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STYLE GUIDE

The European Journal of Legal Studies ('EJLS') broadly follows the **Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities ('OSCOLA')**. This document is intended as a supplement to OSCOLA, summarizing:

- ways in which EJLS conventions deviate from OSCOLA;
- EJLS conventions regarding matters not covered in OSCOLA; and
- common pitfalls in following these conventions.

Please ensure that your paper corresponds to this style when you submit it for publication with the EJLS.

If you are writing in a language other than English, please ensure that you still follow these rules as far as possible. This means that the references should also follow the OSCOLA rules.

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I. DEVIATIONS FROM OSCOLA

A. Order of Sources in Footnotes

EJLS does not enforce the order of sources in footnotes prescribed in OSCOLA § 1.1.4. Thus, for the avoidance of doubt, where multiple sources are cited in support of a single proposition, there is no need to list them in chronological (or any other particular) order.

B. Materials in Languages Other than English

When referring to materials written in languages other than English, generally follow the principles set forth in OSCOLA § 1.4, but please *do not* capitalize all major words in the titles of secondary sources unless this is the prevailing convention the relevant language.

Eg Cesare Beccaria, *Dei delitti e delle pene* (first published 1764, Newton Compton Editori 2016).

C. Issue Numbers for Journals

Notwithstanding OSCOLA § 3.3, when citing articles, please feel free to include an issue number even if the page numbers of the journal do not begin again for each issue within a volume. However, in keeping with OSCOLA § 3.3, you *must* provide an issue number if the page numbers *do* begin again for each issue.

D. Journal Names

When citing articles published in hard copy journals (see OSCOLA § 3.3.1) or online journals (see OSCOLA § 3.3.4), please specify the *full name of the journal*, even if it is commonly abbreviated.

Eg Giacomo Tagiuri, 'Can Supranational Law Enhance Democracy? EU Economic Law as a Market-Democratizing Project' (2021) 32 *European Journal of International Law* 57.

E. Newspaper Articles

If a newspaper article is available online, please cite it in the same way as you would a website or blog under OSCOLA § 3.4.8. Do not specify the city of publication, section name or page number of the print version of the article unless the article is not available online.

Eg Ian Loader, 'The Great Victim of this Get Tough Hyperactivity is Labour' (*The Guardian*, 19 June 2008) <www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/jun/19/justice.ukcrime> accessed 19 November 2009.

F. Judgments of the European Court of Justice

Please do not cite to reported version of judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union, even from official reports. Please refer to ECLI numbers (eg EU:C:2005:542) instead. For the avoidance of doubt, when citing an opinion of an Advocate General, please follow OSCOLA's instruction to add the words 'Opinion of AG [name]' after the case citation

(ie, after the ECLI number) and a comma and before any pinpoint. In such cases, the ECLI number should be that of the opinion, not the judgment.

Eg Case 240-83 *Procureur de la République v ADBHU* EU:C:1985:59.

Eg Case C-411/05 *Palacios de la Villa v Cortefiel Servicios SA* EU:C:2007:106, Opinion of AG Mazák, paras 79-100.

G. Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

Please do not cite to reported versions of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, even from official reports. Please refer to the application number and the date of the judgment instead.

Eg *Johnston v Ireland* App No 9697/82 (ECtHR, 18 December 1986).

H. Judgments of the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the Former Yugoslavia

Please do not cite to reported versions of judgments from International Legal Materials or International Human Rights Reports. Please refer to ICTR or ICTY reference numbers instead.

Eg *Prosecutor v Tadic* (Jurisdiction) ICTY-94-1 (10 August 1995).

II. CERTAIN ITEMS NOT COVERED IN OSCOLA

A. English Spelling

For articles written in English, please feel free to use American English, British English, or Oxford English spelling conventions. However, we ask that you please remain consistent in your orthographical choices (ie, please avoid using British English spellings, eg aeroplane, alongside American English spellings, eg aluminum).

B. Italicization

Please avoid use of italicization except as otherwise specified in OSCOLA.

C. Modifications to Quotations

Any changes to a quotation should be made in [square brackets].

D. Working Papers and Websites

OSCOLA provides example citations of working papers (see OSCOLA § 3.3.5), as well as websites and blogs (see OSCOLA § 3.4.8), but does not directly articulate the conventions on which these example citations are based. For clarity, and consistent with the examples provided in OSCOLA, working papers should be cited as follows:

author | 'title' | (year) | paper source/series | paper number | <web address> |
date accessed.

Websites and blogs should be cited as follows:

author | 'title' | (*website name*, date published) | <web address> | date accessed.

E. Decisions of the International Criminal Court

Please cite to decisions of the International Criminal Court as follows:

Prosecutor v Defendant | (*Type of Decision*) | case number | (date).

Eg *Prosecutor v Furundžija (Judgment)* IT-95-17/1-T (10 December 1998).

III. COMMON PITFALLS IN FOLLOWING EJLS CONVENTIONS

A. Capitalization of Titles

Unless otherwise specified in OSCOLA or in Section I.A above, please capitalize all major words in the titles of sections and sub-sections within the text, as well as the titles of most sources in citations (eg, books, chapters, articles, journals, working papers). Please note, however, that unlike with most other kinds of sources, OSCOLA § 2.6.1 *does not* call for headline-style capitalization for titles of European Union Regulations, Directives, Decisions, Recommendations and Opinions.

Eg Andrew Burrows, *Remedies for Torts and Breach of Contract* (3rd edn, Oxford University Press 2004) 317.

Eg Council Directive 2002/60/EC of 27 June 2002 laying down specific provisions for the control of African swine fever and amending Directive 92/119/EEC as regards Teschen disease and African swine fever [2002] OJ L192/27.

B. Cross-citation

Please note that, per OSCOLA § 1.2.1, where several works by the same author are being cited, the author's surname *and the title of the work* (or a short form of the title) should be given, together with a cross-citation, in a subsequent citation.

Eg Ashworth, *Principles of Criminal Law* (n 28) 73.

Please note also that, per OSCOLA § 1.2.1, cross-citation is never necessary for legislation. Instead, subsequent citations should either provide a full citation to the legislation in question or a short form title of the legislation (if such short form is specified in brackets at the end of the first full citation).

Eg Working Time Directive, art 2.

C. European Union Legislation

Per OSCOLA § 2.6.1, please *do not* insert a space between 'OJ L' and 'issue/first page' in citations to European Union legislation.

Eg Council Directive (EC) 93/104 concerning certain aspects of the organization of working time [1993] OJ L307/18 (Working Time Directive).