

# Instructions to Authors

Rorschachiana

## ***Aims and Scope of Rorschachiana***

*Rorschachiana* is the scientific publication of the International Society for the Rorschach. The journal is interested in advancing theory and clinical applications of the Rorschach and other projective techniques, and research work that can enhance and promote projective methods. All papers published are subject to rigorous peer review to internationally accepted standards by external reviewers, working under the auspices of the experienced international editorial team. *Rorschachiana* is interested in promoting theory, practice, and clinical research in the field of projective methods.

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