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## IISL WORKSHOPS PUBLICATIONS GUIDELINES

The IISL Workshops provide an excellent format for bringing together international researchers for intensive academic discussions. They also offer a very good basis for developing high quality publications, which the Institute is happy to support through its own three publication venues (see further down below). These Guidelines explain our publication arrangements.

The IISL offers its publication venues to workshop groups: its open access journal [Oñati Socio-Legal Series](#) (OSLS), indexed in Web of Science's ESCI and in Elsevier's Scopus, or one of its book series, namely [Oñati International Series in Law in Society](#), published in English by Bloomsbury-Hart, or [Oñati: Derecho y Sociedad](#), published in Spanish by Dykinson. Workshop participants will be offered a presentation about these venues of publication at some point during the workshop. As a general rule, a condition of hosting a workshop is that the IISL is entitled to first refusal of publications. Should the workshop organisers have other publication plans, they are expected to clearly express their intentions in the moment of submitting their workshop application.

A joint decision regarding the preferred form of publication needs to be made by the end of the workshop and before signing the corresponding contract. Whichever form of publication is selected, one or more editors of the collection of papers should be chosen, who would normally be the workshop organisers. Editors are responsible for communicating with the IISL about the form of publication chosen, and they are also responsible for the academic and linguistic quality of the submissions.

Please bear in mind that both our book series and our journal have their own planning and that this may affect expected timeline for delivery of your work, which may thus enter competition with other simultaneous submissions. *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* is committed to publishing six issues per year and no fewer than six and no more than eight contributions per issue. Please refer to the IISL Publications officer and OSLS managing editor for updated information on publication of your work.

### OÑATI SOCIO-LEGAL SERIES

The *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* (OSLS; <http://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/index>) is a peer-reviewed, international online publication, with articles covering any aspects of socio-legal studies and the sociology of law. It is available on the IISL website, and it is indexed in Scopus (Elsevier), WoS ESCI (Clarivate), CrossRef, Dialnet, Directory of Open Access Journals, Google Scholar, ISOC, and Redib, which ensures wide dissemination. It is also included in ERIH Plus (European Reference Index for the Humanities and the Social Sciences). As of 2019, all articles published in OSLS have a DOI.

A distinctive sign of OSLS is that it lies on a universal principle of Full APC (Article Publication Charges) Waiver. This is a consequence of its belonging to the Oñati IISL, a non-profit Foundation. Application of this fee waiver shall be understood as an in-kind contribution to global socio-legal scholarship, and a real commitment to open access to knowledge. The APC Waiver means that the IISL's regular annual budget and staff provides the same world-quality services that other Gold Open Access journal, of equivalent quality and global outreach, indexed in Web of Science, charged with an APC of an average amount which is generally

agreed upon to be around 2000 EUR across different scientific disciplines, journals, and geographic scope, with prices tending to increase every year.<sup>1</sup>

A collection of papers from a workshop, if approved for publication in the OSLS, is presented as a separate issue of the Series, with its own title. The editor(s) of each collection of workshop papers will be the issue editor(s), and will be requested to collect all contributions and run a preselection, or invite selected participants to contribute to the special issue, bearing in mind the minimum and maximum recommended number of contributions per issue (6 to 8, plus an Introduction). Guest editors are expected to submit a brief proposal to the Institute not later than October of the year of celebration of the workshop, outlining the working title, aim, and originality of the proposed issue, a list of confirmed contributors, the abstracts, a draft chapter or a draft introduction, and a selection of potential reviewers. All reviews are formally conducted through the IISL's editorial team. Authors are responsible for revising their papers, ensuring that they are of high publishable standard, and are provided on time. The OSLS Editor-in-Chief team will assess the proposals received, and the OSLS managing editor will notify the editor(s) before the end of the year.

Papers are peer-reviewed by at least two referees. Papers may be in any of the Institute's official languages –English, Spanish, French, and Basque; Portuguese is also accepted–, and exceptions shall be considered individually. Manuscripts should be up to 10,000 words in length. Please check our **Style Guidelines** at <https://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/libraryFiles/downloadPublic/24>

We do not accept papers that have been previously published, or which have been or will be simultaneously submitted to another publisher. However, authors are free to republish the work or revised versions. Authors retain copyright, and the IISL only retains a non-exclusive right to communicate the paper to the public, normally on the terms of a Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial No-Derivatives licence. For further details see <http://creativecommons.org/about/licenses/>.

A paper cannot be both published online and included in a book proposal. However, it is possible for some papers to be included in a book proposal with others from the same workshop submitted to *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, provided they are of publishable quality.

The Editorial Team can reject paper on the basis of poor grammar or spelling, but the IISL does not finance translation of linguistic edition of papers. This is the responsibility of each author, and, subsidiarily, of the corresponding guest editor.

## **BOOK PROPOSALS**

Workshop organisers are also welcome to make proposals for an edited collection to be published in either of the two book series, i.e. *Oñati International Series in Law in Society*, published by Hart-Bloomsbury Publishing, or *Colección Oñati: Derecho y Sociedad*, published by Dykinson. Proposed books should normally be no longer than 300 pages (120,000 words including footnotes and bibliography). Authors will not be paid royalties on the books published in either of these series.

A proposal should include:

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<sup>1</sup> Data retrieved in 2023.

- (i) **Abstract** - setting out what the book aims to do and why, and how the editors will go about achieving this. It is also helpful to set out the book's main theme and discuss how each contributor will address this to tie the contributions together. The abstract should be no longer than one to two pages.
- (ii) **Table of Contents** - listing and grouping the chapters, with a summary or abstract of each chapter, its word length, and a realistic estimate for completion of the final version; sample chapters could be included if they are in a fairly final stage;
- (iii) **Critical literature review** – highlighting two or three competing books on the market and analysing the relationship between them and the planned book. It may be helpful to look at pre-existing books in the Oñati series that are similar;
- (iv) A **discussion** of the practical considerations of the book such as the proposed length and timeline for delivery;
- (v) A **draft** of the introduction and a sample chapter.

#### **Hart Style Guidelines:**

[http://www.iisj.net/en/system/files/Hart%20Style%20Guide%202010\\_0.pdf](http://www.iisj.net/en/system/files/Hart%20Style%20Guide%202010_0.pdf)

**Dykinson Style Guidelines:** [https://www.iisj.net/sites/default/files/normas\\_dykinson.pdf](https://www.iisj.net/sites/default/files/normas_dykinson.pdf)

A book usually does not appear until 2-3 years or more after the date of the workshop, and so it must have a long-term interest and potential for impact. Papers should not only be good in themselves, but should have a clear coherence and focus as a collection, with an inter-weaving of the ideas and debates between the various papers.

Proposals should be submitted by the **10<sup>th</sup> September** of the year of the workshop to Leire Kortabarria ([publications@iisj.es](mailto:publications@iisj.es)), our Publications Officer and OSLs managing editor, who will send them on to the Publisher for evaluation. The Publisher's decision will be based on both the commercial viability for publication as a book, as well as the quality of the proposal. The Publisher will also take advice from the General Editors of the relevant series: for the Hart series, David Nelken and Rosemary Hunter, and, for the Dykinson series Joxerramon Bengoetxea, Carlos Lista, and Vincenzo Ferrari. If a book proposal is not accepted by the Publisher, it may be published in *OSLS*, or submitted to other publishers.

The publisher will deal directly with the editors and authors of proposed books. This includes, once a proposal is accepted, timetable for submission of the final manuscript, and refereeing.

The IISL does not finance either publication or distribution of books in either of its Series. The particular terms of contract are negotiated directly between editor(s) and publisher, with no participation of the IISL.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Whatever the form of publication, the Institute requests that papers should be accompanied by the usual acknowledgement that they were given at an Oñati workshop.

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