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I. SUBMISSION

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II. QUALITY STATEMENT, EDITORIAL REVIEW AND GENERAL TERMS OF PUBLICATION

Only submissions of excellent quality will be accepted in AIRe. Responsibility of the factual accuracy of a paper rests entirely with the author. All publications must clearly distinguish themselves from the status quo of discussions – in particular through sufficiently broad publication footnoting and referencing – and provide an added value to those discussions. Contributions should not have been published, nor be pending publication elsewhere.

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Whereas country reports and case notes may be more factual and focussed, articles must rely on preexisting literature and jurisprudence, even if the positions expressed there are to be contradicted. Opinions and article submissions relating to very recent developments require less footnoting and referencing than submissions relating to familiar topics.

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III. FORMAT AND STYLE

All contributions must comply with the minimum formatting requirements laid out hereunder. Contributions not respecting these formatting requirements will be returned to the author.

FORMAT AND LENGTH

Articles

Articles should be between 4000–8000 words (including footnotes) in length. (MS Word Format, in British English). All contributions use footnotes, but not a list of references. Longer articles are accepted on a case-by-case basis if more space is required by the topic. Each article is preceded by a short abstract (without heading) of five to six sentences.

Case Notes

Case notes should be between 2000–3000 words (including footnotes) in length. Their overall structure shall be divided in the Facts, the Judgment and the Comment. The case note shall be headed by a short headline in bold that summarises the main issue of the case and the reference of the case in Italics, including its publication in the official journal of the respective Court. In cases where the judgment is not (yet) final, this fact shall be indicated.

Reports

Reports should be between 1000–3500 words (including footnotes) in length. They present either a topic of particular interest, or legal developments at national level. In both cases, the report should have a clear link or relevance to AI law and regulation. The reports provide readers with the facts, as well as some critical and personal comments.

Opinions

Shorter contributions between 1000–4000 words (including footnotes), may take the form of an opinion piece on current issues of interest. An opinion expresses the author's personal thoughts, beliefs, or a judgement or conclusion based on facts. Typically, this format includes no or only very few footnotes.

Book Reviews

Book reviews should be between 1000–3000 words (including footnotes) in length. The review should provide details about the contribution and structure of the book, as well as assess critically the book's arguments focusing on key philosophical or theoretical issues.

Presentation Title

Every word in the title should be capitalised except for conjunctions (Headline Capitalisation). The title's length should not exceed three lines after typesetting (max. 150 characters including spaces). Subtitles are allowed and should also not exceed the 3 lines rule (max. 200 characters including spaces).

Authors' Details

Author(s) details should be included in a first asterisk footnote (*) inserted after the author's/authors name(s).

Example: Article Title David Freestone ___ Prof David Freestone, Lobingier Visiting Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence, George Washington University Law School. For correspondence: <dfreestone@law.gwu.edu> To do so: In the References ribbon tab, click the Footnotes launcher (lower right corner in the Footnotes section). There, place an asterisk into the Custom mark: box, then click Insert, and type your footnote text. All further footnotes should be numbered sequentially in superscript in the text outside punctuation marks.

Tables and Figures

Tables and figures should be submitted on extra pages. Every table should have a title. The relevant sources of the data presented or of the tables or figures themselves should be indicated. Within the text, the position at which a table is to be included should be marked by '[TABLE ...]', the tables and figures being clearly numbered. Every table should be referred to. To ease the typesetting process, please keep formatting within tables to a minimum (e.g., avoid merged cells or the use of vertical text for headings).

Abstract

All submissions, except country reports and book reviews, should be preceded by a short abstract (without heading) in italics of five to six sentences (approx. 200 words), without footnotes.

Heading

Every word in a heading should be capitalised except for conjunctions (Headline Capitalisation). The headings should be structured as follows:

H1: I. (starting with the introduction)

H2: 1.

H3: a.

H4: i.

IV. QUOTATION AND REFERENCING

All references should be included in the footnotes: no final bibliographies are allowed. The reference style is OSCOLA (http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/published/OSCOLA_4th_edn.pdf and https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012quickreferenceguide.pdf). All contributions should be submitted in British English.

Until official guidance is released, authors should reference generative AI as personal communications for OSCOLA. Example of citation in footnotes:

ChatGPT 3 response to prompt to outline 3 implementation challenges of the Digital Markets Act (22 June 2023).