

Authors' Instructions

International Human Rights Law Review (IHRLR)

1. Submission and Preparation of Articles

The *International Human Rights Law Review* Editors invite submissions of innovative and original manuscripts focusing on human rights law and policy issues. Manuscripts for consideration may be sent by electronic mail as an email attachment (Word or Word compatible) to Dr Manisuli Ssenyonjo, email: manisuli.ssenyonjo@brunel.ac.uk Alternatively, a hard copy of the manuscript could be sent by post to the editorial offices, addressed to:

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Scripts and disks will not normally be returned unless special arrangements have been made in advance. All submissions should be accompanied by an assurance that the article has not been published, submitted, accepted or under consideration elsewhere. The journal does not accept dual submissions.

2. Manuscript Length and Other Requirements

Major articles should range normally between 10,000 and 15,000 words in length (including abstract and footnotes) but shorter or longer articles may be considered. *Articles for consideration should make an important contribution to human rights, be original, unpublished work and not under consideration for publication in another publication.*

All manuscripts should follow the following guidelines:

- The first page must give: title of the article, contributor names, and the full address (including an email contact) of the author designated to receive proofs and other correspondence, and total word count.
- The name of the author(s) should appear at the beginning immediately under the title, with an asterisked footnote giving the present academic or professional affiliation and any professional or personal involvement in the subject matter of the article, and an address (including email) for contact by readers, together with any desired acknowledgements.
- A list of 5-6 key words.
- Double space the text typed in point-size 12 with single spaced abstract and footnotes.
- Include an abstract of no more than 150 words. Long abstracts may be edited for length and style.
- All manuscripts should include an introduction and a conclusion.



- Use 1 inch margins.
- Place all citations in footnotes numbered consecutively through the article.
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- Pages should be in numbered sequence.
- Use italics or quotes for emphasis very sparingly.
- Spell out numbers less than 100, unless they are a percent (e.g. 76 percent)
- Heavy footnoting is discouraged. Footnotes should be kept as brief as possible and used primarily for reference purposes; explanatory notes are discouraged.
- British spelling of English-language is used.

3. Consideration of Manuscripts

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4. Style Guide

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Dates should be cited thus, 24 February 2012.

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