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'Law of the Sea and Definitions'**

Instructions for Authors

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Manuscript format and structure

1. Please Use ‘Times New Roman’ font, 12pt. size for running text and 14pt. for Headings.
2. Paper should be A4 (Portrait) and in MS-Word.
3. Manuscript should have all the margins (i.e. L/R/T/B) 1 inch (2.5 cm), 1.5 spaces and left justified only.
4. Manuscript should at least contain an Abstract, from 4 to 6 Keywords, the name, affiliation and e-mail address of the author (in footnotes), and a list of references.
5. Manuscript including tables, figures and references should be around 4000 – 8000 words.
6. Paper or articles should be original and unpublished contributions.
7. All rights about the selection of article/research paper are reserved by the Editor.
8. References should be listed at the end of the article in APA format and alphabetically sorted, with clearly mentioning the sources including page / pages (website links if any).
9. The article/research paper once submitted to this edited book should not be resubmitted simultaneously to other journals or elsewhere for consideration.
10. The author(s) name, designation, official/residential address along with e-mail ID should appear below the main title of the paper.
11. No paper will be accepted which is without UNDERTAKING of the author and typed without Times New Roman font.
12. The last date of submission of article/paper is 15 July 2021. The article/paper received after the due date will not be accepted in any circumstances.

Headings

Headings should be used in a consistent manner throughout the entire manuscript and should follow numerical levels such as 1.1, 1.2, 1.2.1, 1.2.1.1.

References and Footnotes

ASCOMARE YLoS recommends the use of the OSCOLA (4th Edition) system of citation and footnotes. More details are available [here](#).

Please, use consecutive footnotes numbering. The use of endnotes should be avoided.

Plagiarism Prevention

The editor will use the Turnitin, a web-based plagiarism detection software, for checking the plagiarism in the papers and to detect instances of overlapping and similar text in submitted papers. It generates a similarity report, highlighting the percentage of overlap between the uploaded article and the published material. Any instance of content overlap is further scrutinized for suspected plagiarism according to the publisher's Editorial Policies. We allow an overall similarity of 20% for a paper to be considered for publication. The similarity percentage is further checked keeping the following important points in view.

Low Text Similarity

The text of every submitted manuscript is checked using the Content Tracking mode. The acceptable limit for similarity of text from a single source is 5%. If the similarity level is above 5%, the manuscript is returned to the author for paraphrasing the text and citing the original source of the copied material.

It is important to mention that the text taken from different sources with an overall low similarity percentage will be considered as a plagiarized content if the majority of the article is a combination of copied material.

High Text Similarity

There may be some manuscripts with an overall low similarity percentage, but a higher percentage from a single source. A manuscript may have less than 20% overall similarity but there may be 15% similar text taken from a single article. The similarity index in such cases is higher than the approved limit for a single source. Authors are advised to

thoroughly rephrase the similar text and properly cite the original source to avoid plagiarism and copyright violation.

Language

Manuscripts should be written in either English or Italian.

Editorial Process

For high-quality scholarly publishing, all manuscripts submitted will be thoroughly reviewed by the editor for the review process. The final decision regarding acceptance or rejection of a manuscript lies with the editor of this edited book.

Editorial Board

The Editorial Board for the YLoS comprises the following members:

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Pre-Check

Immediately after submission, the article/paper will be checked by the Editorial Board. You may receive feedback at this stage, prior to review of the article. Checks will be made for plagiarism, data falsification, reuse permissions for figures, inappropriate authorship credit, etc. The publishing ethical guidelines will be followed strictly, and the issues related to this will be taken very seriously and adhered to the guidelines of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

Plagiarism includes copying text, ideas, images, or data from another source, even from your own publications, without giving any credit to the original source. Reuse of text that is copied from another source must be between quotes and the original source must be cited. If a study's design or the manuscript's structure or language has been inspired by previous works, these works must be explicitly cited. If plagiarism is detected during the

peer review process, the article/paper may be rejected. If plagiarism is detected after publication, we may publish a correction or retract the chapter.

Editor Decision

The editorial decision regarding to include the paper/article in the proposed edited book may be by the following:

- Acceptance of the paper
- Minor revision of the paper
- Major revision of the paper
- Rejection of the paper

The editor will make the assessment report based on the suitability of the paper, the adequacy of the paper, author response and the overall scientific quality of the paper.

Publication and Open-access

In line with the goal of ASCOMARE to promote and facilitate a widespread and uniform understanding of the law of the sea in all the regions of the world, the YLoS will be released in a digital open-access version. Open Access allows readers, North and South, to get access to academic knowledge that is normally available behind large paywalls. Authors submitting their applications agree with this publication/open-access policy. Next to the online open-access version, a paper version of the YLoS will also be available for sale.

Consent to Publish

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