

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND PRACTICE REVIEW: VOLUME V
CALL FOR PAPERS

The Editorial Board(2015-2016) of the Environmental Law and Practice Review (ELPR) invites submissions for the fifth volume of the journal.

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Publication Policy:

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The last date for submitting entries is [**1st June, 2016.**](**11:59 P.M**). Any queries may be directed to nalsar.elpr@gmail.com.

Nature of Contributions:

1. Article

An article may be an exposition of lacunae prevailing in contemporary laws of any country, a comparative study of different laws, or the publishing of research data and analysis in the area of environmental sciences and law. Novel ideas are appreciated. Along with articles engaging in current contemporary themes, pure theoretical works are also welcome. It is advisable that the article has a theme or a core argument around which it would ideally revolve.

The author is expected to make a comprehensive study of the subject and offer fresh innovative solutions for the same. The article should not exceed **10,000** words (inclusive of footnotes).

2. Essay

An essay, as opposed to an article is expected to be more concise and succinct in scope and ought to engage in a contemporary problem in the field of environmental sciences and law without indulging in excessive theorizing. The beauty of a good essay lies in the ability of the author to put forward original arguments, observations and criticisms without compromising on brevity. Moreover, an essay should ideally focus on a legal debate, interpretation of law(s) with a genuine approach to the problem. It should essentially be a concrete and logical manuscript built around a specific/ particular predicament. In other words, the norm is specificity rather than generality. An important part of an essay is that it should engage the reader and be flavourful, while not being unnecessarily long. An essay should not exceed **6,000** words (inclusive of footnotes).

3. Case Comment/Legislative Critique & Notes

The author may choose to critique an existing legislation, which may be an Act, Regulation, Rule, Scheme, Policy, Guideline etc. In the alternative, the author may also critique and analyze a bill which is tabled before the Parliament of any country. A case comment requires a thorough analysis of the various aspects of the legislation and may focus on the consequences of changes and amendments that would entail before and after its implementation (if the author suggests any). A case comment/legislative critique should not exceed **3500** words (inclusive of footnotes).

4. Book Review

A book review shall ideally incorporate a complete analysis and an overview of the book, along with special reference to the original author's ideas, his writing style etc. Direct lifting of more than thirty words (i.e. a paragraph) from the book being reviewed is strictly discouraged and will result in immediate disqualification. The book being reviewed must pertain to core issues of environmental law or science. It must not date back to more than three years from its date of issue/ publication in the public domain. Although there is no strict word limit for a book review, it should be concise enough to provide the reader a holistic review of the book. A book review should not exceed **3000** words (inclusive of footnotes).

Submission Guidelines:

1. Format

Submissions are preferred in Times New Roman font, with 1.5 line spacing. Main text should be in font size 12 and footnotes in font size 10. All submissions must be compatible with Microsoft Word 2003 and 2007.

2. Word Limit

As has been already indicated, the word limit inclusive of footnotes is as follows:

Article – 10,000 words

Essay- 6,000 words

Case Comment/Legislative Critique & Notes–3500 words

Book Review–3000 words

3. Citation Format

A uniform format of citation needs to be followed throughout the submission. Speaking footnotes are discouraged.

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Every submission should be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 300 words describing the relevant conclusions drawn in the manuscript. Please note that there is no requirement of prior submission of abstract as the selection of the paper for publication shall be on basis of the full manuscript.

5. Biographical Information of Authors

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