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A. GENERAL POLICY & ETHICAL STANDARDS

1. **Authorship & Collaboration:** We strongly encourage international collaboration. Authorship should be limited to those who have made a significant contribution to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the reported study. Unethical authorship (e.g., gift authorship) will result in sanctions or banning.
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4. **Scope & Novelty:** Manuscripts must fall within the scope of legal studies with a multidisciplinary approach, covering both Indonesian law and/or global contexts. The paper must explicitly demonstrate **novelty** and a unique contribution to the existing literature.
5. **Plagiarism & Originality:** Manuscripts must be original and not under consideration elsewhere. We enforce a strict zero-tolerance policy on plagiarism. Articles with a similarity index above 20% (excluding references) will be rejected.

B. MANUSCRIPT TYPES & REQUIREMENTS

1. Research Article

- **Word Count:** The manuscript should be between **6,000 and 10,000 words** (comprehensive analysis is expected), including footnotes, but excluding the abstract and references.
- **Language:** The manuscript must be written in standard **American English**.
- **Proofreading:** Authors are required to submit a **proofreading certificate** or evidence that the manuscript has been edited by a professional proofreader or a native speaker. Poorly written manuscripts will be desk-rejected.



- **References:** A minimum of **30 references** is required. At least **80%** of these must be from primary sources (reputable international journals) published in the **last 5 (five) years**.
- **Structure:**
 - **Title:** Concise, clear, and informative (max. 15 words).
 - **Abstract:** Structured (max. 250 words) containing: *Objective, Method, Main Findings/Novelty, and Implication*. No citations in the abstract.
 - **Keywords:** 3–5 relevant keywords (avoid repeating words from the title).
 - **Introduction:** Must contain *State of the Art, Gap Analysis, and Novelty Statement*.
 - **Method:** Clear description of the approach, data collection, and analysis.
 - **Result and Discussion:** This is the core section. Findings must be critically discussed and compared with previous studies.
 - **Conclusion:** Answers the research problem and provides legal/policy implications.
 - **References:** Bibliography.
 - **Declarations:** (Acknowledgment, Funding, Conflict of Interest).

2. Case Note

Analyzes a specific court decision (Indonesian or International) with significant legal impact.

- **Authors:** Maximum 2 authors.
- **Word Count:** Minimum **4,000 words**.
- **References:** Minimum **15 references** (primary sources).
- **Structure:** Title, Abstract, Introduction, Method, **Case Analysis** (Legal Reasoning), Conclusion & Recommendation, References.

3. Book Review

A critical review of a recently published book (within the last 3 years) relevant to law and society.

- **Authors:** Maximum 2 authors.
- **Word Count:** Minimum **1,500 words**.
- **References:** Minimum **10 references** (to support the critique).
- **Structure:** Title, Abstract, **Book Data** (Title, Author, Year, Publisher, ISBN, Pages, Cover Image), Introduction, **Critical Review/Analysis**, References.

C. FORMATTING & CITATION

1. **Citation Style:** Manuscripts must follow the **Chicago Manual of Style 17th Edition (Full**



Note).

2. **Reference Manager:** The use of citation management software (e.g., **Mendeley**, **Zotero**, or EndNote) is **mandatory**.

D. SUBMISSION CHECKLIST (Supplementary Files)

During the submission process in OJS, authors must upload the following documents as "Supplementary Files":

1. **Author Biography:** A short bio (max. 150 words per author) describing affiliation and research focus.
2. **Proof of Proofreading:** Certificate or statement from a professional language editor.
3. **Statement of Originality:** A formal letter signed by all authors stating the work is original.
 - o *For Indonesian Authors:* Signed on a generic duty stamp (*Materai* Rp10.000).
 - o *For International Authors:* Formally signed without a stamp.



SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH ARTICLES

(Original Research)

Contemporary Issues on Interfaith Law and Society prioritizes high-quality research articles that offer novel insights, theoretical robustness, and practical implications in the field of law and society. To maintain our reputation and indexation standards, all research articles must adhere to the following strict guidelines.

A. PREREQUISITES FOR SUBMISSION (Wajib Dipenuhi)

Before writing or submitting, authors must ensure their manuscript meets these "Gatekeeper Criteria":

1. **International Collaboration (Mandatory):** To ensure a global perspective, the manuscript **must** be written by authors from **at least two different countries**. Manuscripts with authors from a single country may be deprioritized or redirected.
2. **Gender Equality:** We strongly encourage the inclusion of female authors (as first author or co-author) to promote gender equity in academic publication.
3. **SDGs Relevance:** The research topic must explicitly relate to one or more UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly *Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions)*, *Goal 5 (Gender Equality)*, or *Goal 4 (Quality Education)*.
4. **Novelty Statement:** The article must offer a clear "novelty" or new contribution. We do not accept papers that merely describe existing regulations or repeat well-known facts without critical analysis.

B. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. **Word Count:** The manuscript must be between **6,000 – 10,000 words**. This includes footnotes but excludes the Abstract and References.
 - o *Note: Manuscripts under 6,000 words are often considered lacking in depth for a Q1 standard.*
2. **Language:** American English.
 - o A **Proofreading Certificate** from a professional service or native speaker is **required** upon submission.
3. **References:**
 - o **Minimum:** 30 references.



- o **Quality:** At least **80%** must come from reputable journal articles (Scopus/WoS indexed preferred).
 - o **Recency:** At least **80%** must be published within the last **5 to 10 years**.
 - o **Tool:** Usage of **Mendeley** or **Zotero** is mandatory.
4. **Plagiarism Policy:** Maximum similarity index is **20%** (excluding references).

C. MANUSCRIPT STRUCTURE (Detailed Guide)

Authors must follow the **IMRaD** structure (*Introduction, Method, Result & Discussion*) adapted for legal studies:

1. Title

- **Maximum 20 words.**
- Must be concise, catchy, and reflect the main finding.
- Avoid narrow case study locations (e.g., "*at Village X*") unless connected to a broader global issue.

2. Abstract

- **Maximum 250 words** (Single paragraph).
- **Must be Structured (Implicitly):**
 - o (a) **Objective:** Why did you do this research?
 - o (b) **Method:** Brief explanation of the approach (e.g., socio-legal, normative-comparative).
 - o (c) **Key Findings:** What is the most important result? (Focus on this).
 - o (d) **Implication:** What is the impact on legal theory or policy?
- *Do not include citations or footnotes in the abstract.*

3. Introduction (The Foundation)

This section determines whether the editor will read further. It must contain:

- **Background:** Context of the problem (Why is this issue urgent *now?*).
- **State of the Art (Literature Review):** A survey of previous studies to show what has already been done.
- **Gap Analysis:** Explicitly state what is missing from previous studies. "*While previous research focused on X, there is a lack of analysis on Y...*"



- **The Novelty:** Clearly state how this article fills that gap.
- **Research Question/Objective:** The specific goal of the paper.

4. Method

Describe your research process clearly so it is reproducible.

- **For Socio-Legal/Empirical Research:** Detail the location, participants/respondents, sampling technique, data collection (interview/observation), and data analysis method.
- **For Normative/Doctrinal Research:** Specify the approach (*Statute, Comparative, Case, or Conceptual Approach*). Explain how legal materials were gathered and analyzed. Do not just list definitions of methodology.

5. Result and Discussion (The Core)

This is the most critical section (approx. 50-60% of the article).

- **Structure:** Present the findings clearly, followed immediately by discussion. Use sub-headings to organize complex arguments.
- **Analysis vs. Description:** Do not just describe the law or the case. You must **analyze** it.
- **Dialogue with Literature:** You **MUST** discuss your findings by comparing them with the previous studies mentioned in the Introduction.
 - *Does your finding support Theory A?*
 - *Does it contradict the findings of Author B?*
 - *Why is the Indonesian context different from the global context?*
- **Comparative Perspective:** We highly value comparisons with other countries or international standards to ensure global relevance.

6. Conclusion

- Directly answer the research objective/question.
- Summarize the main argument (do not copy-paste the Abstract).
- **Legal/Policy Implication:** Provide concrete recommendations for stakeholders (government, courts, or society).
- **Limitation:** Briefly mention the limitation of the study and suggestions for future research.



D. SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Please upload these documents as **Supplementary Files** in OJS:

1. **Title Page:** (Containing author names, affiliations, emails, and ORCID IDs to ensure Blind Review of the main file).
2. **Proof of Proofreading:** Certificate/Evidence.
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4. **Author Biography:** Short bio (150 words).



SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR NON-RESEARCH ARTICLES

(Case Notes & Book Reviews)

Contemporary Issues on Interfaith Law and Society welcomes submissions of Case Notes and Book Reviews. However, please note that these sections are **highly selective**. We prioritize manuscripts that offer critical, in-depth analysis and contribute significantly to global legal discourse. **Mere summaries or descriptive reports will be desk-rejected.**

A. CASE NOTE

A Case Note is a legal analysis of a specific, recent, and significant court decision. It should not merely report "what happened" but rather critique the court's reasoning, consistency with prior case law, and potential societal impact.

1. Selection Criteria

- **Significance:** The case must be a "landmark decision" or a controversial ruling that changes the legal landscape (Indonesian or International).
- **Recency:** The judgment should ideally have been delivered within the last **2 (two) years**.

2. Technical Requirements

- **Authors:** Maximum 2 (two) authors.
- **Word Count:** **4,000 – 6,000 words** (including footnotes). This length is mandated to ensure deep legal analysis.
- **References:** Minimum **15 references**. Authors must cite relevant statutes, international treaties, and scholarly articles (journals) to support their legal arguments.
- **Title:** Must be specific. Example: "*Protection or Restriction? A Critical Analysis of Constitutional Court Decision No. XX/2024 regarding [Topic]*".

3. Structure of a Case Note

- **Abstract:** Briefly state the case name, the legal issue, and your main argument.
- **Introduction:** Provide the context. What is the background of the dispute? Why is this case important?



- **The Case Summary (Brief):** Briefly outline the facts, procedural history, and the court's holding. *Note: Keep this section concise (max 20% of the paper).*
- **Legal Analysis (The Core):** This is the most important section. You must:
 - Analyze the *ratio decidendi* (legal reasoning).
 - Critique whether the judge applied the law correctly.
 - Compare with similar cases in other jurisdictions (Comparative approach is highly encouraged).
- **Impact/Implication:** How does this decision affect future law enforcement or society?
- **Conclusion:** Final assessment and recommendations.

B. BOOK REVIEW

A Book Review in this journal is a form of **academic criticism**. It serves to situate a new book within the broader context of legal literature. We do not accept promotional blurbs or simple chapter-summaries.

1. Selection Criteria

- **Recency:** The book must have been published within the last **3 (three) years**.
- **Relevance:** The book must fall strictly within the scope of Law, Society, and Interfaith issues.
- **Availability:** We prefer reviews of books published by reputable international or national academic publishers.

2. Technical Requirements

- **Authors:** Maximum 2 (two) authors.
- **Word Count:** **1,500 – 2,500 words**.
- **References:** Minimum **10 references**. *Why?* A critical review requires you to compare the book's arguments with other established theories or authors. You cannot review a book in a vacuum.

3. Structure of a Book Review

- **Book Data:** At the top of the manuscript, list: *Book Title, Author(s)/Editor(s), Place of Publication, Publisher, Year, Pages, Price (if available), and ISBN*. Include a high-resolution image of the book cover.
- **Introduction:** Introduce the author of the book and the central theme. What is the book's



intended audience?

- **Summary of Arguments:** Briefly explain the structure and key arguments of the book.
- **Critical Evaluation (The Core):**
 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of the book?
 - Methodological critique: Is the author's approach sound?
 - **Comparison:** How does this book compare to other major works in the field? (Use references here).
- **Conclusion:** Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?

C. SUBMISSION POLICY FOR THESE SECTIONS

1. **Limited Slots:** To maintain our high Impact Factor, we typically publish only **one** Case Note and **one** Book Review per issue. Competition is high.
2. **Formatting:** Follow the Chicago Manual of Style 17th Edition (Full Note) as per the main Author Guidelines.
3. **Peer Review:** These manuscripts undergo a rigorous **double-blind peer review** process, similar to original research articles.

