



CITATION GUIDELINES

Since 2002 (issue 59) the RGDE has adopted new guidelines, matching the citation guidelines of other legal journals and publications, such as the Journal of European Community Law (RDCE). The purpose of this change is to conform to international standards of academic publishing and to favour and facilitate the visibility and impact of our publications.

Authors submitting their papers to the RGDE are requested to adjust their manuscripts to these new standards.

Bibliographical citations

Citations of books and articles in the text shall appear in the body of the text and not in footnotes. Footnotes whose only content is the indication of the source shall not be used.

Citations shall correspond to a reference in the final bibliography and will be referenced using the Harvard author-year system: by indicating in parentheses the author's surname in sentence case letters and a comma followed by the year and a colon and page of the publication.

Examples:

— A single author shall be cited with both surnames (if applicable):

(Rodríguez Iglesias, 2012: 72), (Louis, 2015)

— Papers with two authors are cited by their first surnames joined by "and"

(Mangas y Liñán, 2014: 87-120)

— If the work of three or more authors is cited, it is sufficient to cite the first author followed by *et al.*:

(Martín Rodríguez *et al.*, 2006), (Kilpatrick *et al.*, 2014: 23-24)

— If several papers by one author or group of authors from the same year are cited, a, b, c... should be added after the year:

(Del Valle Gálvez, 2003a)

—When the surname of the cited author is part of the text of the work, the year and page(s) - if applicable - of the cited work should always be indicated in parentheses:



As Cascales (2010: 22) has stated...

As Gosalbo Bono affirms «The ratio decidendi of the ruling could also serve as a basis for challenging other trade agreements» (2016: 74)

Footnotes

Footnotes shall be placed at the bottom of the page. They should be numbered in Arabic numerals and in superscript format. They will only contain additional text or, if absolutely necessary, they will be shortened. In no case will they include complete bibliographical references, which will be included at the end of the contribution.

Case-law

When a reference to case-law is made in the main text, use italics to refer to its commonly used name.

As the CJEU held in the *Melloni* judgment...

The *AETR* case law obliges the...

The ECtHR in the *Soering* case,...

Court decisions cited will be accompanied by their full citation in a footnote. When citing international, European and national case law, authors may follow the general criteria used in the place of origin, and, whenever possible, shall indicate the European case-law identifier (ECLI). If the ECLI is used, no additional references to case law collection or official publications will be necessary.

If in doubt, the official citation may be replaced by the following version:
Decision/Judgment of the (judicial body) of (date), (name/number of the case), (ECLI).

Examples:

Court of Justice of the European Union [\[official citation method\]](#)

Judgment of the Court of Justice of 15 May 1986, Johnston, 222/84, EU:C:1986:206.

Jugment of the General Court of 30 September 2010, Kadi/Comisión, T-85/09, EU:T:2010:418, paragraph 78.

Opinion of the Advocate General Jacobs, Unión de Pequeños Agricultores/Consejo, C-50/00 P, EU:C:2002:197, paragraph 199.

- The names of cases shall always be shortened (as they appear in the headings of the judgments). For example, the case name is “Johnson”, as opposed to “Johnson vs. Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary”.
- In the official citation case names are not in italics.

European Court of Human Rights [\[official citation method\]](#)

Campbell vs. Ireland [GC], no. 45678/98, § 24, ECHR 1999-II.

Campbell vs. Ireland, no. 45678/98, § 24, ECHR 1999-II.

Campbell vs. Ireland (dec.), no. 45678/98, ECHR 1999-II.



It is recommended to alternatively use the ECLI citation according to the following version:

ECtHR Judgment of 17 January 2012, *Zontul v. Greece*,
EC:ECHR:2012:0117JUD001229407

Legislation and other official documents

Legal acts and other official documents shall be cited in a footnote with reference to their official publication, if any:

Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (OJ L 348, 24 December 2008, p. 98)

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of May 23, 1969 (U.N.T.S., vol. 1155, p. 331).

Consolidated text of the Spanish Workers' Statute, approved by Royal Legislative Decree 1/1995, of March 24, 1995 (BOE 75, of March 29, 1995, p. 9654).

European Arrest Warrant and Surrender Act (Europäisches Haftbefehlsgesetz) of July 20, 2006 (BGBl. 2006 I, p. 1721).

European Commission Green Paper «An integrated parcel delivery market for the growth of e-commerce in the EU», COM (2012) 698 final, 29-11-2012. But also, in-text citation as (European Commission, 2012: 4).

Bibliography

- To be included at the end of the articles as a final list of cited works.
- It will only contain references cited in the text. Therefore, it is expressly forbidden to include additional references.
- It will follow the APA (American Psychological Association) referencing style.
- It will be ordered alphabetically by the author's first surname.

The following are examples of the most commonly used types of documents:

Articles in scientific journals

- One author

Besselink, L. F. M. (2014). The parameters of constitutional conflict after Melloni. *European Law Review*, 39 (4), 531-552.

Pons Rafols, F. X. (2014). Un paso importante para el desarrollo de nuestra justicia constitucional: la doctrina prospectiva en la declaración de ineficacia de las leyes inconstitucionales. *Revista de Derecho Comunitario Europeo*, 47, 131-156.

- Two or more authors



Arroyo Gil, A. y Giménez Sánchez, I. (2013). La incorporación constitucional de la cláusula de estabilidad presupuestaria en perspectiva comparada: Alemania, Italia y Francia. *Revista Española de Derecho Constitucional*, 98, 149-188.

Electronic journals

Olesti Rayo, A. (2015). La financiación del presupuesto de la Unión Europea y la necesidad de revisar el sistema de recursos propios. *Revista General de Derecho Europeo*, 37. Available in:
http://www.iustel.com/v2/revistas/detalle_revista.asp?id=13&z=1.

Electronic journals with DOI

Andrés Sáenz de Santa María, P. (2016). La Unión Europea y el Derecho de los Tratados: Una relación compleja. *Revista Española de Derecho Internacional*, 68 (2), 51-102. Available in: <https://doi.org/10.17103/redi.68.2.2016.1.02>.

Monographs

- One author

López Escudero, M. (2004). *El euro en el sistema monetario internacional*. Madrid: Tecnos.

Peers, S. (2011). *EU Justice and Home Affairs Law* (3.^a ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Online book

Martín y Pérez de Nanclares, J. (dir.). (2014). *España y la práctica del Derecho Internacional*. Madrid: Escuela Diplomática. Available in:
http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/Ministerio/EscuelaDiplomatica/Documents/Coleccion_ED_20_web.pdf.

Chapters of monographs

Meyer-Ladewig, J. (2012). The Rule of Law in the Case Law of the Strasbourg Court. In H. J. Blanke y S. Mangiameli (eds.). *The European Union after Lisbon* (pp. 233-249). Heidelberg: Springer.

Reports

- Institutional author

Europol (2011a). *EU Organised Crime Threat Assessment*. La Haya: Europol Public Information.

- Personal author



Levi, M., Innes, M., Reuter, P. y Gundur, R. (2013). *The Economic, Financial and Social Impacts of Organised Crime in the EU*. Bruselas: Parlamento Europeo, PE 493.018.

Available in:

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/etudes/join/2013/493018/IPOL-JOIN_ET\(2013\)493018_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/etudes/join/2013/493018/IPOL-JOIN_ET(2013)493018_EN.pdf).

Blogs

Sarmiento, D. (2016). Awakenings. *Despite our Differences* [blog], 27-1-2016. Available in: <https://despiteourdifferencesblog.wordpress.com/2016/01/27/awakenings/>.

PhD Theses/Dissertations

- Published

Ruiz Díaz, L. J. (2015). *La lucha contra el crimen organizado en la Unión Europea. Aspectos internos y dinámicas externas del discurso securitario* [tesis doctoral]. Univesidad de Granada. Available in: <http://0-hera.ugr.es.adrastea.ugr.es/tesisugr/25575715.pdf>.

- Unpublished

Liñán Nogueras, D. J. (1978). *La integración como factor de modificación del concepto de soberanía* [tesis doctoral inédita]. Universidad de Granada.

Newspaper articles and news

Vidal-Folch, X. (2017). Momento para Europa. *El País*, 25-9-2017. Available in: https://elpais.com/elpais/2017/09/24/opinion/1506249361_065083.html.

As far as the use of electronic sources is concerned, a general statement in the first footnote, indicating that all sources have been retrieved at the same date can be used so as to avoid having to indicate the last access for each source. This option is strongly recommended by the RDCE.

DOIS

In case of scientific works in electronic format with a DOI (*digital object identifier*), it is mandatory to include it in the final bibliography list. It shall be done in the following way:

Murray, S. (2006). Private Polls and Presidential Policymaking. Reagan as a Facilitator of Change. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 70 (4), 477-498. Available in: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfl022>.

