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AUTHOR GUIDELINES

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

1. The manuscript submitted must be original and must not have been published or submitted for publication in another journal.
2. The manuscript must be submitted online via email to the Law Majalla official email address: lawmajalla@live.iium.edu.my . Submissions via hard copy will not be accepted.
3. **Formatting and Citation:** Authors are responsible to adhere to the format stated below in preparing their manuscripts. Citations must follow the “footnotes system” in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Style Manual.
4. **Plagiarism check:** Authors are required to conduct their own Turnitin report and attach it along with their manuscript when submitting to the Law Majalla.
5. **Manuscript acceptance:** Decisions are based on a pre-review by the editors and a subsequent double-blinded peer review by at least two independent reviewers.
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7. **Proofs and copyright assignment form:** Upon acceptance for publication, the galley proof will be sent to the authors who would then be responsible to carefully review and approve it. A Copyright Transfer Agreement Form will also be sent at this stage. An immediate response to both is required and failure of which may affect publication of the manuscript in a particular issue of the Journal.
8. **Writing conventions:** The Law Majalla retains the unilateral right, without limitation, to make non-substantive edits to the work at any time before publication, including after the author has approved the final version.

ARTICLE STRUCTURE

1. TITLE

- Clear, concise, relevant to the article, specificity, engagement, original, with appropriate keywords.
- A BM title should also be included on the following page, followed by a BM abstract.

2. AUTHORS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Author(s)'s level of study at the time of submission to be included in the footnote
 - If the author is an undergraduate student, to also include year of study

3. ABSTRACT

- 250 - 300 words
- Use a structured method to give a brief summary of the paper:
 - i. Introduction
 - Note: The introduction should be included in the abstract in 1 sentence
 - ii. Objective/background
 - iii. Methodology
 - iv. Results, findings, implications and conclusion
- Abstract should have no references and no footnotes
- Abstract should be accompanied with a BM version. Authors are suggested to refer to legal dictionaries to ensure the accuracy of the translation.

4. INTRODUCTION

- Mention the problem - why are you writing this article?
- Research question
- Structure of the paper
- End with short summary and conclusion of the whole paper

5. PROBLEM STATEMENT & OBJECTIVE OF ARTICLE

- **Problem Statement:** A description of an issue currently existing which needs to be addressed
- **Objective of Article:** Specific, measurable and achievable goals that authors aim to accomplish through their research study
 - Example: "To investigate the methods of resolving disputes in e-commerce transactions"

6. METHODOLOGY

- How did the authors conduct the research?
- Was the research qualitative or quantitative?
 - i. Qualitative: Qualitative research involves data that is not expressed in numerical form.
 - ii. Quantitative: Quantitative research rely on numerical or measurable data
- Was the research doctrinal or non-doctrinal?
 - iii. Doctrinal Legal Research: Research into legal doctrines through analysis of statutory provisions, cases and maxims by the application of the power of reasoning.
 - iv. Non-doctrinal research: Non-doctrinal legal research tries to investigate through empirical data, how law and legal institutions impacts human attitudes and society

7. MAIN DISCUSSION

- The article should introduce a new perspective on a current issue or should be a discussion on a new issue. This is to avoid plagiarism and rehashing of old arguments.

8. CONCLUSION

- Do not introduce any new issues or new data in the conclusion.
- Restatement of arguments, conclude your findings and provide recommendations or suggestions relating to the problem statement.

9. REFERENCES

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10. FORMAT OF SUBMISSION

- 5000 words to 10,000 words
- Word document file

11. LANGUAGE

- British English
- Islamic terms should be italicised. E.g. *Shariah*

CITATION GUIDELINES

The Law Majalla uses the ‘footnotes system’ in accordance with the Chicago Manual of style (latest edition).

A QUICK GUIDE TO CHICAGO-STYLE CITATION

The following examples illustrate citations using the footnotes system. Examples of footnotes are followed by shortened versions of citations to the same source.

1. BOOK

a. One author

- First time citation:

Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* (New York: Penguin, 2006), 99–100.

- Subsequent citations:

Pollan, *Omnivore’s Dilemma*, 3.

(If needed to distinguish similar authors, include shortened title.)

b. Two or more authors

- Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns, *The War: An Intimate History, 1941–1945* (New York: Knopf, 2007), 52.

- **Subsequent citation :** Ward and Burns, *War*, 59–61.

c. For four or more authors, list only the first author, followed by et al. (“and others”):

- Dana Barnes et al., *Plastics: Essays on American Corporate Ascendancy in the 1960s* (New York: Random House, 2015), 44.

- **Subsequent citation :** Barnes et al., *Plastics* 78.

d. Editor, translator, or compiler instead of author

- Richmond Lattimore, trans., *The Iliad of Homer* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1951), 91–92.

- **Subsequent citation :** Lattimore, *Iliad*, 24.

e. Chapter or other part of a book

- John D. Kelly, “Seeing Red: Mao Fetishism, Pax Americana, and the Moral Economy of War,” In *Anthropology and Global Counterinsurgency*, ed. John D. Kelly et al. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010), 77.
- **Subsequent citation** : Kelly, “Seeing Red,” 81–82.

f. Chapter of an edited volume originally published elsewhere (as in primary sources)

- Quintus Tullius Cicero, “Handbook on Canvassing for the Consulship,” in *Rome: Late Republic and Principate*, ed. Walter Emil Kaegi Jr. and Peter White, vol. 2 of *University of Chicago Readings in Western Civilization*, ed. John Boyer and Julius Kirshner (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986), 35.
- **Subsequent citation** : Cicero, “Canvassing for the Consulship,” 35.

g. Book published electronically (e-book)

- For books consulted online, list a URL; include an access date only if one is required by your publisher or discipline.
- Philip B. Kurland and Ralph Lerner, eds., *The Founders’ Constitution* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987), accessed February 28, 2010, <http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/>.
- **Subsequent citation**: Kurland and Lerner, *Founders’ Constitution*.

2. JOURNAL ARTICLE

a. Article in a print journal

- In a note, list the specific page numbers consulted, if any.
- Joshua I. Weinstein, “The Market in Plato’s Republic,” *Classical Philology* 104 (2009): 440.
- **Subsequent citation** : Weinstein, “Plato’s Republic,” 452–53.

b. Article in an online journal

- List a URL. Include an access date.
- Gueorgi Kossinets and Duncan J. Watts, “Origins of Homophily in an Evolving Social Network,” *American Journal of Sociology* 115 (2009): 411, accessed February 28, 2010.
- **Subsequent citation** : Kossinets and Watts, “Origins of Homophily,” 439.

c. Article in a newspaper or popular magazine

- The following examples show the more formal versions of the citations. If you consulted the article online, include a URL; include also an access date. If no author is identified, begin the citation with the article title.
- Daniel Mendelsohn, “But Enough about Me,” *New Yorker*, January 25, 2010, 68.
- Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Robert Pear, “Wary Centrists Posing Challenge in Health Care Vote,” *New York Times*, February 27, 2010, accessed 2010, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/28/us/politics/28health.html>.
- **Subsequent citation** : Stolberg and Pear, “Wary Centrists,”.

3. THESIS OR DISSERTATION

- a. Mihwa Choi, “Contesting Imaginaires in Death Rituals during the Dynasty” (PhD diss., University of Chicago, 2008).
- b. **Subsequent citation** : Choi, “Contesting Imaginaires.”
- c. Rachel Adelman, “Such Stuff as Dreams Are Made On”: God’s Footstool in the Aramaic Targumim and Midrashic Tradition” (paper presented at the annual meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 21–24, 2009).
- d. **Subsequent citation** : Adelman, “Such Stuff as Dreams.”

4. PAPER PRESENTED AT A MEETING OR CONFERENCE

- a. Rachel Adelman, “Such Stuff as Dreams Are Made On”: God’s Footstool in the Aramaic Targumim and Midrashic Tradition” (paper presented at the annual meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 21–24, 2009).
- b. **Subsequent citation** : Adelman, “Such Stuff as Dreams.”

5. WEBSITE

- a. It may be styled as in the examples below. Because such content is subject to change, include an access date or, if available, a date that the site was last modified.
 - “Google Privacy Policy,” last modified March 11, 2009, <http://www.google.com/intl/en/privacypolicy.html>.
 - **Subsequent citation**: Google Privacy Policy
 - “McDonald’s Happy Meal Toy Safety Facts,” McDonald’s Corporation, accessed July 19, 2008, <http://www.mcdonalds.com/corp/about/factsheets.html>.
 - **Subsequent citation**: McDonald’s Happy Meal Toy Safety Facts

6. BLOG ENTRY OR COMMENT

- a. The following examples show the more formal versions of the citations. There is no need to add pseud. after an apparently fictitious or informal name. (If an access date is required, add it before the URL; see examples elsewhere in this guide.)
 - Jack, February 25, 2010 (7:03 p.m.), comment on Richard Posner, “Double Exports in Five Years?,” The Becker-Posner Blog, February 21, 2010,
<http://uchicagolaw.typepad.com/beckerposner/2010/02/double-exports-in-five-years-posner.html>.
 - **Subsequent citation** : Jack, comment on Posner, “Double Exports.”

7. SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

- a. Citations of content posted to social media can usually be limited to the text (as in the first example below). If a more formal citation is needed, a reference list entry may be appropriate. In place of a title, quote up to the first 280 characters of the post. Comments are cited in reference to the original post.
- b. The Instagram post included a photo of the president delivering a eulogy at the National Cathedral and referred to O’Connor as “gracious and principled” (@potus, December 19, 2023).
- c. Chicago Manual of Style. 2015. “Is the world ready for singular they? We thought so back in 1993.” Facebook, April 17, 2015.
<https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoManual/posts/10152906193679151>.
- d. **Subsequent citation** : Chicago Manual of Style 2015
- e. NASA Webb Telescope (@NASAWebb). 2022. “Sneak a peek at the deepest & sharpest infrared image of the early universe ever taken—all in a day’s work for the Webb telescope. (Literally, capturing it took less than a day!).” Twitter (now X), July 11. <https://twitter.com/NASAWebb/status/1546621080298835970>.
- f. **Subsequent citation**: NASA Webb Telescope 2022

8. VIDEO OR PODCAST

- a. Unless it is clear from context, “video” or the like may be specified in the reference list.
- b. Cowan, Vaitea. 2022. “How Green Hydrogen Could End the Fossil Fuel Era.” TED Talk, Vancouver, BC, April. Video, 9 min., 15 sec.
https://www.ted.com/talks/vaitea_cowan_how_green_hydrogen_could_end_the_fossil_fuel_era.

- c. **Subsequent citation :** Cowan. “How Green Hydrogen Could End the Fossil Fuel Era,” at 6:09–17
- d. Ober, Lauren, host. 2022. *The Loudest Girl in the World*. Season 1, episode 2, “Goodbye, Routine; Hello, Meltdown!” Pushkin Industries, September 13. Podcast, 41 min., 37 sec.
<https://www.pushkin.fm/podcasts/loudest-girl-in-the-world>.
- e. **Subsequent citation :** Ober, 2022. “Goodbye, Routine; Hello, Meltdown!”
- f. Oliver, Eric. 2022. “Why So Many Americans Believe in So Many ‘Crazy’ Things.” Moderated by Andrew McCall. Virtual lecture, February 23. Posted March 21, 2022, by University of Chicago. YouTube, 1:01:45.
<https://youtu.be/hfq7AnCF5bg>.
- g. **Subsequent citation :** Oliver. “Why So Many Americans Believe in So Many ‘Crazy’ Things.”

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