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Guidelines for authors

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1. General information

Estudios de Deusto. Revista de Derecho Público is a biannual journal, published in June and December, which accepts papers in Spanish or English resulting from original research in the different fields of Public Law.

Submissions must present a clearly identifiable scientific contribution and must not be limited to a merely informative, descriptive or non-specialised presentation. To this end, and without prejudice to the peer-review process, submissions must meet at least one of the following criteria: they must make a significant theoretical contribution to the field of Public Law, make a significant theoretical contribution to other areas of legal scholarship, apply a specific hypothesis to one or more concrete cases, offer new empirical evidence on a matter of interest, provide a significant and critical review of the literature on the subject, or constitute a work of substantial practical relevance for legal practitioners.

Papers analysing a specific legal system must provide sufficient legal, institutional, doctrinal and case-law context to allow their scientific relevance to be assessed. As a general rule, they must include a comparative perspective that is not limited to a mere juxtaposition or description of rules, case law or institutions, but which helps to contextualise the subject matter and to formulate a recognisable scientific contribution to Public Law.

The journal accepts submissions for publication in its regular sections: Studies, Ibero-American Law and Case Law, as well as in any thematic sections that may be established. From time to time, the Journal may announce the preparation of a thematic section on issues of special interest and legal relevance, in order to allow interested authors to submit papers on that topic. The Journal also welcomes reasoned suggestions for the organisation of future thematic sections.

The Journal does not charge authors any fee for the submission, evaluation or subsequent publication of articles.

In addition to articles resulting from original research, the journal publishes reviews of scientific books or publications. It does not accept unsolicited reviews. However, it welcomes suggestions of books for review.

2. Submission of manuscripts

Manuscripts must be unpublished, written in Spanish or English, and submitted in Microsoft Word or in a compatible format, such as OpenOffice, RTF or WordPerfect. They must be sent electronically to the following address: revistaestudios@deusto.es

Authors may submit their manuscripts at any time, with no fixed deadlines for particular issues. This rule is without prejudice to any specific deadlines that may be established for the submission of contributions intended for thematic sections.

3. Format

The first page must include the title, the author's name, academic or professional affiliation, ORCID number, postal and email addresses, and contact telephone number. The second page must include two abstracts, in Spanish and English, of approximately 120 words each, and the keywords of the paper, between 3 and 5 words, both in Spanish and in English. A proposed title in English must also be included if the paper is submitted in Spanish.

The total length of the manuscript must not exceed 30 pages, approximately 10,000 to 12,000 words.

The text of the paper must be preceded by a brief table of contents listing the different sections into which the paper is structured, in Spanish or English depending on the language in which the paper is written. In addition, the paper must include, on the final page, a complete list of the bibliographical references used.

Paragraphs must be single-spaced, justified and with the first line indented by one tab. The font and size must be Times New Roman 12. Footnotes must be in Times New Roman 10. The title of the article must be in Times New Roman 14, uppercase, bold and centred. Section headings must follow this format: first-level heading: 1. Times New Roman 12, uppercase and bold. Second-level heading: 1.1. Times New Roman 12, lowercase and bold.

Third-level heading: 1.1.1. Times New Roman 12, lowercase and italics. Fourth-level heading: 1.1.1.1. Times New Roman 12, lowercase. Further levels of headings, where necessary, must be in Times New Roman 12, lowercase, and preceded first by an uppercase letter followed by a closing parenthesis, and then by a lowercase letter followed by a closing parenthesis.

4. Editorial rules

Bibliographical citations and references to other documentary sources must follow the [Chicago Manual of Style \(CMOS\)](#), exclusively using the author-date system: abbreviated references in the text and a complete list of bibliographical references at the end of the paper. Manuscripts that substantially use another citation system will not be accepted, without prejudice to the references to legal, case-law or documentary sources required by the subject matter.

To facilitate the preparation of manuscripts, the Journal provides authors with an [indicative template](#) for the submission of originals.

5. Languages

Authors are responsible for using appropriate English or Spanish and may make use of professional language services, preferably before submitting the manuscript.

6. Submission

Manuscripts must be sent exclusively to the following email address: revistaestudios@deusto.es. Authors will receive an acknowledgement of receipt from the Editorial Board within a maximum period of 7 days, informing them either that the manuscript has been accepted for subsequent peer review or that it has been rejected for failing to comply with the stated requirements concerning format, languages, approach, scientific contribution or, where appropriate, the comparative contextualisation of the work.

If the rejection is based on matters of format, the defects may be corrected and the manuscript may therefore be accepted for the corresponding peer-review process. However, if the rejection is due to the fact that the work is written neither in English nor in Spanish, the languages accepted by the Journal for publication, or if it is due to the fact that the work does not address matters of Public Law, does not present a sufficient scientific contribution or does not fit the Journal's approach, the manuscript will be rejected without being sent for evaluation.

7. Evaluation process

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It is the Journal's aim that authors should be informed of the non-acceptance of a manuscript not sent for peer review within 7 days of receipt of the manuscript. Where manuscripts are accepted for evaluation, the process may take between 2 and 3 months.