

## **Discussions on Peer Review from Karl Jaspers' View of Truth**

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**Abstract:** Peer review is a product of the interaction between systematic academic research and society, politics, economy, etc. In a certain sense, peer review is a process of pursuing and negotiating the truth. However, it has received many criticisms and questions in practice. There are criticisms on peer review and independence of science, on the justice of peer review, on the reasonableness of its system, on the reliability of peer reviewers, on the different perspectives on the same peer, etc. Every concerning of these criticisms and questions is nothing but "truth" itself. In the early 20th century, the relationship between truth, existence and reality was reconsidered in Karl Jaspers' existential philosophy. He clarified the logical relation between truth, "exception", "authority", and rationality. According to his view, the "authenticity" of science cannot be completely verified only by scientific (not philosophical) process in peer review.

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