

Clarification of the peer review status of periodicals published by AEGIS member centres

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To identify the peer review status of periodicals, the Working Group made a distinction between the following categories:

1. a non-refereed journal;
2. a refereed journal;
3. a double-blind refereed journal; and
4. a journal on the list of the Institute for Scientific Information.

The Working Group asked the editors-in-chief of the following periodicals published by AEGIS member centres, to document and clarify their system of reviewing papers sent to them for publication:

Afriche & Orienti (Bologna)

Afrika Focus (Ghent)

Afrika Spectrum (Hamburg)

Cadernos de Estudos Africanos (Lisbon)

Journal Africana Studia (Porto)

Politique Africaine (Bordeaux)

Stichproben – Vienna Journal of African Studies (Vienna)

The Working Group arrived at the following conclusion, which was endorsed by the AEGIS Plenary at its Bordeaux meeting on 2 September 2008, with respect to the status of the following periodicals published by AEGIS member centres.

- *Afrika Spectrum*: Category 4 – double-blind refereed and on the ISI list
- *Cadernos de Estudos Africanos*: Category 3 – double-blind refereed
- *Politique Africaine*: Category 3 – double-blind refereed

The AEGIS Plenary at its Leipzig meeting on 3 June 2009 endorsed the Working Group's conclusion with respect to with respect to the status of the following periodicals published by AEGIS member centres.:

- *Afriche & Orienti*: Category 2 - refereed

The AEGIS Plenary at its Birmingham meeting on 5 May 2010 endorsed the Working Group's conclusion with respect to with respect to the status of the following periodicals published by AEGIS member centres.

- *Afrika Focus*: Category 3 - double-blind refereed
- *Journal Africana Studia*: Category 3 - double-blind refereed
- *Stichproben – Vienna Journal of African Studies*: Category 2 – refereed