

AIMEncyclopaedias

Association for International Masculinist Encyclopaedias

EDITORIAL CHARTER OF THE MEDs

Reference document for the design, selection, publication and archiving of entries

English translation for information. The French text remains the authoritative version.

Reference document for the design, selection, publication, participation and archiving of entries in the five MEDs.

1. Nature of the Project

The project consists of five online MEDs devoted to themes considered major for the study of freedom, health, law, sexuality and the history of masculinism.

2. The Five MEDs and Their Initial Symbolic Numbers

Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Freedom: 1,789 initial entries. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Health: 1,904 initial entries. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Law: 1,972 initial entries. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Sexuality: 1,750 initial entries. Masculinist Encyclopaedic Dictionary of the History of Masculinism: 1,970 initial entries.

These numbers are symbolic. They may change when a consultation or vote among participants leads to the view that another date or number has greater historical, scientific or symbolic significance for the group. Every significant change is documented and made public.

3. Nature of Entries

An entry may be devoted to a word, concept, work, real historical person, real event or fictional character. There is no restriction as to source language or grammatical class. Terms considered difficult to translate or particularly significant in their original language may be retained.

4. Languages

English is the main language of the website. Subject to the Association's technical, human and financial resources, French and Castilian Spanish translations are provided for certain content and documents. The project retains a trilingual vocation and may progressively expand these translations. Words and sources may come from any language. The original term and its source are retained where relevant; translations do not replace the original source.

5. Sources Policy

Priority is given to reliable, documented and freely reusable definitions. Dictionaries and academic works are preferred. Sources whose rights are not free may be used where the necessary rights have been acquired or freely granted.

As far as possible, definitions are arranged from oldest to most recent. The aim is not to make contradictions between sources disappear, but to make them visible so that readers may compare wording, contexts and changes in meaning.

6. Comparing Definitions

An entry may present several definitions of the same term. When a historical or academic definition is particularly significant, it is presented with its source, date and, where necessary, translation. For example, a search for 'freedom' may allow readers to compare a definition from the Imperial Dictionary of the English Language with definitions from Littré and the Real Academia Española's Diccionario de autoridades, published between 1726 and 1739.

The juxtaposition of sources is intended to develop visitors' critical thinking. The Association does not claim that the most recent definition is necessarily the best.

7. Contemporary Concepts and Original Proposals

For recent words and concepts, or those without a settled definition, an original proposal may be developed, discussed and put to a vote under the applicable procedure. Such a proposal is clearly identified as an original editorial definition and must not be presented as a pre-existing academic definition.

8. Participation

Visitors and members may comment, report an error, propose a source, suggest an entry or propose an improvement. Positive or negative ratings may be counted. These mechanisms measure participation or perception; they do not in themselves constitute proof of scientific truth.

9. Editorial Responsibility

Participation is open and documented, but general editorial responsibility remains as defined by the Statutes. Participatory contributions do not automatically result in changes to content.

10. Archiving

An excluded entry is archived together with its history where technically and legally possible. Exclusion does not necessarily mean destruction. An archived entry may be reconsidered and reinstated under the applicable procedure.

11. Single-sex Consultations and Research

Certain consultations may be reserved for men when they specifically concern male experiences, perceptions or concerns. The purpose is, in particular, to allow expression of data that may be less visible in a mixed-sex setting. The results may be compared with those of mixed-sex consultations and may be of interest to sociology, social history and masculinity studies.

Data made available are non-sensitive and non-personal insofar as they are intended to be made public. Where necessary, results are accompanied by methodological information enabling assessment of selection, participation and wording biases.

12. Debate, Moderation and Non-violence

The MEDs favour adversarial debate, plurality of sources and critical examination of arguments. Threats, incitement to violence, harassment, intimidation, incitement to hatred and content manifestly contrary to law are excluded or moderated.

13. Transparency

Important editorial decisions are documented. Wherever possible, an entry states the sources used, dates, translations, history of the principal changes and, where relevant, consultation results.

14. Annual Editions

An annual edition may preserve a snapshot of the corpus, publish significant developments, retain excluded entries in an archival section and produce a high-quality printed edition.