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IISL WORKSHOPS PUBLICATIONS GUIDELINES

The workshops held at the IISL offer an unparalleled setting in which to bring together an international group of researchers and provide them with the opportunity to engage in intense debate. They are also an exceptional starting point for developing high-quality publications.

To this end, the IISL makes its regular publication channels available to workshop members: the open-access journal [Oñati Socio-Legal Series](#) and its book collections [Oñati International Series in Law and Society](#), published in English by Bloomsbury-Hart, and [Oñati: Derecho y Sociedad](#), published in Spanish by Dykinson. In this regard, a brief informative presentation of these publication venues will be offered during the workshop.

The IISL reserves a preferential right of publication, which is exercised in accordance with its own editorial policy and the results of the corresponding evaluation process. The representative of the coordinating team for each workshop must sign the acknowledgment of this preferential right of publication in a timely manner.

The groups participating in the workshops will be asked to make a joint decision on the publication venue they propose to the Institute. Workshop participants will designate one or more persons as guest editors, a role that usually falls to those who organize the workshop. The guest editor will communicate the publication proposal, be responsible for selecting the works proposed for publication, ensuring their academic quality, formal requirements, and linguistic adequacy, and will generally serve as the liaison with the IISL for the editorial process. The usual deadline for submitting proposals is October 15. The IISL will duly inform participants of any changes to this deadline.

Finally, we would like to point out that our book collections and our journal have their own publication schedules, which may affect the time expectations of interested parties.

OÑATI SOCIO-LEGAL SERIES

Oñati Socio-Legal Series (<http://opo.IISL.net/index.php/osls/index>) is an international, peer-reviewed electronic journal that publishes works on various topics in socio-legal studies and the sociology of law. It is indexed in the following databases: Scopus (Elsevier), WoS ESCI (Clarivate), CrossRef, Dialnet, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Google Scholar, ISOC, and Redib, which guarantees wide dissemination of the articles. In 2025, it received the FECYT seal of quality, which is the highest distinction awarded in Spain for the quality of journals. It is also included in the Latindex, MIAR, and ERIH Plus (European Reference Index for the Humanities and the Social Sciences) systems. As of 2019, all articles have a DOI.

OSLS operates on a fee-exempt basis, as it belongs to the non-profit IISL Oñati Foundation. The application of this exemption is understood as a selfless contribution to research and the dissemination of socio-legal knowledge throughout the world. The exemption means that participants in workshops and *bilkuras* (other academic meetings organized by the IISL) have the opportunity to submit their texts for publication with the same level of rigor and quality as any Gold Open Access indexed journal, without having to pay management fees, which average around €2,000 for all types of scientific journals worldwide.

Workshop coordinators who opt for publication in OSLS must send a brief proposal to the Institute, with a presentation of the compilation, a provisional title, the objective pursued and its most original features, as well as a draft chapter or draft introduction and a suggestion of at least ten possible reviewers. Prior to publication, the guest editor will be asked to compile the articles and make a pre-selection that may include those participating in the workshop as well as, it is suggested, authors who, without having participated, can contribute an interesting perspective on the theme of the issue with their articles, bearing in mind that the number of contributions for each issue ranges from 6 to 10 plus an introduction. The OSLS editorial team will evaluate the proposals received, and the OSLS editor will inform authors of the decision within a reasonable period of time, which will not exceed three months from the date of receipt of the proposal.

Articles preselected for publication will undergo double-blind peer review. Without exception, reviews are conducted through the journal.

Authors are responsible for reviewing their articles and responding to any comments made by reviewers, ensuring that they meet the required criteria for research quality and linguistic accuracy. All of this must be verified within the deadlines that will be indicated by the journal's editor.

Articles may be written in any of the Institute's official languages—English, Spanish, Basque, and French—and Portuguese is also accepted. The possibility of including other languages will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. A maximum length of 10,000 words is recommended. Articles exceeding this length will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. In all cases, compliance with the Style Guidelines is mandatory.

Articles that have been previously published (except in the case of working papers with substantial changes) or that have been submitted simultaneously to another publisher will not be accepted, nor will any form of self-plagiarism.

The author will retain the copyright of their work and will only grant the IISL the non-exclusive right to publish the work in open access, usually under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives license. For more details, please visit: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/deed.es>

Authors may republish their work once it has been published in OSLS, or a revised version of it, in another venue, provided that the original publication in OSLS is expressly referenced, indicating, at a minimum, the name of the journal and the DOI of the article.

It is possible to include some works in a book proposal and encourage the rest to be published in the online series, provided they meet the required quality standards. Individual articles may also be submitted for publication in Oñati Socio-Legal Series.

OSLS does not perform linguistic review of the works, and its editorial team may reject an article due to excessive editing or spelling errors. The IISL does not finance linguistic review or translation work, as this is entirely the responsibility of the authors and, subsidiarily, their editors.

BOOK PROPOSAL IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH

Workshop organizers may also submit proposals to publish a book as a result of the meeting in one of the Institute's two book series: Oñati International Series in Law and Society, published by Bloomsbury-Hart, or Colección Oñati: Derecho y Sociedad, published by Dykinson.

Proposed books should not exceed 300 pages as a general rule. Both publishers have open access policies.

A publication proposal for Dykinson should include:

- (i) **A brief biographical note** on each editor and author who will contribute to the book, as well as the chapter(s) authored by each person.
- (ii) **A draft of the introduction** or a key chapter of the publication, which could be based on the original workshop proposal or a paper representing the main topic discussed at the meeting. The introduction should contain an in-depth reflection and analysis of the main topic of the book and its usefulness, indicating the contributions of the different chapters.
- (iii) **A table of contents** listing and grouping the chapters that will make up the book, with a summary of each one, its approximate length in words, and a realistic estimate of the deadline for delivery of the final version; as a sample, chapters that are practically finished could also be submitted.
- (iv) **A document justifying** why the proposal is particularly suitable for publication in book form. It should include information on the book's target audience, potential stakeholders, and the main comparative advantages over other recently published books.

A publication proposal for Bloomsbury-Hart should include:

- (i) **Abstract:** this explains and justifies the aim of the book and how the editors intend to achieve it. It should also outline the main theme of the book and comment on how each contributor will approach it so that the contributions form a coherent whole. The abstract should not exceed two pages.
- (ii) **Table of contents:** list and grouping of chapters, with a summary of each, their length in words, and a realistic estimate of the completion date of the final version; sample chapters may be included if they are at a sufficiently advanced stage;
- (iii) **Critical review of the literature:** highlight two or three books currently on the market and analyze the relationship between them and the proposed book. Books from the Oñati International Series in Law and Society collection may be included.
- (iv) An analysis of the **practical considerations** of the book, such as the proposed length and delivery deadline.
- (v) **A draft** of the introduction and a sample chapter.

Dykinson: Style guide https://www.IISL.net/sites/default/files/normas_dykinson.pdf

Hart: Style guide
http://www.IISL.net/en/system/files/Hart%20Style%20Guide%202010_0.pdf

Books may be published several years after the workshop date, so proposals should be of long-term interest and have the potential for future impact. Not only should the chapters be of verifiable quality individually, but the book as a whole should be coherent and maintain a systematic approach, encouraging the exchange of ideas and debate between them.

Proposals must be sent before **October 15** of the year the workshop is held to Leire Kortabarria (publications@iisl.es), our Publications Officer, who will send them to publishers for evaluation. In the case of the Spanish-language series published by Dykinson, the proposal will first be sent to the series' general editors. If the publishers do not accept a proposal, the authors are free to seek other publication options outside the IISL. The IISL does not finance the publication or distribution of books in any of its collections. The specific terms of the contract are negotiated directly between the author(s) and the publisher, without any involvement from the IISL.

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Whatever the medium in which a paper is published, the Institute asks that it be accompanied by a citation acknowledging that the paper was originally presented at a workshop held in Oñati and, where appropriate, a link to the original publication including its DOI.

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