



THE ELR BLOG SUBMISSIONS POLICY

Why a Blog?

Law reviews are extensively researched, rigorously edited and peer-reviewed publications which provide original contributions to academic legal conversations. However, as law review contributions are typically published close to a year after the author has started writing it, they have a limited capacity to provide immediate reactions to developing situations. A blog is the opportunity for the ELSA Law Review to publish shorter, focused pieces of legal writing that provide reactions to current legal controversies.

Submission Criteria

The ELSA Law Review accepts unsolicited submissions for publication. Such submissions may be sent at any time in editable Microsoft Word documents to lawreview@elsa.org.

Types of Submissions

The ELR Blog may post the following types of legal writing:

- Articles;
- Case notes; and
- Letters to the Editor.

Topic

There are no predefined topics for the legal writing that is published on the ELR Blog. Submissions focusing on human rights are welcomed in particular.

The Editorial Board considers the suitability of submission topics on a case-by-case basis.

Word Count

The word count limits applicable to the ELSA Law Review do not apply to the ELR Blog. The Editorial Board considers each submission on a case by case basis but a general rule of thumb is that blog posts **should not be shorter than 1,000 words and not longer than 3,500 words**.

Submissions that are shorter or longer than the indicated word count will be considered for publication if they are considered to be of outstanding quality. Prospective authors are encouraged to consider publishing longer pieces in the ELSA Law Review rather than on the blog.

Referencing

As posts published on the ELR Blog constitute “legal writing published by the ELSA Law Review”, the [ELR Plagiarism Policy](#) applies to such posts.





All sources relied upon must be cited. The Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA) is the citation style of the ELSA Law Review.

Sources should be cited using endnotes.

Language and Style

All posts submitted should be in compliance with the [ELR Language Manual](#).

The [ELR Style Guide](#) applies to submissions insofar as its provisions are relevant for a blog.

Authors are specifically directed to take note of the following rules:

- Garamond script for all text.
- 12 pt. script for the main body of text.
- Titles should be laid out as follows:
 - **Title 1 – (14 pt.)**
 - **Title 1.1 – (12 pt.)**
 - *Title 1.1.1 – (12 pt.)*
- The submissions should be accompanied by a short author's biography and an abstract.

Editorial Standards

Posts published on the ELR Blog are not peer-reviewed. They are assessed and edited for publication by the Editorial Board which makes the decision on publication.

Publication is always at the discretion of the Editorial Board which may reject submissions which meet the publication standards for any reason.

