

YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Peer Review Criteria

Note: the following is a summary of the template shared with our peer reviewers. This is the starting point for the reviewers' feedback; however, they are also encouraged to consider further criteria and feedback as appropriate.

Part 1. Substance

- 1. Does the submission contain a clearly defined legal research question and/or hypothesis?**
 - a. Purely descriptive submissions should be rejected.*
 - b. Identify any ways in which the research question and hypothesis could potentially be better formulated, clarified or refined.*
- 2. Is the claim clear, convincing and substantiated?**
 - a. How would you improve the clarity of the overall argumentation?*
 - b. Was the objective of the submission successfully achieved?*
- 3. Does the submission make an important contribution to its field?**
 - a. Is the submission's contribution to the field clearly stated early on in the paper and convincingly put forward throughout?*
 - b. Does the author engage with and critically reflect on the existing literature?*
 - c. Is the submission properly referenced? Are the references relevant/sufficient?*
- 4. Is the claim well-articulated?**
 - a. How would you assess the structure of the text? Are the headings used efficiently?*
 - b. Are the different parts of the paper logically connected?*
 - c. Is the structure well-chosen to build the main argument? Do all sections contribute to demonstrating the main argument?*

Part 2. Form

- 5. Is the submission well-written and easy to read?**
 - a. Include an evaluation of the author's use of language.*
 - b. Identify any language problems. Highlight phrases, words and concepts used by the author that are unclear, if any.*
 - c. Examine the syntax and vocabulary choices. They should convey the author's ideas in a comprehensible, rigorous and clear-cut way.*
- 6. Originality**
 - a. Does the submission represent an original piece of writing that has not been entirely, substantially or partially published somewhere else?*
- 7. Is the submission well-formatted?**
 - a. Does the submission include a table of contents, an abstract, an introduction, and a conclusion?*
 - b. Are the footnotes properly formatted?*
 - c. Is the length justified?*