

# **IALS STUDENT LAW REVIEW CONSTITUTION\***

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## **ARTICLE I – Name and Object**

The name of this non-profit Association is the IALS Student Law Review. Its primary object is to contribute to legal scholarship within the sphere of expertise of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) through publishing on the SAS open access platform by:

- a) IALS student body, staff and fellows;
- b) law students and academics at the University of London and its colleges; and,
- c) other academics and practitioners upon the decision of the Editorial Board.

## **ARTICLE II – Membership**

### **SECTION 1. Membership.**

The membership of the IALS Student Law Review consists only of the Editorial Board and Associate Editors (Individually an Editor). All members are current or former staff, fellows and students in good standing at the IALS.

### **SECTION 2. IALS Academic Editor.**

A. Selection. The IALS appoints an Academic Editor from the staff of IALS or IALS Library to the Editorial Board.

B. Duties. The Academic Editor works closely with the Editorial Board on the content and development of the journal.

## **ARTICLE III – Editorial Board**

### **SECTION 1. Composition of the Board.**

The Editorial Board (the Board) consists of the IALS Academic Editor, the Editor-in-Chief, two Deputy Editors and the Executive Editor.

### **SECTION 2. Terms of Office.**

The Board takes office no later than the second week of the Hilary Term subsequent to their selection and serves no later than the last week of the Hilary Term in the following year.

### **SECTION 3. Quorum and Voting Power.**

The members of the Board have equal votes of equal weight on all matters. In the case of an impasse the Editor-in-Chief has the final decision. A quorum of the Board consists of at least three Editors.

### **SECTION 4. Editorial Selections.**

A. Founding Board. The first Editorial Board (the Founding Board) of the IALS Student Law Review consists of Dr Constantin Stefanou (Academic Editor), Khaled Benjalayel (Editor-in-Chief), Paulo Rosenblatt (Deputy Editor), Nikoletta Keleftouri (Deputy Editor) and Nima Mersadi Tabari (Executive Editor).

B. Election and Appointment. The selection of a new Board is conducted at a meeting of the Editors called by the incumbent Editor-in-Chief. The Selection Meeting is called no later than the penultimate week of the Michaelmas Term and is held no later than the second week of the subsequent Hilary Term. There is no bar on re-election or re-appointment.

C. Eligibility. Election and appointment to the Board is limited to current or former staff, fellows and students of IALS, in good standing at the IALS.

D. Method of Selection. Each candidate presents his/her programme for the furtherance of the goals of the IALS Student Law Review in a speech no longer than 8 minutes. The Editor-in-Chief and both Deputy Editors are elected by a simple majority of votes of the Editors present at the selection meeting. The candidate with the most votes is the Editor-in-Chief. The Editor-in-Chief elect after consultation with the new Deputy Editors appoints the Executive Editor.

E. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board are filled for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacating Editor by a majority vote of the incumbent Board.

#### SECTION 5. Duties.

The Editorial Board serves as the officers and governing body of the IALS Student Law Review. The Editorial Board must :

- a) accept submissions at their absolute discretion and assign to the appropriate editor for review;
- b) ensure the integrity of the peer review policy of the IALS Student Law Review;
- c) obtain appropriate copyright agreements;
- d) promote the IALS Student Law Review in the legal academia;
- e) maintain relations with IALS and SAS;
- f) supervise the work of the Associate Editors, and;
- g) arrange at least 3 Editors meetings in each academic year.

### **ARTICLE IV – Associate Editors**

#### SECTION 1. Selection.

Any current or former research student of good standing at IALS is eligible to become an Associate Editor. (See Appendix III for details about who is serving in the first instance)

#### SECTION 2. Duties.

Associate Editors are submission editors of the IALS Student Law Review and are assigned by the Board, following each Editors' Meeting, to edit submissions made to the IALS Student Law Review on specific subjects within their expertise. Associate Editors must:

- a) be present in at least one of the Editors' Meetings held in each year,
- b) review the assigned submissions within the timeframe set by the Board, and;
- c) maintain the standards of the IALS Student Law Review's blind review policy in the conduct of their duties.

#### SECTION 3. Term.

There is no limit on the term of office of an Associate Editor.

#### SECTION 4. Voting.

The Associate Editors do not have voting privileges except in the Selection Meeting.

#### SECTION 5. Removal.

Following a request from at least two Editors, an Associate Editor may be removed by a unanimous decision of the Board for failure to perform the duties of the Associate Editor.

### **ARTICLE V – Submissions for Publication**

#### SECTION 1. Scope.

The Scope of the IALS Student Law Review is limited to the expertise on offer at IALS. The IALS Student Law Review accepts articles, book reviews, case notes and comments within these areas. The details of the IALS Student Law Review's Submissions Policy are addressed in the Submissions Guidelines.

#### SECTION 2. Copyright.

The Board must request a non-exclusive license agreement from each author. No submission to the IALS Student Law Review is published unless such an agreement has been received.

### **ARTICLE VI – Amendments to the Constitution**

Any Editor may propose, in writing, amendments to the Constitution. Proposed amendments are submitted to the Board and become effective if approved unanimously by the Board and affirmed by IALS.

### **ARTICLE VII – Ratification**

Ratified this day, ....

**Appendix I**  
**Peer-review guidance form for *IALS Student Law Review***

Article Title:

- 1. Please comment on the originality of the work:**
- 2. Please comment on the quality of the research (the questions asked/the methodology/the scholarship):**
- 3. Please comment on the use of secondary and primary literature:**
- 4. Is this article worthy of inclusion in *IALS Student Law Review*?**
- 5. If you feel that this article should be rewritten and resubmitted, what changes would you suggest?**
- 6. Any additional comments or observations:**

**Appendix II**  
**Second stage referee's report for *IALS Student Law Review***

Article Title:

- 1. Has the article been sufficiently amended to merit inclusion in the *IALS Student Law Review*? (See original reports/author's statement of amendments).**
- 2. If you feel that this article should be further rewritten and resubmitted, what changes would you suggest?**
- 3. Any additional comments or observations:**

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