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1 How to submit manuscripts to *Quaestio Facti*

All manuscripts should be sent to revistaquaestiofacti@gmail.com in .doc or .docx file format.

Review: Once received, all manuscripts will be subject to a double-blind peer-review process.

Languages: Manuscripts in Spanish, English, Italian, and Portuguese will be accepted.

Extension: It is suggested that the manuscripts do not exceed 15,000 words. Within the section *Conjectures and refutations*, the latter should not exceed 5,000 words.

2 Editing rules

2.1 Presentation of the manuscripts

The manuscripts should include:

1. The author's full name, academic affiliation, and e-mail contact address
2. The article's title. If it contains a subtitle, it should appear in a separate line (following the title)
3. The article's title and subtitle in English
4. An abstract of no more than 150 words in the article's original language.
5. An abstract in English, if this were not the article's original language.
6. 5 key-words in the article's original language
7. 5 key-words in English, if this were not the article's original language
8. Blind-review version of the manuscripts: All manuscripts should include an additional version that will be subject to blind peer-review. **Any information that might identify the author must be removed from this version.**

2.2 Presentation of the content

1. Font and size: All manuscripts should be written using 12-point Times New Roman font and applying a 1.5 spacing. Each paragraph should begin with an indentation.

2. Notes: All notes should be typed single-spaced using 10-point Times New Roman Font, without any indentation. Notes should be numbered consecutively starting from the number 1.
3. Subtitles: Subtitles should be structured in the following order: 1, 1.1, 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2, and so on.
4. References

4.1. The bibliographical references should follow the Anglo-Saxon model: Last name in small caps font, followed by the edition's year. If an author has various publications in the same year, a letter should be put next to it as in the following example:

(YOUNG, 1971a: 25-26)

- If the reference contains authors with the same last name, they should be followed by the initial of the author's first name:

COLOMER, J., 1995: ...

- If the reference contains a journal article that does not have a year to cite, the following is an example on how to proceed:

COLOMER, J., «The Spanish ...»: 40-52

- 4.2. The quotes in the main text or in the notes should not appear in italics, and they must be flanked by «guillemets».
- 4.3. If a quote in the main text exceeds 3 lines, it should not have quotation marks, and it should appear separate from the text, using 10-point font and centered.
5. Quotation marks inside quotation marks will be substituted by “quotation marks”.
6. Bibliography: It should be placed alphabetically, at the end of the manuscript according to the following format: The last name using small caps font, the first name's initial, the year, the title of a journal article or of a book chapter flanked by guillemets, the journal's or collective book's title in italics, the journal's number followed by the journal's volume in

parentheses, and lastly, the page numbers preceded by a colon. See the following examples:

COLOMER, J., 1998: «The Spanish “State of Autonomies”: Non-Institutional federalisms», in *West European Politics*, 21 (4): 40-52.

PUTNAM, R., 1995: *Making democracy work. Civic traditions in modern Italy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

7. Authors should also observe the following criteria: the law (always in lower case); State; legal system; judge; court; prosecutor; Supreme Court (institutions in general in upper case); chapter.

3 Ethical commitment and copyright

3.1 Ethical commitment

Quaestio Facti, *The International Journal on Legal Evidential Reasoning* adheres to the guidelines established by EASE (European Association of Science Editors) with respect to the management, edition, revision, and publication of scientific results in journals concerning different areas of expertise. According to these guidelines:

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timely manner whether their work is accepted; will ensure that any copy-editing is respectful of authors' style and ideas; and will give authors adequate time to see and correct the final proofs.

- (c) The Directors, the members of the Redaction Board, of the Editorial Board, and of the Advisory Board, pledge to be impartial and to maintain the confidentiality of the manuscripts submitted to *Quaestio Facti*, of their authors, and of the designated reviewers. All of these in order to let the principle of anonymity to preserve the integrity of the whole assessment process. To that effect, the selection of the most qualified reviewers and specialists will be guaranteed. The above-mentioned characters also pledge to avoid any kind of conflict of interest and to strictly observe the assessment, edition, and publication deadlines that are consistent with the Journal's periodicity.

3.2 Copyright

Submitting a manuscript to *Quaestio Facti*, *The International Journal on Legal Evidential Reasoning* implies the acceptance of the following terms:

- (a) The authors pledge to observe the above-mentioned ethical guidelines.
- (b) The authors grant *Quaestio Facti* the right to the first publication of their manuscripts, and the license to publish them in all formats and means available to the Journal, either in print or in electronic versions.
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