

Submission Guidelines

Nature of Submissions

a. Article

An article may be an exposition of lacunae prevailing in contemporary laws of any country, a comparative study of different laws, or the publishing of research data and analysis in the area of environmental sciences and law. Along with articles engaging in contemporary themes, pure theoretical works are welcome. It is advisable that the article has a theme or a core argument around which it would ideally revolve. The author is expected to make a comprehensive study of the subject and offer fresh, innovative solutions for the same. The article should not exceed 10,000 words (inclusive of footnotes).

b. Essay

An essay, as opposed to an article, is expected to be more concise and succinct in scope and should engage with a contemporary problem in environmental sciences and law without indulging in excessive theorising. The essay should ideally focus on a legal debate on the interpretation of law with a genuine approach to the problem. It should be a concrete and logical manuscript built around a specific/particular predicament. An essay should not exceed 6,000 words (inclusive of footnotes).

c. Case Comment/Legislative Critique

The author may choose to critique an existing legislation, which may be an Act, Regulation, Rule, Scheme, Policy, Guideline etc. In the alternative, the author may also critique and analyse a bill tabled before any country's Parliament. A legislative critique requires a thorough analysis of the various aspects of the legislation. It may focus on the consequences of the changes that would entail after its implementation and suggestions to redress its shortfalls (if the author suggests any). A case comment may analyse or critique any recent landmark judgement and its impact. Case comments and legislative critiques should not exceed 3,500 words (inclusive of footnotes).

d. Book Review

A book review shall ideally incorporate a complete analysis, an overview of the book, and special reference to the original author's ideas, writing style, etc. Direct lifting of more than thirty words (i.e., a paragraph) from the book being reviewed is strictly discouraged and will result in immediate disqualification. The book being reviewed must pertain to core issues of environmental law or science. It must not date back more than three years from its date of issue/publication in the public domain. Although there is no strict word limit for a book review, it should be concise enough to provide the reader with a holistic review of the book. A book review should not exceed 3,000 words (inclusive of footnotes).

Formatting and Citation Guidelines

- The body of the manuscript should be in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10, with single line spacing.
The manuscript should contain only footnotes (and not endnotes) as a method of citation. Citations must conform to the OSCOLA (Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities) (4th ed.) style of citation.
- Prior to the actual submission, authors must send an abstract of no more than 500 words describing its scope. Abstracts must be submitted by the deadline, as only those papers selected on the basis of the abstract will be published.
- Each abstract and submission must be accompanied by a separate document with the following details of the author: name, e-mail address, postal address, name and address of the institution, and course and academic year (if applicable). No biographical information may be mentioned within the main submission itself since it would prevent the Board from conducting an anonymous review.
- Joint authorship is permitted, and there is no cap on the number of authors per submission.
- Speaking footnotes are discouraged.
- ELPR believes in the originality of ideas; therefore, any material submitted to the Journal will not be considered if it has been published or is under consideration elsewhere.
- Authors must submit only original manuscripts and are prohibited from submitting plagiarised submissions. A plagiarism check of the submission will be conducted after its receipt, and any plagiarised work will be automatically rejected.
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The Journal will be released in July 2024 tentatively. The last date to submit the abstract is December 15th, 2023, and acceptance of the abstracts will be communicated by December 30th, 2023. The final deadline for submissions whose abstracts have been accepted will be March 25th, 2024.