



ZəNU PUBLISHERS

GUIDE FOR FUTURE AUTHORS

1. Who are we?

Welcome to ZəNU Publishers (**ZP**), a Pan-African, multilingual and innovative publishing house.

- We are a young publishing house based in Cameroon. We are gradually establishing representatives and focal points in various African and global capitals. This ambitious project is led by a diverse group of African and diaspora academics, intellectuals, writers and cultural figures.
- We do **Traditional Publishing** and are committed to publishing **scientific and literary** works of high quality, offering a **professional, transparent and copyright-friendly** environment.
- What sets us apart is that we are one of the few publishing houses in Africa or devoted mainly to Africa which can **cover all publication costs**, while guaranteeing comprehensive and personalised support to the authors.
- We publish in several languages: **English, French and African languages**, such as **Swahili**, in order to promote and disseminate the cultural and scientific wealth of the region.
- We are committed to supporting authors, including young authors, by guiding them through every stage of the publishing process, from submission to distribution, to maximise the impact and visibility of their work worldwide.

2. Why publish with us?

- **Traditional Publishing and very high-quality standards:** rigorous selection, meticulous editorial processing and marketing of selected works across five continents.
- **Respect for professional ethics:** ethical standards, combating all forms of plagiarism, scrupulous respect for copyright.
- **Author support:** personalised assistance, layout and promotion.

- **Possibility of publishing with all costs supported by the publisher:** full coverage of production and distribution costs.
- **Multilingual distribution:** publication in French, English and African languages (especially Swahili) to reach a wide and diverse audience.
- **Wide visibility and distribution:** distribution in bookshops and digital platforms.

3. Types of works accepted

- **Scientific:** monographs, textbooks, research reports, conference proceedings, specialised works, essays, peer-reviewed academic journals.
- **Literary or Fiction books:** novels, poetry, plays, short stories, literary criticism, autobiographies, comic books.
- **Other publications:** educational works, practical guides, popular science documents.
- **We only publish original and unpublished manuscripts.**

Each manuscript is evaluated according to its quality, originality and relevance to the publisher's editorial line.

4. Submission procedure

Step 1: Preparing the manuscript

- Firstly, the entire Book in Word or PDF format.
- Secondly, the proposal, which includes: a provisional title of the book, a summary, a detailed outline of the book, a detailed biography of the authors, information about the target audience and a marketing plan (how the book can be sold in soft and hard copy).
- Thirdly, a 3-page statement of intent from the author on the originality and major contribution of the work to the literary and/or scientific landscape.

Step 2: Submission

- By email to zenupublishers@gmail.com or via our online form.
- Receipt confirmed within **14 working days**.

Step 3: Acknowledgement of receipt

- Official confirmation and assignment of a **tracking number** for all subsequent communications.

5. Evaluation and editorial decision

First reading: verification of the manuscript's compliance and relevance.

In-depth reading:

- **Scientific works:** evaluated by at least two independent experts.

- **Literary works or Fiction books:** critically reviewed by the editorial committee and external specialist readers.

Final decision:

- Acceptance: direct publication or publication with minor modifications.
- Major revision: returned to the author for substantial corrections.
- Rejection: clear and respectful notification, with advice where appropriate.

Approximate timeframes:

- First reading: 4 to 6 weeks
- In-depth evaluation: 8 to 16 additional weeks

6. Publication and distribution

- **Publishing contract:** formalisation of transferred rights and remuneration terms.
- **Editorial preparation:** proofreading, layout, cover design, author approval.
- **Printing and digital formats:** simultaneous print and e-book publication.
- **Multilingual promotion and distribution:** targeted communication, participation in trade fairs, distribution in bookshops and digital platforms.

7. Support for authors and researchers

- Personalised advice to improve the scientific or literary quality of the manuscript.
- Training in editorial standards and professional writing.
- Monitoring publications and providing advice on disseminating and promoting research.

8. FAQs and practical advice

Q: Can I submit a manuscript that has already been published elsewhere?

A: No, we only accept unpublished and original works.

Q: What are the selection criteria?

A: Quality, originality, relevance and major contribution to the literary and/or scientific landscape, relevance to our editorial line, clarity and consistency. In addition, ZΘNU Publishing has adopted a robust and proactive stance against plagiarism, combining IT resources (specialised software, use of artificial intelligence) with human expertise/verification. We only publish original and unpublished manuscripts.

Q: Can I submit a collective work?

A: Yes, with a designated lead coordinator.

Tips:

- Ensure that the manuscript is well presented and clear.
- Provide an accurate and appealing abstract.

- Proofread carefully before submission.
- Be responsive to requests for revision or clarification.

9. Contacts and submission

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ZØNU Publishers is delighted to receive your projects and guarantee you the best possible professional collaboration, mutually beneficial, in strict compliance with the highest ethical and editorial standards.