

# Statutes *Rise*

*These statutes are subject to the approval of the board of EFACIS and can be modified by the board, following a majority vote.*

## 1. Scope

*Rise* is an open-access, peer-reviewed journal that publishes articles and book reviews within the field of Irish Studies. As a multi-disciplinary journal, it aims to cover new research within the disciplines of Literature, History, Film & Visual Culture, Politics and the Social Sciences. Articles are published in English.

*Rise* is the academic journal of EFACIS, the European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies and, as such, it aims to reflect the diversity of research in the field of Irish studies as conducted by scholars and centres across the European continent.

All articles published in *Rise* are submitted to a double-blind peer-review process.

*Rise* is committed to expanding the reach and impact of its articles through inclusion in leading international databases and indexes.

## 2. Publication schedule

*Rise* normally publishes two issues per year: one in spring (April), one in autumn (October). The spring issue is a themed number, edited by a guest-editor under supervision of the editorial board and the general editor; the autumn issue is a general number, edited by the editorial board and the general editor.

Suggestions for themed issues are considered by the editorial board.

## 3. Editorial structure

*Rise* is edited by an editorial board, presided over by the general editor, who is assisted by an editorial assistant. An advisory board provides peer reviewers and advises on the general direction of the journal.

The editorial board consists of five members who are elected for a four-year term by the board of EFACIS, after consultation with the editorial board and general editor of *Rise*. Outgoing members of the board are eligible for re-election for a second four-year term only, except when no replacement can be found. The EFACIS board advertises vacancies 3 months prior to an EFACIS board meeting. Candidates should submit an application to the EFACIS board 1 month prior to the board meeting. The make-up of the board should strive to reflect the regional spread and disciplinary variety of EFACIS. The president of EFACIS is *ex officio* the additional (6<sup>th</sup>) member of the editorial board. One member of the editorial board is appointed as reviews editor, by the editorial board and general editor, for a 4-year term, once renewable.

The general editor is elected by the EFACIS board, after consultation with the editorial board of *Rise*, for a 4-year term, once renewable. The EFACIS board advertises a vacant position 3 months prior to an EFACIS board meeting. Candidates should submit an application to the EFACIS board 1 month prior to the board meeting. Existing members of the editorial board can still serve two terms as general editor.

The assistant editor is the EFACIS coordinator.

The advisory board consists of international experts in the field of Irish studies. The advisory board should reflect the multi-disciplinary nature of the journal and strive for an international diversity. New members can be invited to the advisory board by the editorial board and the general editor, after approval by the EFACIS board.

## 4. Editorial responsibilities

The general editor

- has final responsibility for the timely publication of the two issues of *Rise* each year and for the academic quality of the articles published
- convenes the editorial board for an online meeting a minimum of four times a year
- prepares an annual report on the journal for the benefit of the advisory board and the EFACIS Board
- is *ex officio* a member of the board of EFACIS and reports to the board during its annual meeting
- is responsible for communication with authors and guest-editors
- is responsible to raising the profile and impact of *Rise* through its inclusion in leading reputable international databases and indexes
- is assisted in these duties by the editorial board and the editorial assistant

The editorial board

- is presided over by the general editor
- selects the topics and guest-editors for the themed issues and oversees the peer-reviewing process for these themed issues
- is responsible for the peer-review process of the general issues
- is responsible for proofreading all the issues of the journal

The assistant editor

- assists the general editor
- is responsible for the website and the online publication of the articles
- is responsible for timekeeping
- writes up the minutes of editorial board meetings and assists in drawing up the annual reports
- is responsible for the promotion of new issues through communication channels of EFACIS and other Irish Studies networks.

The reviews editor

- is responsible for the review section of *Rise*

The advisory board

- advises on the general direction of the journal, on the basis of the annual report
- promotes *Rise* among the community of Irish Studies scholars
- contributes, where appropriate, to the review process