

Style Sheet

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Style sheet for English language manuscripts

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I. Spelling

Please use British English.

II. Formatting

If you wish to emphasise a concept or phrase, please use italics. However, italics should be used parsimoniously. Please do not underline or use bold-face type in the text.

III. Structure

Every submission shall be structured as follows: I., II., III., 1., 2., 3., a), b), c). Please place an overview of contents before the text.

IV. Abbreviations

Abbreviations should be used parsimoniously in the main text, e.g. for designations of courts (ICJ, ITLOS etc.).

Abbreviations must be spelled out in the text where they first appear; the abbreviation follows in parentheses. For abbreviations please consult our list of abbreviations (https://www.zaoerv.de/Zaoerv_List_of_Abbreviations.pdf).

Examples:

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Charter of the United Nations (UN-Charter)

Journal titles listed either in Kirchner, Abkürzungsverzeichnis der Rechtssprache or in our HJIL list of abbreviations (which can be downloaded under the following link (https://www.zaoerv.de/Zaoerv_List_of_Abbreviations.pdf)) shall be abbreviated. Otherwise spell out the title of the journal in full.

Please write dates consistently as follows: 5 May 2020.

V. Quotations

Please use single quotation marks ('...') to mark the beginning and end of a direct quotation. If, however, the direct quotation itself quotes another source's exact language, please use double quotation marks ("...") for those quotations within a quotation.

VI. Citation pointers

1. Literature

English titles are capitalised except for short words; French/German/etc. titles are not capitalised except for the first word.

Authors are free to insert the doi of the cited article.

a) Books

First reference:

Deborah Z. Cass, *The Constitutionalization of the World Trade Organization* (Oxford University Press 2005), 29-30.

Raffaella Kunz, *Richter über internationale Gerichte?* (Springer 2020), 20-25.

Michael Bowman, Peter Davies und Catherine Redgwell, *Lyster's International Wildlife Law* (2nd edn, Cambridge University Press 2011), 2.

Mateja Steinbrück Platise, Carolyn Moser und Anne Peters (eds), *The Legal Framework of the OSCE* (Cambridge University Press 2019).

Subsequent reference:

Cass (n. 1), 98.

Kunz (n. 50), 67.

Bowman, Davies and Redgwell (n. 8), 45.

Steinbrück, Moser und Peters (eds) (n. 10).

b) Contributions in edited volumes (including Libri Amicorum and the Max Planck Encyclopedia and commentaries)

First reference:

Rüdiger Wolfrum, 'The Adequacy of International Humanitarian Law Rules on Belligerent Occupation: To What Extent May Security Council Resolution 1483 be Considered a Model for Adjustment?' in: Michael Schmitt and Jelena Pejic (eds), *International Law and Armed Conflict: Exploring the Fault Lines* (Brill 2007), 497-508 (500).

Elif Askin, 'Economic and Social Rights, Extraterritorial Application' in: Rüdiger Wolfrum (ed.), *MPEPIL* (online edn, Oxford University Press 2019), para. 41.

Subsequent reference:

Wolfrum (n. 9), 505.

Askin (n. 34), para. 41.

c) Commentaries

First reference:

Jochen A. Frowein and Karin Oellers-Frahm, 'Art. 65' in: Andreas Zimmermann, Christian Tomuschat, Karin Oellers-Frahm and Christian J. Tams (eds), *The Statute of the International Court of Justice* (2nd edn, Oxford University Press 2012), 1065 (para. 20).

Subsequent reference:

Frowein and Oellers-Frahm (n. 15), para. 18.

d) Journal articles

The *Zeitschrift für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht* (ZaöRV) shall be cited as *Heidelberg Journal of International Law* (HJIL).

First reference:

Tilman Altwicker, 'Non-Universal Arguments under the European Convention on Human Rights', EJIL 31 (2020), 101-126 (124).

Michael Wood, 'The Rights of Victims to Reparation: The Importance of Clear Thinking', HJIL 78 (2018), 541-543 (543).

Armin von Bogdandy, 'Pluralism, Direct Effect, and the Ultimate Say', I CON 6 (2008), 397-413 (400).

Subsequent reference:

Altwicker (n. 19), 120.

Wood (n. 12), 542-543.

von Bogdandy (n. 13), 398.

If the submission references several works of the same author, the short form citation includes a short title, e.g. Kunz, *Richter?* (n. 50), 67 or Wood, 'The Rights of Victims to Reparation' (n. 12), 543.

e) Working Papers

First reference:

Pamela Figueroa Rubio, *The Failed Case of a Perfect Design? The Case of Chile's Constitution Making Process (2016-2022)* (July 20, 2023). Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law & International Law (MPIL) Research Paper No. 2023 - 16, available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4515945>.

Subsequent reference:

Figueroa Rubio (n. 52).

f) Blogs

First reference:

Diane Desierto, 'Non-Recognition', EJIL:Talk!, 22 February 2022.

Raphael Schäfer, 'Anwendung humanitärvölkerrechtlicher Normen in asymmetrischen Konflikten: Extensive Auslegung oder „Lawfare“-Methode?', Völkerrechtsblog, 23 December 2015, doi: 10.17176/20171004-111108.

Subsequent reference:

Desierto (n. 97).

Schäfer (n. 44).

2. Court decisions

Indicate the full name of the court at the beginning of the citation, if necessary also include the country (exceptions: well known international courts and tribunals such as ECtHR, ECJ, IACtHR, ICJ, ICSID).

If the judgement uses paragraphs, the paragraphs (para./paras) shall be used for pinpointing (instead of the page).

Apart from the examples below, foreign judgements shall be referenced with all information necessary to enable readers unfamiliar with the legal system concerned to easily access the judgement.

Examples:

First reference:

ECJ, *Procureur du Roi v. Benoît and Gustave Dassonville*, judgement of 11 July 1974, case no. 8/74, ECLI:EU:C:1974:82, para. 5.

ECJ, *Slovak Republic v. Achmea BV*, judgement of 6 March 2018, case no. C-284/16, ECLI:EU:C:2018:158, para. 54.

ECtHR (Grand Chamber), *N.D. and N.T. v. Spain*, judgement of 13 February 2020, nos 8675/15 and 8697/15, para. 166.

ECtHR, *Tërshana v. Albania*, judgement of 4 August 2020, no. 48756/14, para. 147.

ICJ, *Corfu Channel Case* (UK v. Albania), merits, judgement of 9 April 1949, ICJ Reports 1949, 4 (35-36).

ICJ, *Ahmadou Sadio Diallo* (Guinea v. Congo), compensation, judgement of 19 June 2012, ICJ Reports 2012, 324 (para. 21).

ICSID, *M.C.I. Power Group L.C. and New Turbine, Inc. v. Republic of Ecuador*, award of 31 July 2007, case no. ARB/03/6, paras 370-377.

WTO, Appellate Body, *United States – Countervailing Measures on Supercalendered Paper from Canada*, report of 5 March 2020, WT/DS505/AB/R, para. 5.77.

ITLOS, *Hoshinmaru Case* (Japan v. Russian Federation) (prompt release), judgement of 6 August 2007, case no. 14, para. 64.

Subsequent reference:

ECJ, *Dassonville* (n. 9), para. 10.

ECJ, *Achmea* (n. 46), para. 55.

ECtHR, *N.D. and N.T.* (n. 3), para. 168.

ECtHR, *Tërshana* (n. 8), para. 100.

ICJ, *Corfu Channel* (n. 1), 30.

ICJ, *Diallo* (n. 2), para. 25.

ICSID, *M.C.I. Power Group* (n. 5), para. 350.

WTO Appellate Body, *Supercalendered Paper from Canada* (n. 16), para. 5.60.

ITLOS, *Hoshinmaru* (n. 13), para. 50.

3. Internet references

Normally, there is no need to give internet references. If you deem it helpful to find the source, indicate the exact URL and the date on which you last accessed the page.

Example:

<<http://www.un.org>>, last access 26 June 2022.

VII. International documents

First reference:

UNSC Res 2537 of 28 July 2020, S/RES/2537, para. 8.

UNGA Res 74/297 of 11 August 2020, A/RES/74/297, para. 5.

ILC, 'Articles on the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts with Commentaries', (2001) ILCYB, Vol. II, Part Two, 31, Art. 35 para. 10.

Subsequent reference:

UNSC Res 2537 (n. 19), para. 5.

UNGA Res 74/287 (n. 18), para. 4.

ILC, ARSIWA (n. 8), Art. 36 para. 3.

VIII. Legal provisions

Reference in main text:

The individual sections of a provision must be identified clearly in order to provide for electronic publication, including linkage to the beck-online database.

Adherence to the ZaöRV/HJIL citation template is particularly necessary with regard to EU secondary legislation so that the relevant norm is not incorrectly identified as a case file-number in the beck-online database. Generally, please cite EU secondary legislation with the name commonly used (e.g. Rome I Regulation). If none such name exists, please refer to the piece of legislation as indicated in the second example:

Examples:

Rome I Regulation

Regulation 2020/1258/EU

If there is no usual abbreviation for a treaty or act, indicate the full name of the treaty or act in the main text. If a treaty/piece of legislation is mentioned several times throughout the article, an abbreviation can be introduced in round parentheses (especially for legislation with long titles).

First reference:

Art. 62 para. 2 UN-Charter

Art. 38 para. 1 lit. c) ICJ-Statute

Art. 3 para. 1 sentence 1 Directive 2006/123/EC

Art. 8 Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (Protocol AfCtHPR)

Subsequent reference:

Art. 62 para. 2 UN-Charter

Art. 38 para. 1 lit. c) ICJ-Statute

Art. 3 para. 1 sentence 1 Directive 2006/123/EC

Art. 8 Protocol AfCtHPR

Footnotes:

When referencing a treaty or legal act for the first time in the main text, give full citation in a footnote:

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 23 May 1969, 1155 UNTS 331.

Regulation 593/2008/EC of 17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I), OJ 2008 L 177/6.

Regulation 2020/1258/EU of 3 September 2020 establishing a fisheries closure for undulate ray in Union waters of 9 for vessels flying the flag of Portugal, OJ 2020 L 295/1.

IX. Tables, Images

If you intend to include tables, graphics or images in your text, please contact the Editorial Office of the ZaöRV/HJIL (zaoerv@mpil.de).