

Nagoya University Asian Law Bulletin (ALB) – Submission Guidelines

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Editorial Board

Nagoya University Asian Law Bulletin (ALB) publishes academic research papers on topics related to law and politics in Asia, including comparative studies, legal and rule of law development assistance, or the Japanese language for legal studies.

ALB publishes research articles, research notes, case analyses, book reviews, documentation, and translated articles. We consider only those submissions which were not published previously, except for translated articles.

I. Eligibility for Submission

The following persons are eligible to submit articles to the Nagoya University Asian Law Bulletin (ALB). However, this does not apply to invited papers.

1. Full-time faculty members (professors, associate professors, and practitioner-teachers) of the Graduate School of Law (GSL) and the Center for Asian Legal Exchange (CALE), Nagoya University;
2. Previously associated with 1;
3. Emeritus professors of the GSL, Nagoya University;
4. Designated associate professors, full-time lecturers, designated lecturers, assistant professors, designated assistant professors, and researchers at the GSL and the CALE, Nagoya University;
5. Previously associated with 4;
6. Graduate students, graduate research students, and credited auditors of the GSL, Nagoya University. However, a letter of recommendation from their academic advisor is required;
7. Those who have completed the Master's Course or Doctoral Course of the GSL, Nagoya University;
8. Those who have completed the Research and Education Center for Japanese Law and hold a degree equivalent to a master's degree or higher.
9. Other students approved by the Editorial Board;
9. Other persons approved by the Editorial Board;
10. Those who submit under 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9, but are not professors or associate professors of a Japanese university, require a letter of recommendation from a professor, associate professor, or professor emeritus of a Japanese university;

II. Language

The articles must be submitted in English or Japanese. (*The Japanese scripts to be published in horizontal alignment.*)

Notwithstanding the language of the submission, a research article or a research note must be accompanied by a 300-word abstract in English.

III. Length

1. For submission in English, a research article shall be about 8,000 words. A research note or other types of articles shall be of about 4,000 words. For submission in Japanese, a research article shall be of about 20,000 characters. A research note or other types of articles shall be of about 10,000 characters. (These lengths are inclusive of graphics, footnotes, and bibliography)

2. For reasons deemed by the editorial board to be substantively relevant to the revelation of valuable data or documents, a research note etc. may be published up to the length of 8,000 words in English or 20,000 characters in Japanese.
3. There are no length limits for records or proceedings related to a research report.

IV. Technical Instructions to Authors

1. The title of the paper, and the full name should be written on the top of the first page. Abstract (only for research articles and research notes) and contents should be followed. Working email and affiliation of the author should be written in the first footnote.
2. Heading and subheadings are expected to adopt the following orders:
Chapter – I, II, III, ...
Section – 1, 2, 3, ...
Paragraph – (1), (2), (3), ...
Clause – (a), (b), (c), ...
3. The paper should be in principle written in Microsoft Word. In case of different software being used, the author must consult with the editorial board in advance.
4. The page layout of the article must conform with the following details:
 - (1) Paper size: A4
 - (2) Margins: 35mm (top) and 30mm (bottom, left and right)
 - (3) Number of characters and lines: (For Japanese) horizontally 40 characters on each line and vertically 35 lines; (For English) 32 lines.
 - (4) Word size: 10.5 pt (Japanese/ English).
 - (5) Word font: MS Mincho (Japanese); Times New Roman (English).
5. Footnotes should be set as follows:
 - (1) Footnotes at the end of the relevant pages, not endnotes.
 - (2) Word size: 8 pt (Japanese/ English).
 - (3) Word font: Consistent with the main text.
6. Authors writing in English are required to provide the bibliography according to the Chicago Manual of Style 17th Edition. Authors writing in Japanese are expected to prepare the bibliography following the style which they are familiar with.
7. Graphics, pictures or tables should be submitted in a separate file. Captions for these graphics, pictures or tables should be properly numbered with specific indication of the place to which they are expected to belong in the final published version.

V. Submission Process

Authors are requested to submit the application form and full paper to the editorial board (email address cale-publication@law.nagoya-u.ac.jp) by the designated deadline.

VI. Peer-Review Process

1. The full papers, including those invited for special or other features, will be published only after having gone through deliberations by the editorial board.
2. The final decision will be notified to the author by email.

VII. Revisions

The author is allowed to revise only the first draft of the full paper. However, as a matter of principle, any major revisions or additions even to the first draft are not acceptable.

VIII. Publication

1. In principle, the Bulletin is published once every year.
2. The Bulletin is published in PDF form on the website of the Center for Asian Legal Exchange, Nagoya University.