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General editors first check that the article meets the quality criteria specified in the Author Guidelines. If they do, the papers are double-blind peer-reviewed by at least two referees. The final decision on publication of each paper relies on the Editor(s)-in-Chief. For publication arising from workshops, one referee will be nominated by the workshop organizer(s), and one by the OSLS editors-in-chief. For other papers, reviewers are nominated by the OSLS editors-in-chief, advised by the Editorial Board. In order to guarantee cohesiveness, papers coming from workshops can be reviewed by workshop participants. This notwithstanding, papers must always undergo blind peer review.

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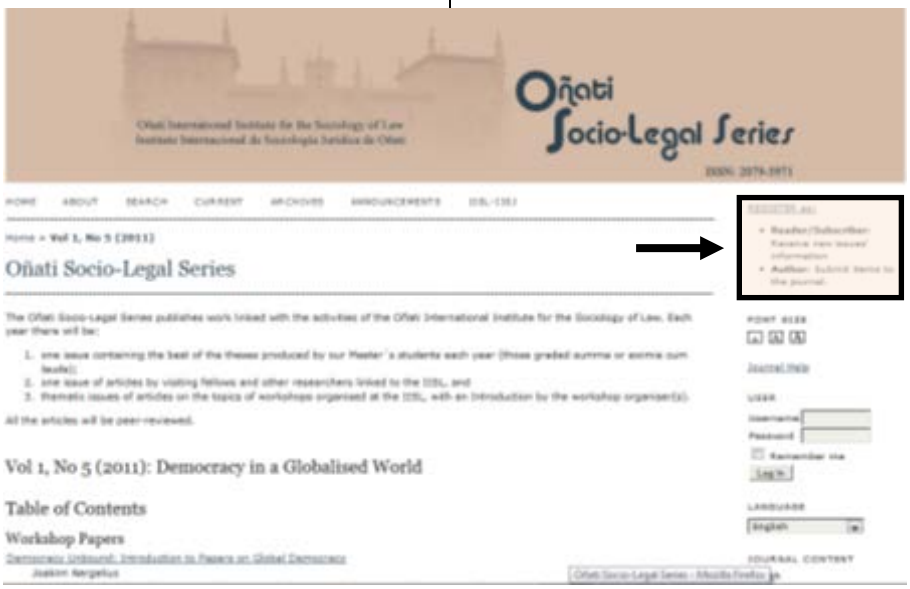

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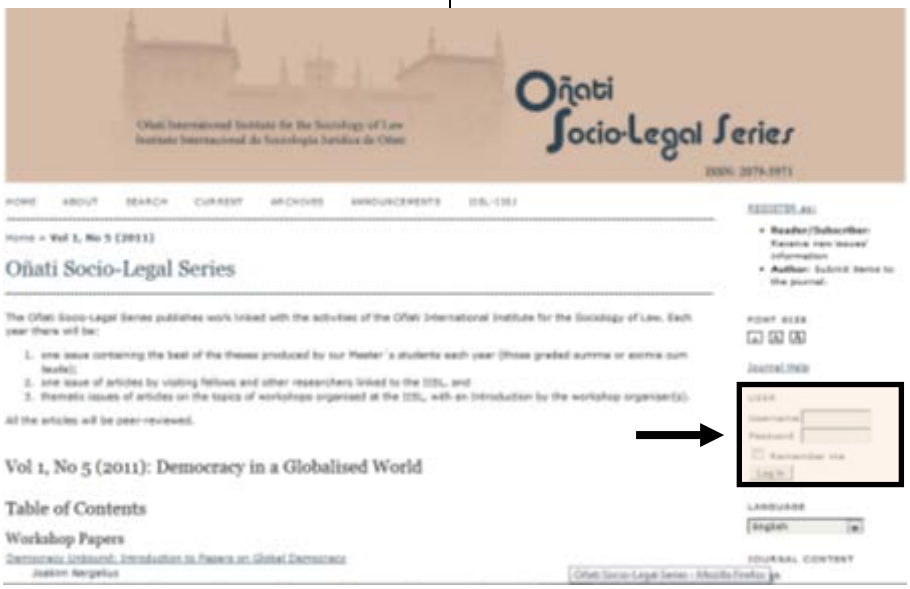

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