journal's Aims&Scope <<http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweblibrary/clcwebaims>>.

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1.14 Prior to the journal's process of evaluation, papers submitted for publication are processed in plagiarism software.

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1.16 Following peer review, authors of accepted papers or papers accepted conditionally receive from the journal readers' comments in a composite evaluation.

1.17 Authors of papers evaluated by readers against publication do not receive readers' comments.

1.18 Publication of accepted papers occurs in the next available issue of the journal or no later than within 12 months.

- 1.19 Authors of articles in the journal are required to obtain and provide to the journal an ORCID ID from <http://orcid.org>: the ID is published with the article.
- 1.20 Papers accepted for publication are edited in consultation with the editors of the journal.
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- 1.22 Upon agreement between the author and the journal on the final version of the paper, the edited word version is uploaded by the journal and it is converted to pdf in the journal's publishing software.
- 1.23 Upon publication articles are issued CrossRef DOI: Digital Object Identifier numbers.
- 1.24 Upon publication the download count of the article is posted on the abstract page of the article & the yearly and total download counts of the journal's material are available on the journal's index page.
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- 1.30 Members of the International Advisory Board and editors of *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* are invited to submit new work for publication, to recommend scholars to publish in the journal, and to propose guest-edited thematic & special issues.

## 2) Best Practices of Peer Review for *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture*

- 2.1 Readers receive email from the journal requesting evaluation of paper submitted with link to the journal's page where the journal's template of evaluation to complete and the text of the paper submitted are located.
- 2.2 As standard in U.S. scholarship, peer review is performed on a voluntary basis as part of a scholar's academic profile.
- 2.3 The length of evaluation of papers submitted to *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* is 3-4 months upon receipt by reviewers.
- 2.4 In addition to comments on the paper following the evaluation template readers are encouraged to suggest current scholarship for the improvement of the paper and to check for potential oversight by authors of papers with regard to the appropriate citation of sources and previous publications of similar topic/theme.
- 2.5 Upon completion of peer-review, comments are uploaded to the journal.
- 2.6 Following peer review, authors of accepted papers or papers accepted conditionally receive from the journal readers' comments in a composite evaluation.
- 2.7 Authors of papers evaluated by readers against publication do not receive readers' comments.
- 2.8 Readers' names and/or institutional affiliations are not released to authors of submitted papers or published articles under any circumstances.

## 3) *CLCWeb* Double-Blind Peer Review

### 3.1 *CLCWeb* Form Letter to Reviewers

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### 3.2 **CLCWeb Double-Blind Peer Review Template to Reviewers**

- 1) Title of paper =
- 2) Is the paper within *CLCWeb's* Aims & Scope <<http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweblibrary/clcwebaims>> (yes or no)? =
- 3) Is the paper a good contribution to scholarship in its field (if yes why and if not why not)? =
- 4) Is the author's argumentation supported by appropriate sources (yes or no)? =
- 5) Do you recommend publication of the paper? (yes or publication with revisions or no) =
- 6) If revision is recommended (i.e., the paper could be published upon revision), what would you suggest the author to revise (including additional sources)? =