

Submissions Guidelines

1. Mission statement

The Birkbeck Law Review (BBKLR) was established in October 2012 by students from Birkbeck College, University of London. It is a bi-annual publication. We publish articles by students, scholars and legal practitioners.

The mission of the BBKLR is to contribute to the legal scholarship by publishing original and innovative articles discussing various aspect of law. The law review is committed to promoting Critical Legal Studies (CLS), and authors working on articles presenting interdisciplinary approach to legal problems are especially encouraged to submit their pieces. Our publication hopes to respond and comment on current events and legal debates both in the UK and internationally.

2. Submission of articles

Calls for submissions are usually open twice a year (November/December and May/June). All articles should be submitted using an online form available from our website at: <http://www.bbklr.org/submissions.html>

Please note that we are only able to accept articles in electronic form.

3. Review process

Each article submitted to the law review will undergo a blind, independent review by two members of the Editorial Board. Once this process is completed the reviewers will agree and compose a written feedback form. Once all articles have been reviewed the Editorial Board will select those to be published in the issue at a general meeting. Articles will be selected on the basis of academic merit, originality, clarity, accuracy, and the Board's determination of which pieces will be most interesting to readers.

All decisions of the Editorial Board are final.

4. Language

Our language of publication is English in British English spelling and terminology.

5. Word length

We publish articles that are between 4,000 and 10,000 words long. We also accept topical comments and book reviews of a shorter length, between 3,000 and 5,000

words. We may be open to publishing shorter pieces by distinguished and well-established authors wishing to comment on current affairs and legal issues. Prospective authors wishing to submit a shorter piece should email the Editorial Board at features@bbklr.org

6. Page size and margins, font, spacing

We only accept articles in electronic form (i.e. Word or OpenOffice). Submissions should be written in Times New Roman, point 12 font, double-spaced. Authors should use standard margins (2.54 cm).

7. Front page and page numbering

The name of the author and any information which could lead to the identification of the author should only be provided on the front page. No reference to the author's name should be made anywhere else in the text.

The front page should contain the following information only:

- Title of the article
- Author's name
- Author's affiliation (current students should state their institution and current course of study, i.e. 'LLM Human Rights candidate', 'LLB candidate')
- Author's email address and telephone number

All pages should be numbered at the bottom of each page. Numbering should start from page two (no page number should appear on the front page).

8. Abstract

Each article should contain an abstract of between 100 and 150 words. The abstract should explain the main claims the article makes. It should not repeat the article's introduction but should contain sufficient information to outline the scope of the issue and the claim it discusses.

9. Referencing style

We use OSCOLA referencing style. Authors not familiar with OSCOLA may want to use an online OSCOLA reference generator (i.e. <http://www.lawteacher.net/oscola-referencing/>). The latest version of the OSCOLA referencing manual is available for free online here: www.law.ox.ac.uk/published/OSCOLA_4th_edn.pdf

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10. Bibliography

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