

IADL International Review of Contemporary Law: Editorial Policy

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The IADL International Review of Contemporary Law (IADL Review) is the online journal of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL), published three to four times a year. In line with the aims of the association, the IADL Review recognises law as an instrument of social change. It prioritises legal developments and progressive practices in a wide range of areas, from the right to peace to the right to self-determination of peoples, as well as individual and other collective human rights.

The Editorial Board of the IADL Review (Editorial Board) consists entirely of volunteer lawyers and academics from countries around the world. While two editors are responsible for each issue published during the year, their role is purely organizational. The decision to accept or reject articles for publication is made by a majority of the Editorial Board members participating in an IADL Review meeting. Editorial decisions are made by the Board only. Under no circumstances shall the author of a submitted article be included in Editorial Board communications.¹

The general principles of operation are as follows:

- i) When the Editorial Board decides to publish a new issue focusing on a specific theme, a call for contributions, with the deadline for submission, is published on the IADL website.
- ii) Submissions received by the deadline are evaluated by the Editorial Board, with the principle of maintaining a single point of contact between the author and the issue editors to ensure efficient processing.
- iii) A maximum of 10 articles are selected for publication in each issue, ensuring the quality and focus of the content.
- iv) After the editorial process is complete, the issue is published on the IADL website for public access.

¹ Article 9 (b) of the IADL Constitution states “the representatives of the Association accredited to international organizations and the editors of its publications shall be permanent invitees to the Bureau”.

The IADL Review follows general academic rules and reference systems. Authors must attest that they have written entirely sole and original work. If they refer to the work of others, it must be appropriately cited or quoted, and permission should be obtained where necessary.

As the IADL Review is an online publication, the length and format of the future papers must adhere to the following criteria: 5000 words, A4 paper size (210 x 297 mm), Times New Roman font (12 pt, justified), 1 & ½ spacing, with footnotes (but no endnotes), in a Microsoft Word Document file.

Additionally, articles must be accompanied by a short bio of the author and an abstract should preferably be in an official United Nations language other than the one used in the article.

Contributors can write in any language. However, if an article is written in a language other than English, French or Spanish, it must also be accompanied by a translation into one of these languages.

There is no guarantee that an article will be published. The Editorial Board has the right to make technical and content evaluations, taking into consideration the aims and principles of the IADL Constitution and this Policy. Some articles may require revision in order to be published. The Editorial Board reserves the right to refuse publication if changes requested by the Board are not made.

The article, abstract, and short biography must be submitted to the Editorial Board as an email attachment and sent to the following address: review@iadllaw.net. Editors responsible for a specific issue will coordinate communication and manage the submission process.

All articles published in the IADL Review reflect the position of their author and not necessarily the position of the journal, or of the IADL.

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