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## Scope

The *International Human Rights Law Review (HRLR)* is a bi-annual peer-reviewed journal. It aims to stimulate research and thinking on contemporary human rights issues, problems, challenges and policies. It is particularly interested in soliciting papers, whether in the legal domain or other social sciences, that are unique in their approach and which seek to address poignant concerns of our times. One of the principal aims of the Journal is to provide an outlet to human rights scholars, practitioners and activists in the developing world who have something tangible to say about their experiences on the ground, or in order to discuss cases and practices that are generally inaccessible to European and North-American audiences. The Editors and the publisher will work hands-on with such contributors to help find solutions where necessary to facilitate translation or language editing in respect of accepted articles. The Journal is aimed at academics, students, government officials, human rights practitioners, and lawyers working in the area, as well as individuals and organisations interested in the area of human rights law. The Journal publishes critical articles that consider human rights law, policy and practice in their various contexts, at global, regional, sub-regional and national levels, book reviews, and a section focused on an up-to-date appraisal of important jurisprudence and practice of the UN and regional human rights systems including those in the developing world.

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## Submission

The *International Human Rights Law Review* Editors invite submissions of innovative and original manuscripts focusing on human rights law issues.

Manuscripts for consideration may be sent as an e-mail attachment (Word or Word compatible) to Professor Manisuli Ssenyonjo at: [manisuli.ssenyonjo@brunel.ac.uk](mailto: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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#### *Peer Review*

Receipt of all manuscripts will be acknowledged immediately. The *International Human Rights Law Review* is a peer-reviewed journal. All manuscripts received are evaluated by our Editors-in-Chief or one other member of the Editorial Board and by two anonymous external referees. After receiving comments from referees, notification of acceptance, rejection or need for revision will be given, normally, within eight weeks of receipt of manuscript, although exceptions to this time frame may occur. Excellence is a necessary condition for publication. The final decision on publication rests with the Editorial Board after submissions are refereed on the basis of anonymity. Substantive changes proposed by referees/editorial board will only be made in consultation with the author. *Articles that simply rehearse familiar and well-known human rights material should not be submitted.* Rejected papers will not be returned. Submissions to the *International Human Rights Law Review* will be evaluated on the basis of quality that is *world-leading* in terms of *originality, significance and rigour*.

*Originality* will be understood in terms of the innovative character of the articles. Articles that demonstrate originality may:

- i. engage with new and/or complex human rights issues or problems;
- ii. outstandingly develop innovative human rights research methods, methodologies and analytical techniques;
- iii. provide new empirical material relevant to human rights issues;
- iv. and/or advance human rights theory or the analysis of human rights law, policy or practice.

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### **Submission Requirements**

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.



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All manuscripts should include an introduction and a conclusion.

### *Language*

The Journal encourages authors to refer to research material published not only in English but also in other languages. For manuscripts in English, British spelling should be used; spelling must be consistent throughout.

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Before submitting your manuscript, you may wish to have it edited for language. This is not a mandatory step, but may help to ensure that the academic content of your paper is fully understood by journal editors and reviewers, particularly if English is not your first language. Language editing does not guarantee that your manuscript will be accepted for publication.

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Major articles should normally range between 10,000 and 15,000 words in length (including abstract and footnotes). Shorter articles may be considered, but longer articles will only be considered under exceptional circumstances.

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Double space the text typed in point-size 12 with single spaced abstract and footnotes and wide (1 inch) margins. The entire manuscript should be paginated through.

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A short abstract (no more than 150 words) and 5-6 keywords should be submitted and will be published with the article. Long abstracts may be edited for length and style.

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Use initial capitals for all words except prepositions and articles, and all words that contain five letters or more. Headings should follow the following format:



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#### *Dates*

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Heavy footnoting is discouraged. Footnotes should be kept as brief as possible and used primarily for reference purposes; explanatory notes are discouraged. Including DOI whenever available.

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#### *Journal Article*

A Author, 'The title of the journal article' (2022) 70(1) *Journal Title* 1-10. DOI: 10.1163/22131035-00401001.

#### *Book*

A Author, *The Title of the Book* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Publisher, Place 2022) 1-21. DOI: 10.1163/22131035-00401002.



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#### *Edited Book*

A Author and B Author, 'The title of the chapter in the book' in A Author and B Author (eds), *The Title of the Edited Volume* (Publisher, City, 2022). DOI: 10.1163/22131035-00401003.

#### *Conference Proceedings*

A Author, B Author, and C Author, 'The title of the article' in Proceedings of the Xth International Conference on Something —TITLE '2012 (City, xx-xx 2022).

#### *PhD (MSc, etc.) Thesis*

A Author, 'The Title of the Thesis', (MSc Thesis, University 2022).

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These should be sent as an e-mail attachment to the Recent Developments Editors, Dr Olufemi Amao: e-mail: [Olufemi.Amao@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:Olufemi.Amao@brunel.ac.uk) or Dr Clara Sandoval: [csando@essex.ac.uk](mailto:csando@essex.ac.uk)

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## Submission and Preparation of Book Reviews

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