WRUP Academic misconduct policy

WRUP takes reports of academic misconduct very seriously. This includes, but is not confined to:

- Plagiarism;
- Use of falsified or fabricated content;
- IP theft;
- Piracy;
- Passing work off as by a different author (existing or fictional);
- Failure to gain appropriate permissions;
- Misuse of data/information gathered during research;
- Misrepresentation of the views of others;
- Failure to acknowledge collaborative contributions from others.

Academic misconduct is not related to the academic quality of the work. It does not cover cases where things are reported as simply incorrect.

For WRUP to investigate reported academic misconduct, the complainant needs to provide:

- Complainant name;
- Details of the alleged misconduct;
- Evidence, in detail, supporting the complaint;
- Details of what redress the complainant is seeking if the complaint is upheld.

An investigation will then be undertaken - led by the WRUP Editorial Board - into the validity of the claims. The Editorial Board will report their findings to the WRUP Management Board, who will make a final decision based on the Editorial Board recommendations. This will be communicated to the author.

If the complaint is upheld, WRUP will take appropriate action regarding changes to the publication (based on the nature of the misconduct and also the redress sought). The author will meet any costs associated with this work. WRUP will also raise issues of serious misconduct with an author’s employer.

Reports of academic misconduct can be made to: universitypress@whiterose.ac.uk