



## **AUTHORS' GUIDELINES**

### Publication Profile:

The ELSA Law Review (ELR) is founded upon the vision of ELSA: '*A just world in which there is respect for human dignity and cultural diversity*'. The focus of the ELR is human rights law in an international context as well as an additional topic.

The ELSA Law Review aims to be a forum for discussion between ELSA's young law students and lawyers, and experts within the field. The goal is to facilitate dynamic and unique visions on human rights and all branches that it encompasses.

### Publication frequency

The ELSA Law Review is published bi-annually by ELSA's International Board.

### Submission Requirements

Submissions for the ELSA Law Review must:

- Use in British English in compliance with the Language Manual;
- Be the original work of the authors submitting them for publication;
- Comply with the ELSA Law Review Plagiarism Policy;
- Be referenced in accordance with the Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA);
- Not have been published elsewhere;
- Include a short abstract, consisting of maximum 10% of the length of the submission;
- Include an author's biography of no fewer than 40 words and not exceeding 100 words. The biography should be written in sentence form and in third person;
- Be submitted as a file readable by Microsoft Word;
- Comply with these Authors' Guidelines;

### Word limits:

- Articles submitted must be between 2,500 and 7,500 words including footnotes and appendices;
- Case notes submitted must be between 1,000 and 4,000 words including footnotes and appendices; and
- Letters to the editor must be between 1,000 and 2,000 words including footnotes and appendices.

Submissions may be drafted by one or more authors, and the ELR does not set limits for co-authorship.

Any submissions not meeting the abovementioned criteria shall not be taken into consideration during the initial assessment phase nor the peer reviewing.





The criteria used by the Editorial Board during the initial assessment phase shall be the following:

#### Assessment criteria

##### Relevance

- Does the article **comply** with the topic of the respective ELSA Law Review?
- Is there a **clear and interesting thesis**?
- Does the author show a **good grasp** of the article topic, developing it with depth?
- Is the article **understandable** to a reader that is not familiar with the topic?
- Does the article make an original contribution to the field, through **new arguments/ perspectives/ conclusions/ recommendations** on the topic?
- Will the article capture and maintain the **reader's attention**?

##### Structure and Style

- Does the article adhere to the **Style Guide**?
- Do the **title and abstract** reflect the contents of the article?
- Is there a clear **introduction, main body and conclusion**?
- Is there coherence to the sentences and paragraphs?

##### Use of Language

- Is the use of language consistent with the recommendations of the **ELSA Law Review Language Manual**?
- Is there a consistent use of **non-discriminatory and gender-neutral language**?
- Is the English language and punctuation consistently and accurately in the style of **British English**?
- Is the use of British English in the standard and legal form to a **high enough standard** expected for the ELSA Law Review?
- Is there a **logical flow and structure** in the language used?

##### Sources and Referencing

- Does the submission cite sources in accordance with **OSCOLA**?
- Does the submission appear to be in **compliance** with the **ELSA Law Review Plagiarism Policy**?
- Does the range of sources referenced reflect the submission?





## Timeline

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| <b>Call for Submissions</b> | Call for all ELSA Members and other interested parties to submit their writing.                                 |
| <b>Initial assessment</b>   | The Editorial Board selects suitable Submissions for the Peer Review.   |
| <b>Peer review</b>          | Católica Global School of Law is the ELR's Academic Partner and provides a blind peer review of all Articles.   |
| <b>Selection</b>            | Based on the initial assessment and the comments from the peer review, the Submission are selected for the ELR. |
| <b>Revisions</b>            | The authors will have time to revise their Submission following the feedback as provided.                       |
| <b>Final draft</b>          | The Submissions are compiled and typeset in cooperation with Wolf Legal Publishers, our Publishing Partner.     |
| <b>Publication</b>          | The ELSA Law Review is published digitally as well as physically.   |

