

## Foreword to the Inaugural Volume

It is with great honour and anticipation that we launch the inaugural issue of *Scientific Navigation*. This journal emerges from the shared belief that academic research should advance disciplinary knowledge and serve as a compass for navigating the complexities of our changing world.

Scientific Navigation is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal dedicated to advancing scholarship in Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Medical and Health Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities. By bringing together these diverse disciplines, we aim to foster dialogue across boundaries, encourage methodological innovation, and address pressing challenges of global relevance.

The principles of rigour, transparency, and inclusivity guide the journal. To embody these values, *Scientific Navigation* is committed to ensuring a rapid and fair peer review process that upholds quality without unnecessary delay, while maintaining the highest ethical evaluation standards. The journal further embraces open-access dissemination, making knowledge freely available to a global audience and enhancing the visibility and impact of scholarly contributions. Equally important, the journal is shaped by a diverse and internationally representative editorial leadership, reflecting different regions, academic traditions, and disciplinary perspectives. This ensures fairness, inclusivity, and a plurality of voices in advancing science.

Four core principles guide the mission of Scientific Navigation. Empowerment reflects our commitment to providing an environment where scholars can grow confidently, access opportunities, and realise their potential to make a meaningful difference. Innovation highlights our encouragement of bold thinking, fresh approaches, and cross-disciplinary collaborations that bring new energy and transformative impact to research. Collaboration represents our dedication to building strong partnerships across the global academic community, fostering mutual growth, shared responsibility, and advancing knowledge for the benefit of all. Finally, Connection emphasises the cultivation of a culture of empathy and dialogue, where ideas, experiences, and perspectives flow freely to nurture a more inclusive and resilient scholarly community.



## Editorial

## Open Access

At a time of accelerating technological change and profound social and health challenges, *Scientific Navigation* positions itself as more than a publishing platform—it is a forum where knowledge contributes to academic progress and societal well-being. We particularly welcome research that advances understanding of human development and well-being, recognising its significance for building resilient, inclusive, and sustainable communities. Equally, the journal is committed to fairness and equity in academic publishing, ensuring that all submissions are evaluated on scholarly merit rather than institutional prestige or professional rank. By creating genuine opportunities for early-career researchers and young scholars, we seek to nurture new voices and foster an inclusive academic community where ideas are valued for originality, integrity, and impact. In this way, Scientific Navigation aspires not only to disseminate research but also to cultivate the next generation of thinkers, educators, and innovators who will guide the academic and social landscapes of the future.

On behalf of the editorial team, I express my sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to the realisation of *Scientific Navigation*—authors who entrust us with their work, reviewers who dedicate time and expertise, and readers who bring scholarship to life through engagement and dialogue. The journal’s success depends on this collaborative spirit, and it is with this spirit that we extend an open invitation to the academic community. We warmly welcome submissions that align with our mission and encourage colleagues, practitioners, and students alike to participate as authors, reviewers, and ambassadors of knowledge. By working together, we can build a journal that publishes research while strengthening networks of inquiry, fostering intellectual exchange, and amplifying diverse scholarly voices across the globe.

As we set sail, we are inspired by the timeless wisdom of Laozi: “*The highest good is like water, which benefits all things and does not compete.*” May Scientific Navigation be like water—nurturing, connecting, and sustaining the scholarly journeys of all who navigate these pages.

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