

Groningen Journal of International Law (GroJIL)

Guidelines Student Writing Competition

1. Publishing Profile

The Groningen Journal of International Law is not a traditional journal, which means that the articles we accept are not traditional either. We invite writers to focus on what the law could be or should be, and to apply their creativity in presenting solutions, models and theories that in their view would strengthen the role and effectiveness of international law, however it may come to be defined. To this end, the Journal requires its authors to submit articles written in an exploratory and non-descriptive style.

2. Submissions

- Only current students, and recent graduates (diploma was obtained on or after 1 May 2017) may participate in the Student Writing Competition.
- Please contact board@grojil.org to communicate your intent to participate in the GroJIL Student Writing Competition.
- You will be provided with a participation number to ensure the anonymity of participants and fairness of the process.
- The title of your submission should refer to your participation number. Additionally, please include a reference to your participation number in the header of every page of your submission.
- All references to your name or identity should be omitted in the document name as well as the actual paper. Non-compliance with this requirement may lead to exclusion from the competition.
- Submit your paper electronically to board@grojil.org

3. Submission Guidelines

- All manuscripts should be submitted electronically, in Word format via email.
- Manuscripts should generally be between 6.000 and 7.000 words including footnotes and excluding the abstract and table of contents.
- Articles may not have been published or be under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- Only articles in English can be considered for publication. The Journal has a general preference for 'ise' and 'isation' instead of 'ize' and 'ization' with the exception of quotations, where the original spelling should be maintained. American authors may also submit articles that deviate from this policy.
- Every article should be accompanied by a short abstract of 200-400 words.

4. Citation style

The GroJIL uses its house style that is largely based on the Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA). Prospective authors may submit papers that use any generally accepted legal referencing style. The

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5. Review Process

- The editorial board reviews all manuscripts. The Board reserves the right to accept one, multiple or none of the articles submitted for participation in the Student Writing Competition.
- If accepted, papers are language and copy edited by the GroJIL editorial team. Authors are consulted on these edits before publication.

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