

## *IALS Student Law Review*

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The *IALS Student Law Review* will provide a unique forum for all those who are interested in legal studies to present their scholarly contributions. The unique offering of the *IALS Student Law Review* is that it allows for publication on multi-dimensional legal studies. In addition, it proactively encourages analytical and comparative studies. Papers that investigate legal issues from single or multiple vantage points whether topically or jurisdictionally are equally welcomed, as are papers examining law-related interdisciplinary work.

The journal is intended as a showcase for legal scholars from postgraduate students and early career scholars to well-established academics; and, intends to target both members of the legal academia and practitioners in addition to students.

Submissions from legal practitioners are also welcomed. Scholars working on related topics are encouraged to put together several papers for consideration as special themed issues or dossiers.

## 2. Submission and editorial information

The journal is published in two issues a year. The first issue is published in March and second issue is published in September. All submissions are subject to a blind-review process. After an initial reading by the Editorial Board to establish suitability, we shall operate a two stages peer review process. Firstly, an appointed editor is invited to comment on the manuscript. Depending on their recommendations, we accept, advise minor revisions, request major revision and resubmission, or reject.

When amendments are advised, we will agree a deadline with the author for returning the revised manuscript to us. In the case of major revision, we will approach one of the previous peer reviewers to consider the piece again. Once their comments have been returned then we make a final decision: accept further minor revisions or reject. The *IALS Student Law Review* is run by IALS PhD research students assisted by an academic member of staff at IALS.

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Note, book review, and case note: Up to 2000 words.

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