

GHOSTWRITING — confirmation procedure originality of scientific publications in the journal „Przegląd Wschodnioeuropejski”

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Opposite examples are “ghostwriting” and “guest authorship”. We deal with the phenomenon of “ghostwriting” when someone has made a significant contribution to the creation of a publication without disclosing their participation as one of the authors. We deal with the phenomenon of “guest authorship” when the author’s participation is insignificant or did not take place at all, but nevertheless he is declared as the author or co-author of the publication. To counteract such cases, the editorial staff of the journal “Przegląd Wschodnioeuropejski” introduced the appropriate procedures specific to the humanities:

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