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IISL WORKSHOPS PUBLICATIONS GUIDELINES

The IISL Workshops provide a unique framework for bringing together international researchers for intensive academic discussions. They also offer an exceptional basis for developing high quality publications.

The IISL offers its publication venues to workshop groups: its open access journal [Oñati Socio-Legal Series](#) (OSLS) or one of its book series, namely [Oñati International Series in Law in Society](#), published in English by Bloomsbury-Hart, and [Oñati: Derecho y Sociedad](#), published in Spanish by Dykinson. In this sense, a brief informative presentation of these publication venues will be offered during the workshop. It should also be noted that the IISL has a right to first refusal of the contents generated in the workshop. This right will be exercised where appropriate by virtue of its own editorial line and the result of the evaluation process. The representative of the coordinating team of each workshop must sign the acknowledgement of this preferential publication right in due course. The groups participating in the workshops will be asked to make a joint decision on the publication channel that they propose. Whichever the venue of publication, the workshop participants will designate one or more persons as guest editors, a figure that normally falls to the workshop organisers. The guest editor is the liaison person with the IISL and will communicate the publication proposal. Provided that the publication proposal is accepted in any of the modalities offered by the IISL, the guest editor will be the person responsible for the selection of the contents proposed for publication, their academic quality, the fulfilment of the formal requirements and their linguistic adequacy.

Finally, we would like to bring to your attention that our book collections and our journal have their own publication schedules, which may affect the time expectations of those interested.

OÑATI SOCIO-LEGAL SERIES

The *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* (OSLS; <http://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/index>) is an international, peer-reviewed online publication, with articles covering any aspects of socio-legal studies and the sociology of law. 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 Latindex, MIAR and 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 participants of workshops and *bilkuras* (other academic meetings organised by the IISL) are entitled to a publication with the same high standards and quality as any Gold Open Access indexed journal, without having to pay an average management fee of around EUR 2,000 for all types of scientific journals worldwide.¹

¹ Data retrieved in 2023.

Coordinators of workshop teams that have opted for publication in OSLS should send a brief proposal to the Institute, including a presentation of the compilation, a working title, the intended purpose and most original features, as well as a draft chapter or draft introduction and a selection of at least ten potential reviewers. As pre-publication work, the guest editor will be asked to collect the articles and make a pre-selection, or invite individual authors to participate with their articles, keeping in mind the minimum and maximum number of contributions for each issue (6-8, plus an introduction). The OSLS editorial team will evaluate the proposals received and the OSLS editor will inform of the decision within a reasonable period of time, not exceeding three months from the receipt of the proposal.

The articles resulting from the workshop papers shortlisted for publication - as well as those eventually incorporated for publication afterwards - will be submitted to external double-blind peer review. All reviews are conducted through the IISL. Authors are responsible for revising their articles, specifically signifying their response to any comments made by the reviewers and ensuring that they meet the required criteria of quality and linguistic correctness. All this must be verified within the deadlines that will be conveniently indicated.

Articles may be written in any of the official languages of the Institute -English, Spanish, Basque and French; Portuguese is also accepted-. The possibility of including other languages will be assessed on an individual basis. A maximum length of 10,000 words is recommended, while longer works will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Compliance with the Style Guidelines is mandatory.² Articles that have been previously published, or that have been submitted simultaneously to another editor, will not be accepted, and self-plagiarism strategies will not be accepted. However, authors may republish their work, or a revised version of it, in another medium provided that the reference to the original publication in OSLS is expressly acknowledged. Authors shall retain the copyright of their work and shall only grant the IISL the non-exclusive right to publish their work in open access, usually under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives licence. Further details are available at: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>

It is possible to include some papers in a book proposal and encourage the remaining papers to be published in the online series, as long as they meet the required quality standards. Individual articles can also be submitted for publication in the *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*.

OSLS does not carry out proofreading of papers and its editorial team may reject an article solely on the basis of poor typing or excessive spelling errors. The IISL does not finance linguistic revision or translation work, as this is entirely the responsibility of the authors and, subsidiarily, of their editors.

BOOK PROPOSALS

Workshop organisers are also welcome to make a proposal for a book to be published as a result of the workshop 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 250-300 pages. Both publishing houses have open access policies.

A proposal for Bloomsbury-Hart should include:

² <https://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/libraryFiles/downloadPublic/24>

- (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 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.

A proposal for Dykinson should include:

- (i) A short **biographical** note for each editor and each author who will contribute to the book, as well as the chapter(s) by each person.
- (ii) A draft **introduction** or key chapter of the publication, which could be based on the original workshop proposal or a paper representing the main theme of the workshop; the introduction should not be a mere succession of chapter summaries, but should contain an in-depth reflection and analysis of the main theme of the book and its usefulness by 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, their 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 presented.
- (iv) A document **justifying** why the proposal is particularly suitable for publication in book form. This should include information on the target readership, potential stakeholders and the main comparative advantages over other recently published books.

Hart Style Guidelines:

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

Sometimes books are not published until two or three years, or even more, after the date of the workshop, so the proposal must have a long-term interest and potential for future impact. The chapters should not only be of individually verifiable quality, but the book should be coherent as a whole and maintain a systematic approach, encouraging the inter-weaving of ideas and debate between them.

Proposals must be sent before 10 October of the year of the workshop to Leire Kortabarria (publications@iisj.es), our Publications officer, who will send them to the editors for evaluation. The editors' final decision will be based on both commercial criteria and the academic quality of the proposal. The editor may consult the opinion of the General Editors of

both series: for the Hart series, David Nelken and Rosemary Hunter, and for the Dykinson series, Joxerramon Bengoetxea, Carlos Lista and Vincenzo Ferrari. If the editors do not accept a proposal, authors are free to seek other publishing options outside the IISL. Once the proposal is accepted, it will be submitted to the external evaluation process.

The IISL does not finance either the publication or the distribution of the books in either of its collections. The particular terms of the contract are negotiated directly between the editors and the publisher, without any involvement of 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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