

# STYLE GUIDE AND FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

of the

PJIEL { Pécs Journal of  
International and European Law

CONTENTS

**I. Basic Formatting Requirements of the Main Text..... 2**

**II. General Style of the article..... 3**

    1. *Use of Italics*.....3

    2. *Abbreviations* .....3

    3. *Quotations*.....3

    4. *Parentheses* .....4

    5. *Dates* .....4

**III. Footnotes ..... 5**

    1. *General Considerations* .....5

    2. *The format of citations: OSCOLA*.....5

    3. *UN Documents* .....5

    4. *International and Regional Treaties*.....6

    5. *National official documents*.....6

## I. BASIC FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAIN TEXT

We would like to call upon all authors planning to send in a manuscript for publication, to study these formatting requirements. Following these are a necessary to be accepted for publication. Should you have any questions regarding the application of these formal requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the editors of our journal at [pjiel@ajk.pte.hu](mailto:pjiel@ajk.pte.hu).

General formal requirements for the main text:

- Font: Garamond
- Type size: 12 pt
- Line spacing: 1
- Distance: 0 pt (before & after); between different headings please use one empty line. After the title, the name of the author(s), the contents, the abstract and the key words, please use two empty lines.
- Margins: 4 cm from all sides (top, left, right and bottom).
- Headings: Authors may use up to three levels of headings. All nouns, verbs and adjectives on the headings (also on the title) should begin with capital letters. Besides these please do not use capitals in heading.
- All articles must include a title, the name of the author(s), the academic status(es) of the author(s), the table of content of the article, the abstract, and 5 key words

The following stylistic guide should be followed for the main text:

Title – Centered, Type Size: 16pt

*Name of the Author\** – Centered, Italic, Type Size 14pt

Please indicate the academic status of the author with the “\*” sign before the first footnote. In case of more than one authors, please use “\*\*” and further.

CONTENTS – CENTERED, SMALL CAPITALS, TYPE SIZE: 12PT

Please indicate below this, the table of content of the article. For creating a table of content, please use headings. Table of content should be justified, type size: 12 pt.

Please indicate below this, the abstract of the article. The abstract should be no longer than 500 words. Abstract should be justified, type size: 12 pt.

*Keywords: Justified, Type Size 12pt, Italics*

I. PART ONE – CENTERED, SMALL CAPITALS, TYPE SIZE 12 PT

1. *First Subheading – Justified, Type Size 12 pt, Italics*

1.1. Second Subheading – Justified, Type Size 12 pt.

## II. GENERAL STYLE OF THE ARTICLE

The requirements below should be followed in the main text and in the footnotes as well.

### 1. *Use of Italics*

The following parts of the text should be emphasized by italics:

- Names of cases
- Titles of published books and periodicals
- Short foreign phrases or individual words
- Words or phrases which the author wishes to emphasize.
- Please do not emphasize with bold!

### 2. *Abbreviations*

Generally, every abbreviation should be followed by a full stop, *e.g.*:

- App.
- Doc.
- No.

Where the shortened form is an acronym, no full stops are required. However, these acronyms should be always explained when first used.

For example: The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) is seated in Strasbourg.

### 3. *Quotations*

For quotations from texts please use double quotation marks only.

For example:

“The European Union has been studied as a particular kind of international

actor.”

In all other cases, use single quotation marks.

For example: Such actions are regarded as ‘illegal’ by some authors.

Use single quotation marks for a quote within a quote too.

For example: “The International Court of Justice’s position on this issue is ‘vague’ at best.”

#### 4. Parentheses

Authors should use double, long parentheses for all remarks and explanations in the text and in footnotes. Please do not use a space neither before nor after the parentheses.

For example: Among international lawyers—most specifically scholars from Western states—use this argument to support their position.

Brackets should only be used on the following cases:

- For the year of law reports, *e.g.* [1987] ECR 855
- For modifications and explanatory remarks within quoted passages, *e.g.* The Court continued by stating that: “... [t]here is no suggestion in the present case that he [the father] is in any way unfit...”

The following brackets should be avoided as far as possible :{ } and » « .

#### 5. Dates

Dates are represented as follows: day-month-year (full).

For example: 5 September 1987

Please use this format in the main text as well as in the footnotes.

### III. FOOTNOTES

#### 1. *General Considerations*

Please always use footnotes. Endnotes should be avoided.

- Font: Garamond
- Type size: 10 pt.
- Line spacing: Simple
- Distance before and after: 0 pt.

Footnotes should always end with a full stop “.”

The footnote marker should appear after the relevant punctuation in the text (if any) and normally at the end of a sentence. It may sometimes be necessary, for the sake of clarity, to put the footnote after the word or phrase to which it relates. A quotation need not be footnoted separately from the case or text from which it is derived if the two appear in the same sentence. Otherwise, separate notes should be used. Please always put your footnote after punctuation.

For example: .<sup>1</sup>

#### 2. *The format of citations: OSCOLA*

PJIEL uses the OSCOLA system of citations with the modifications below.

Check out the OSCOLA quick reference guide [here](#).

#### 3. *UN Documents*

- In case of citing the *Charter*: UNCIO XV, 335; amendments by General Assembly Resolution in UNTS 557, 143/638, 308/892, 119 Article 13 I a).
  - In footnotes, „Article” should be abbreviated as „Art.”
- In case of citing *General Assembly documents*: GA Res. 832 (IX), 18 December 1954. Since the 31st session the session number is cited in Arabic numbers GA Res. 41/133, 4 December 1986.
- In case of citing *Security Council documents*: SC Res. 181, 7 August 1963 or SC Res. 181 (1963).
- In case of citing a judgement of the *International Court of Justice*: use the

official format offered at the beginning of the judgment. *Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua (Nicaragua v. United States of America)*, Merits, Judgment, I.C.J. Reports 1986, p. 14.

#### 4. International and Regional Treaties

- Year, full title, reference (year of publication of reference, if available)

Where possible, use the United Nation's Treaty Series reference.

For example: 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 596 UNTS 261.

#### 5. National official documents

- In case of citing a national case, follow the official national style as much as possible. If the result would be unclear, use the following basic rule. Party *v.* Party, volume reporter page (court date). Use the case name as it appears at the beginning of the decision in the official reporter. If no name is given, use a popular name or cite as: Judgment of day-month-year (full date). Use the abbreviated name of the court only if it is well-known. If not, cite the full name of the court. Include, if possible, the exact date of the decision: at least the year of the judgment should be mentioned.
- In case of citing other national documents and texts the authors are requested to use the style that is commonly used for these documents. Wherever possible, original sources should be used but English translations should additionally be mentioned where available. When in doubt, authors should consider the citation and source that would be most likely accessible to an international readership around Europe and the world.