



IALIC Research Forum

9th September 2022

Forums at IALIC Conferences



Helsinki 2018



Online Symposium 2020



Valencia 2019



Bogota 2022

Our forum today: The reviewing activity

IALIC Research Forum – Lisbon 7-9 September 2022: The reviewing activity

We would be very grateful if you could please answer the following anonymous questionnaire by 28 August 2022. It should take less than 5 minutes to complete it.

If you would like further information, please contact the IALIC Research Officer at claudia.borghetti@unibo.it.

Thank you in advance,

The IALIC Management Committee

* Obbligatoria

Some Personal Information

1. What are your main research interests? Please, check all that apply. *

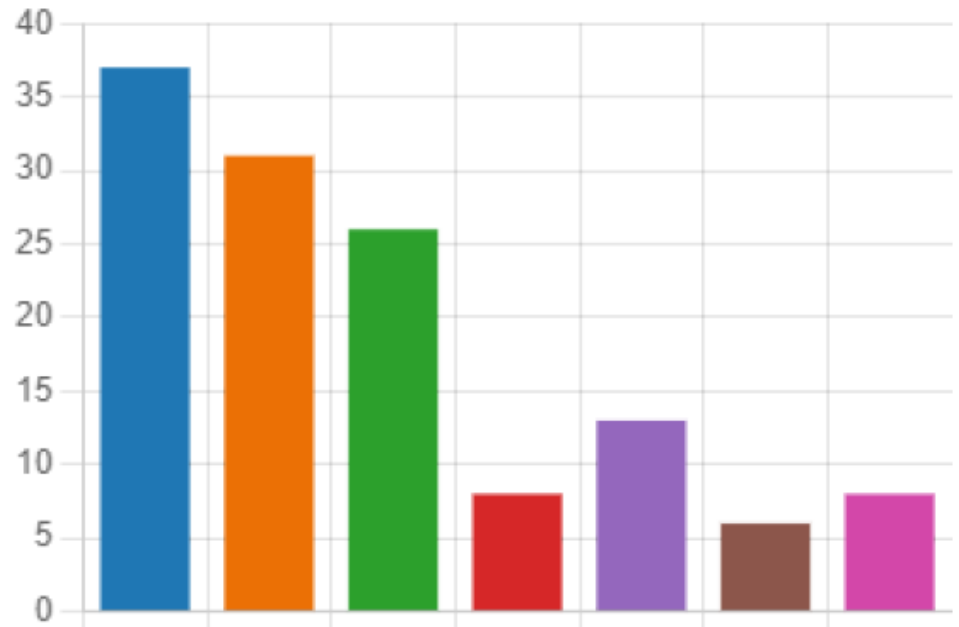
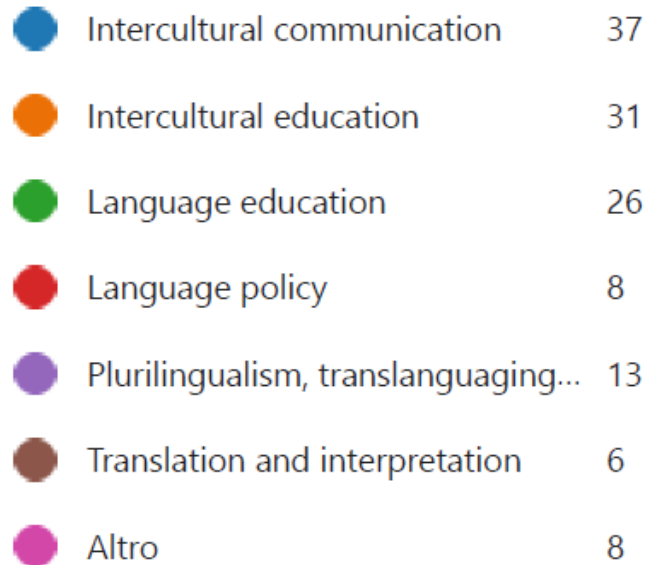
Intercultural communication

Intercultural education

SOME PERSONAL INFORMATION

Research interests

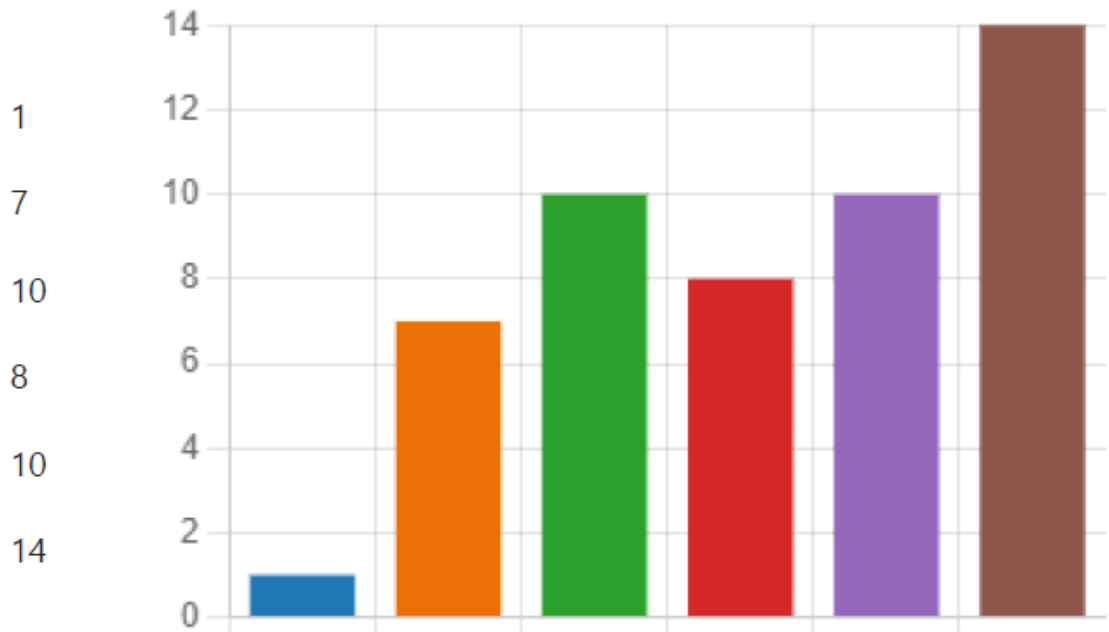
1. What are your main research interests? Please, check all that apply.



Experience

2. How long have you been conducting research in these area(s)?

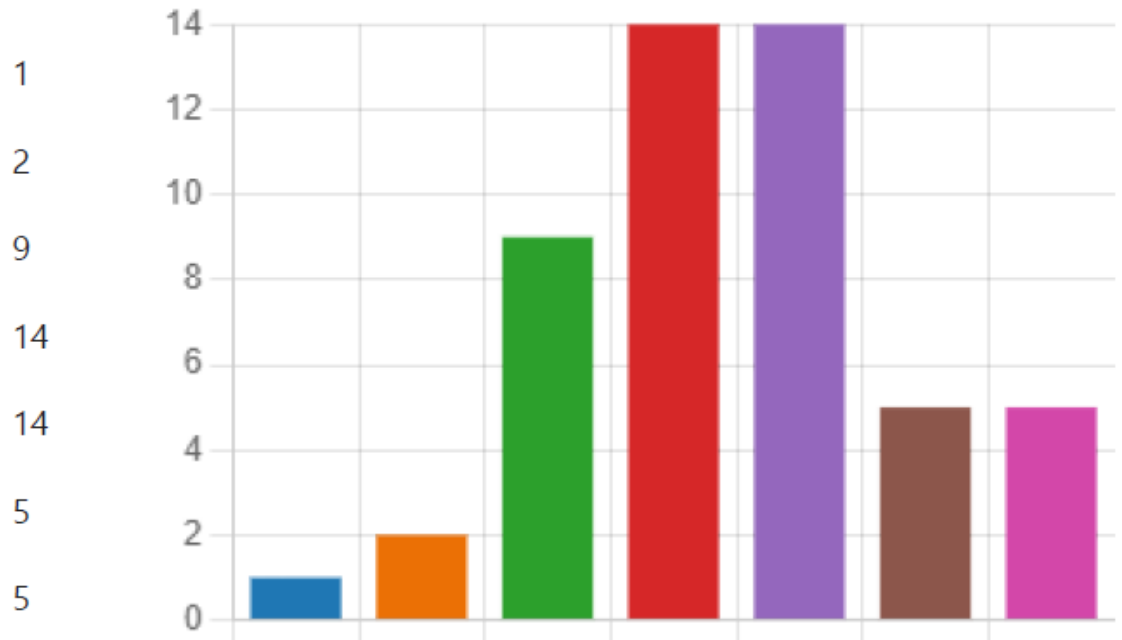
- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- Over 20 years



Age

3. What is your age?

- 24 or younger
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 or older

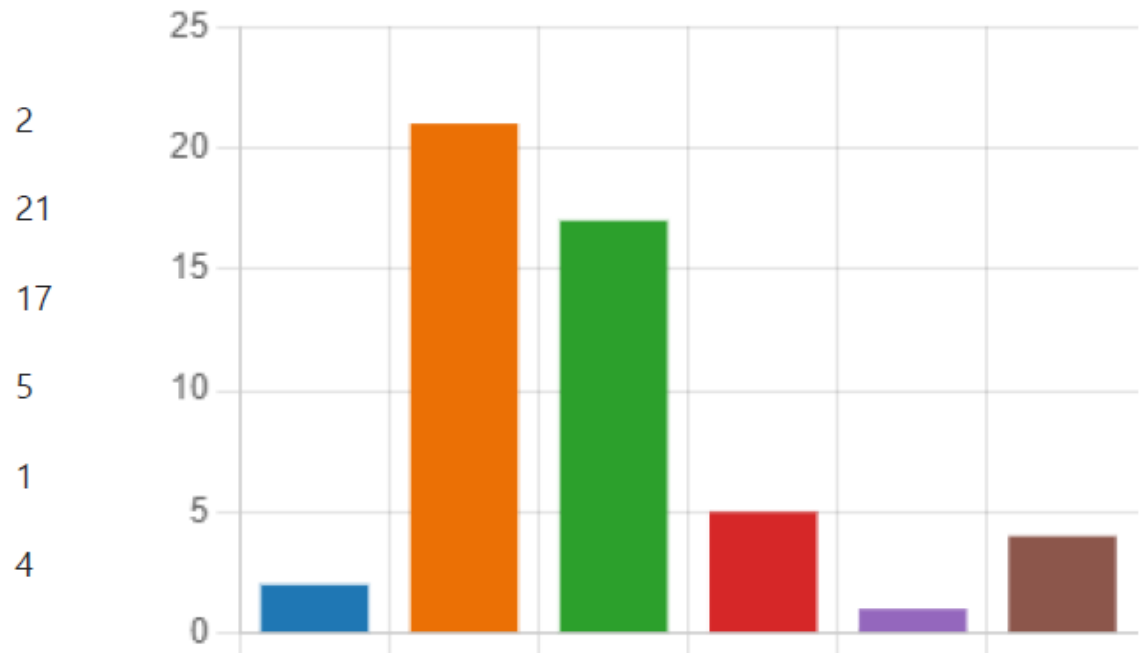


YOUR ACTIVITY AS A REVIEWER

Papers reviewed per year

4. On average, how many papers do you review per year?

- None
- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7-10
- 10-15
- 15 or more



Time needed to review a paper

5. On average, how long does it take to review a paper?

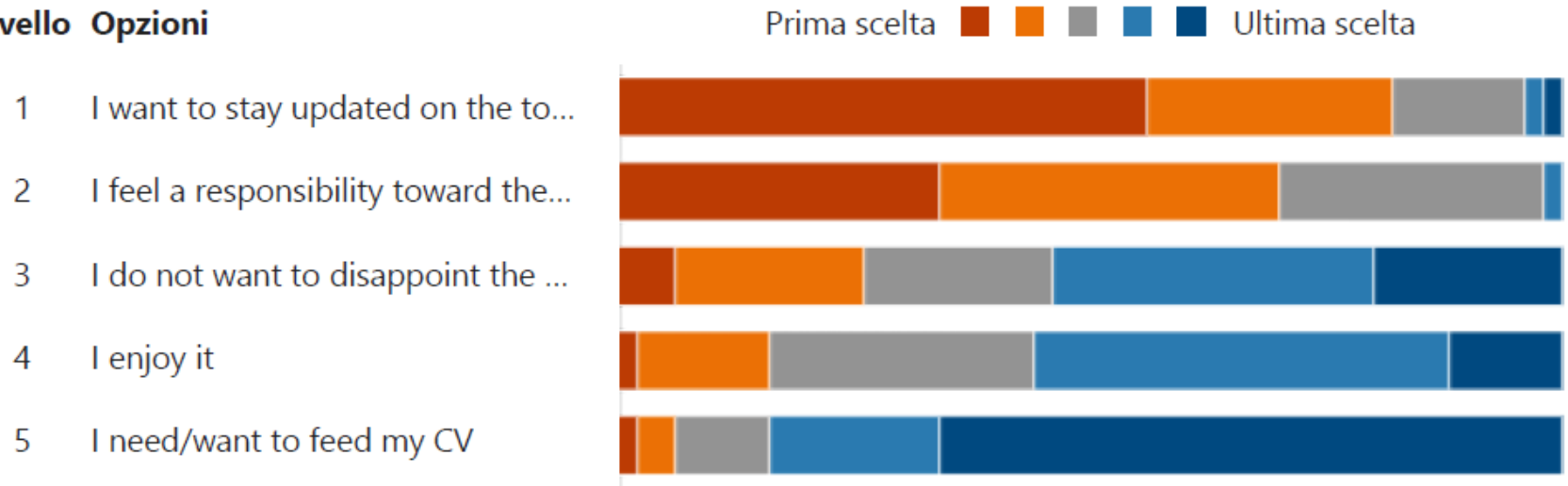
● Less than 1 hour	0
● 1-2 hours	7
● 2-4 hours	22
● 4-8 hours	18
● More than 8 hours	3



Reasons to accept a review

6. What are the most common reasons why you decide to review a paper? Please rank the reasons provided (1 = most common reason; 5 = least common reason)

Livello Opzioni

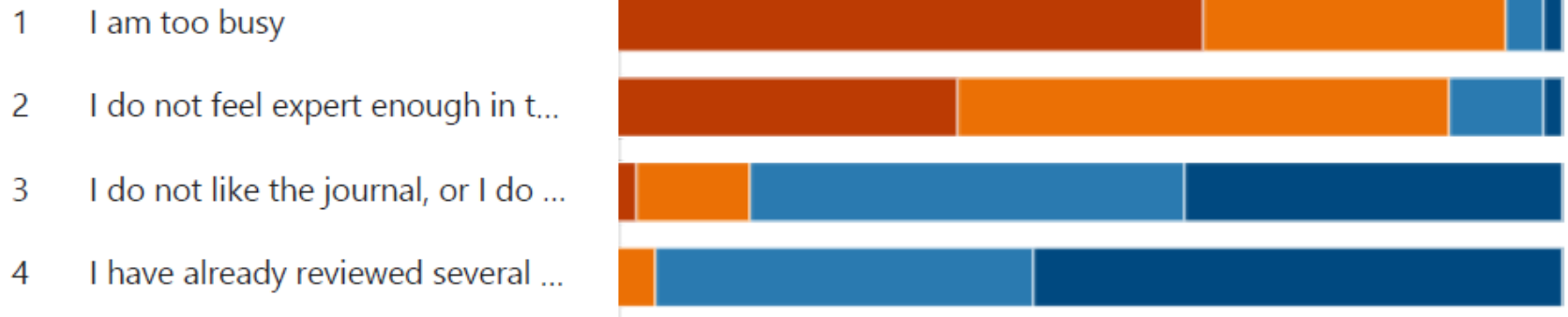


Reasons to decline a review

7. What are the most common reasons why you decline an invitation to review a paper?
Please rank the reasons provided (1 = most common reason; 4 = least common reason)

Livello Opzioni

Prima scelta ■ ■ ■ ■ Ultima scelta



Comments (question 7)

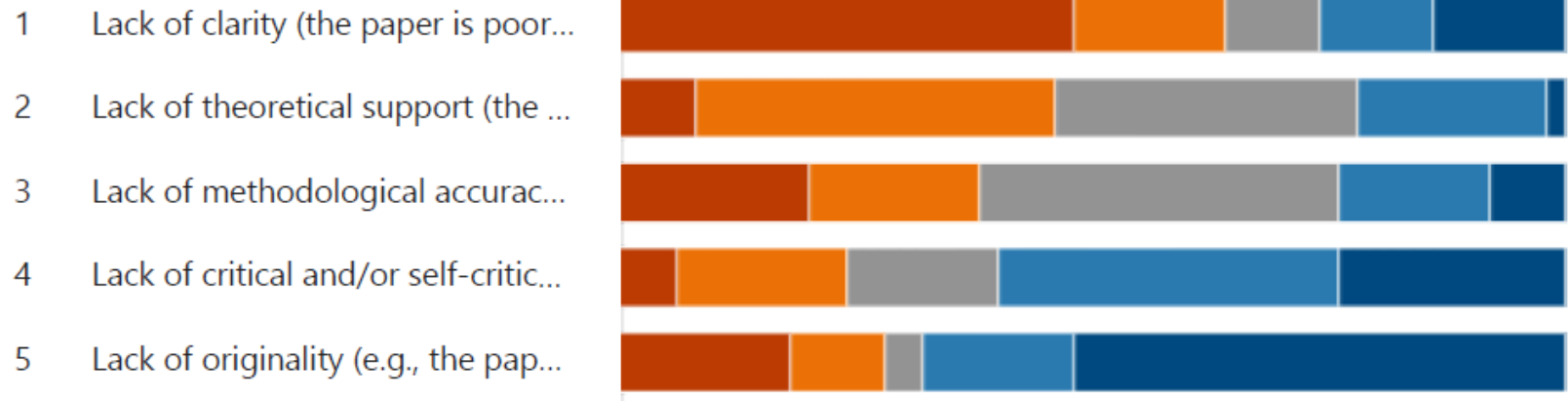
- I sometimes refuse to review a paper **because if feel it is ideologically on conflict with my principles**. I make this clear to the **editors** because I want to make a political statement, or to say that it would be unfair because I would begin with an unfair negative perspective.
- I have started to turn down reviews in journals that are not open access, **because I resent having to work for free for a publisher that then makes money selling access to its journal**, so I have decided to cut down on reviews (as review as many papers as I intend to publish in a single year).

Reasons to reject a paper

8. When reviewing a paper, what criteria are the most crucial for you to decide whether it is to be rejected? Please rank the criteria provided (1 = most crucial criterion; 5 = least crucial criterion)

Livello Opzioni

Prima scelta ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Ultima scelta

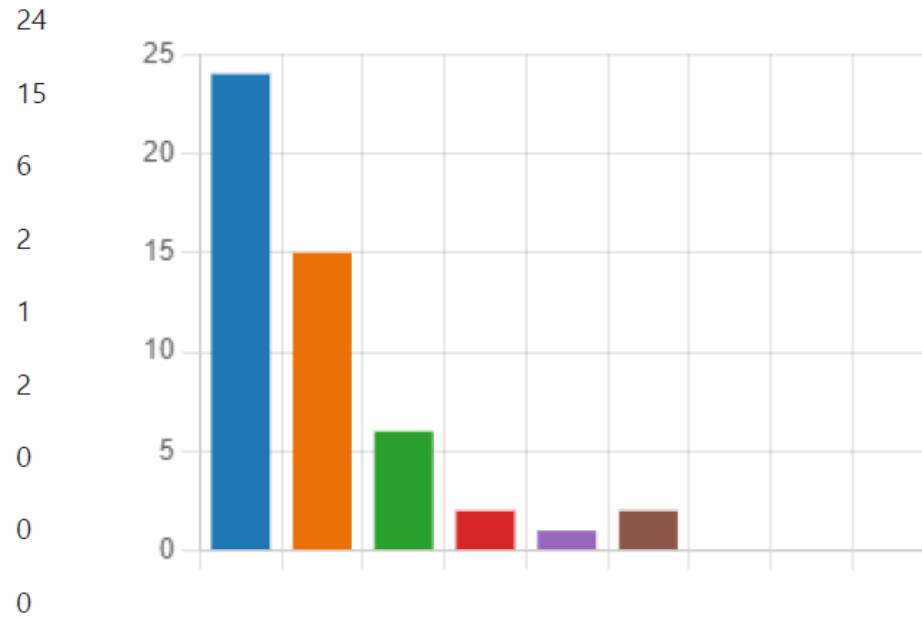


Comments (question 8)

- Question 8 is difficult to answer as **all are of equal importance**. [...]
- [...] Q8: **I consider all of these factors to be relevant** to a rejection (or more often, a major revisions recommendation) and it was challenging to rank them. [...]

Paper rejected in the last year

9. How many papers have you rejected in the last year?



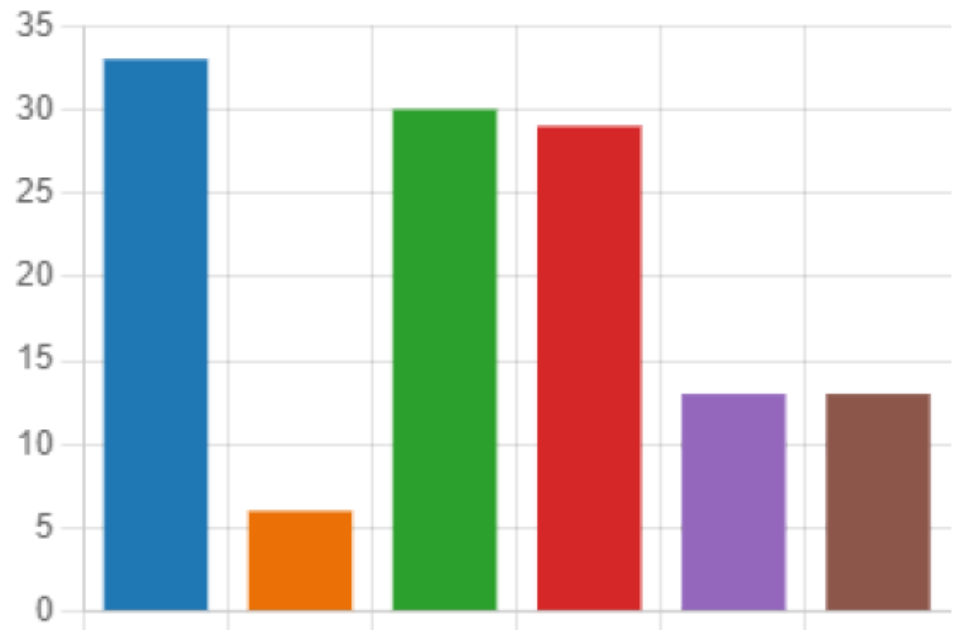
Comments (question 9)

- Q9: **I haven't rejected any papers in the last year**, so I had to answer '1' here because a 'zero/other' option isn't provided.
- **You did not give 0 as an option for rejection**. I've not rejected any outright in the couple of years. I also think there could be the **opportunity to compare notes from reviewers** although this would mean papers were not 'blind' peer reviewed.

Reviewing practices

10. How do you usually review a paper? Please, check all that apply.

- I make detailed comments withi... 33
- I use track changes and modify ... 6
- I suggest additional readings 30
- I give advice on text structure a... 29
- I correct language mistakes 13
- Altro 13



Overall satisfaction

11. Overall, how satisfied are you with your work as a reviewer?

Very satisfied	8
Satisfied	24
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	13
Dissatisfied	4
Very dissatisfied	1



12. Please, if you want, use the space below to expand on your previous answers

[13 answers]

1. [...] The core objective of reviewing is improving the quality of research and paper publication. **it is collaborative activity** in which reviewer plays a part. [...]
2. I think reviewing is **an important part of my role as an academic - to support researchers** in their academic endeavours. I ask for my work to be reviewed by others, **so I should reciprocate**. [...]
3. I believe reviewing is **an important contribution to our field** [...]
4. I'm satisfied to do something that is a key role in my job. **I'm dissatisfied when I'm working free for a multinational publishing conglomerate**.
5. **Some journals provide very detailed or focussed questions to help you structure your review** whereas others leave it open. I preferred a structured approach so I know what to focus on and can avoid repetition. **I also worry about being overly harsh** or how the writer will interpret my review. **Sometimes I have provided a very detailed review and the work was published very quickly afterwards. I was not convinced my critiques had been adequately dealt with**

ONE LAST QUESTION

LAIC!

13. Do you review for the ***Language & Intercultural Communication***, the Association journal?

Journal Link: <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/rmli20>



Thank you!

