



RSIL LAW REVIEW

Submissions Guidelines

RSIL LAW REVIEW: **Notes for Contributors and Style of Writing**

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1. SUBMISSIONS

Journal Articles and notes should be submitted in Microsoft Word via the submissions form on <http://journal.rsilpak.org/submissions/>. Please read the guidelines below BEFORE submitting your work.

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All articles are peer-reviewed and all submissions must be original and should not be under consideration for publication in any other forum.

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1.1. Form of Submissions

The RSIL Law Review accepts submissions in the form of Articles, Student Notes and Book Reviews. The material will be accepted with the understanding that the content is previously unpublished. We also recommend that you submit your manuscript to us exclusively.

1.2. Length of Submissions

We strongly encourage **Articles** to be from **5000 to 8000 words** (including footnotes).

Student Notes and **Book Reviews** should be a maximum of **3000 words** (including footnotes).

1.3. Categories

All submissions must fall within one of the following categories:

- Social & Humanitarian – relating to a range of social, humanitarian affairs and human rights issues that affect people domestically and internationally. For example, topics regarding international humanitarian law, refugee law, women empowerment etc.
- Politics & Public Policy – relating to topics that pertain specifically to policy matters and political action, such as campaigning laws during elections, protests, etc.
- Economics & Commerce – relating to topics that pertain to financial and economic matters such as IMF, World Bank policies, CPEC etc.
- National & International Security – relating to global challenges and threats to peace that affect Pakistan and the international community. For example, modern forms of warfare (cyber warfare etc.), nuclear proliferation and non-proliferation, conflict in Kashmir, Syria etc.
- Environmental Law – relating to developments in the realm of environmental protection and sustainability such as policies that limit carbon emissions, forestation efforts, added tax on plastic bag usage etc.

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 Font

The abstract and footnotes should be 10 point Times New Roman. All other text should be 12 point Times New Roman.

2.2 Titles

Contributions should have a title which is both concise and descriptive. Titles to articles should be centered in bold.

2.3 Abstract

All articles should be accompanied by an abstract form 200- 400 words in 10 point Times New

Roman; not italicised; and indented both left and right by 0.5”.

2.4 Autobiographical Notes

Autobiographical details should appear as the first footnote of each contribution [as an asterisk (*)], and include the following details:

- (i) the contributor’s name
- (ii) the contributor’s professional qualification(s); or
- (iii) the institution(s) at which they were earned or jurisdictions in which they apply;
- (iv) current title and institutional affiliation
- (v) acknowledgements (if any) may also be included.

For Example: Hafsa Durrani holds a BA-LL.B (Hons) from Lahore University of Management Sciences and is currently a Research Associate at Research Society of International Law (RSIL).

2.5 Headings

- First-level headings should be aligned left. Type in Small Caps. Underlined. Precede by Arabic numerals, e.g., 1,2, etc.

1. FIRST-LEVEL HEADING IN SMALL CAPS

- Second-level headings should be Left Indented by 0.25”. Underlined. Preceded by 1.1, 1.2, etc.

1.1. Second-level Heading

- Third-level headings should be 0.5” from the left. Precede by 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3, etc

1.1.1. Third-Level Heading

The rest of the text continues....

- Fourth-level headings should be left indented 0.25”. Type with title capitals for the first word and proper names only. Precede by small alphabetical numerals e.g. a, b, etc.

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2.6 Quotations

Quotations should be clearly indicated and it is vital that they are accurate.

- Where letters or words are replaced or inserted within a quotation, the replacement or inserted letters or words should be indicated in square brackets “[]”.
- Where words, phrases, or sentences are omitted within a quotation, the omission should be indicated by ellipses “...”. No indication of punctuation before or after the ellipsis is necessary.
- Where the quotation will run to more than fifty words it should be typed as a separate paragraph left-indented and right-indented by 0.5”.
- Double quotation marks should be inserted at the beginning and end of every quotation, but not when the entire quotation is indented.
- Single quotation marks should be used at the beginning and end of quotations within quotations enclosed by double quotation marks.
- Quotations of more than forty words within footnotes should be typed as a separate paragraph in 10 point Times New Roman, left-indented and right-indented by 0.25” or 0.5 cm.

2.7 Paragraphs

They should be block justified paragraphs, leaving a single line space between each paragraph. The text should be single spaced.

2.8 Numbering and/or Bullets

Numbered lists should be in 12 point Times New Roman, left-indented by 0.25” and in the format that follows:

- i. Point 1
- ii. Point 2

iii. Point 3

Similarly, for bulleted lists:

- Point 1
- Point 2
- Point 3

2.9 Use of Capital Letters

Where reference is made to a specific office, organization, or body then capital letters should be used. Where the reference is general or non-specific then lower-case letters should be used. For example: “A court must decide the case before it. The International Court of Justice is no exception. The Court cannot reinterpret...”

Titles of cited works will be capitalized in “title case”. The following should therefore be capitalized: (i) the first word; (ii) if there is a subtitle, the first word of the subtitle; (iii) all other words in the title except articles (“the”, “a”, “an”), conjunctions (“and”, “but”, “or”, etc.), and prepositions of fewer than five letters (“on”, “with”, but “Amongst”, “Between”).

Where a title includes hyphenated words, the first element is always capitalized. The second element is capitalized if it is a proper noun or adjective, or if the words have equal weight. Thus “Anti-American”, “Multi-Polar”, and “Down-Time”, but “Re-imagining”, “Follow-up”, “Co-existence”.

2.10 Abbreviations and Contractions

A period should be used in conjunction with all abbreviations and contractions except in the case of proper names. Please also note that there should not be a gap between the periods. For example, “Company” is abbreviated to “Co.”, “*exempli gratia*” is abbreviated to “e.g.”, “free trade agreements” is abbreviated to “F.T.A.s”, and “Limited” is contracted to “Ltd.”, whereas the “United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization” is abbreviated to “UNESCO”.

2.11 Spelling

British (as opposed to American) English will be used, with -ize rather than -ise. Thus “organization”, “prioritize”, etc. But note that some words must be spelled with -ise (advise, compromise, exercise, revise, supervise, etc.).

2.12 Foreign Words

Foreign words not currently absorbed into the English language should be italicized.

2.13 Lists

Lists of three or more items will use a comma before the last item. Thus “A, B, or C”; “D, E, and F” (not “A, B or C”).

2.14 Numbers

Number ranges use the shortest pronounceable form. Thus 48–9, 523–34, 1023–123, 203–4, but 10–11, 112–13.

3. REFERENCES AND CITATIONS

Citations should follow the OSCOLA guidelines. Examples of some different materials are given below. The publishers are unable to check the accuracy of references and citations and it is the contributor’s responsibility to ensure that all references and citations are correct.

3.1 Primary Sources

3.1.1 Cases

Give the parties followed by the Law Reports citation.

XYZ v ABC, PLD 2004 SC 367

3.1.2 Statutes and Statutory Instruments

Act of Supremacy 1558

Human Rights Act 1998, s 15(1)(b)

Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour (Amendment of Minimum Age) Order 2004, SI 2004/3166

3.2 Secondary Sources

3.2.1 Books

Give the author’s name in the same form as in the publication, except in bibliographies, where you should give only the surname followed by the initial(s). Give relevant information about editions, translators and so forth before the publisher, and give page numbers at the end of the citation, after the brackets.

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan* (first published 1651, Penguin 1985) 268
K Zweigert and H Kötz, *An Introduction to Comparative Law* (Tony Weir tr, 3rd edn, OUP 1998)

3.2.2 Contribution to Edited Books

Francis Rose, „The Evolution of the Species“ in Andrew Burrows and Alan Rodger (eds), *Mapping the Law: Essays in Memory of Peter Birks* (OUP 2006)

3.2.3 Journal Articles

Paul Craig, „Theory, “Pure Theory” and Values in Public Law“ [2005] PL 440

When pinpointing, put a comma between the first page of the article and the page pinpoint.

JAG Griffith, „The Common Law and the Political Constitution“(2001) 117 LQR 42, 64

3.2.3 Newspaper Articles

Jane Croft, „Supreme Court Warns on Quality“ *Financial Times* (London, 1 July 2010) 3

3.3 Electronic Resources (e.g. Institutional Reports, News Articles, etc.)

3.3.1. Online journals

Graham Greenleaf, „The Global Development of Free Access to Legal Information“ (2010) 1(1) *EJLT* < <http://ejlt.org/article/view/17> > accessed 27 July 2010

3.3.2 Websites and blogs

Sarah Cole, „Virtual Friend Fires Employee“ (*Naked Law*, 1 May 2009) accessed 19 November 2009

3.4 Repeat Citations

Subsequent citations should be in the form: *Author's Surname*, (n 12) page number:

¹Daniel P. Collins, 'Islamization of Pakistani Law: A Historical Perspective' (1988) 24 *Stan. J. Int'l L.* 511, 537-538

²Matthew Lippman, 'Islamic Criminal Law and Procedure: Religious Fundamentalism v. Modern Law' (1989) 12 *B.C. Int'l & Comp. L. Rev.* 29, 30

³*Collins* (n 1) 453

For citations which repeat the citation in the immediate preceding footnote, please use *ibid.* For instance:

¹ XUE Hanqin, *Transboundary Damage in International Law* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004).

² *Ibid.*