



AIMS, SCOPE, STRUCTURE AND CODE OF ETHICS OF THE GENERAL JOURNAL OF ROMAN LAW

Objectives

The General Journal of Roman Law (Revista General de Derecho romano -RGDR) arises within the framework of the "Revistas generales de Derecho" framed in editorial iustel.com.

With a firm commitment to personal and scientific collaboration, rigour and a sense of academic responsibility, and constant determination, we create a worthy Journal with a claim to international prestige. It began its journey in January 2004, within the framework of the Legal Portal www.iustel.com. It is the first scientific Journal of Roman Law to be published in our country, open to all and with an inclusive and non-exclusive criterion on the grounds of belonging to a school.

It is aimed not only at scholars of Roman Law, but also at all jurists in the different branches of positive law and practical legal practitioners - who rise above reviled figure of the lawyer - and at historians, philologists and philosophers of law. Thus, its function is to serve as a channel for publication of original and unpublished articles on legal research, -dogmatic, casuistic and legislative in the fields of Roman Law, of the huge Roman legal tradition that coincides with the history of the science of Law-, and also on comparative studies between Roman constructions and their indelible imprint on content of so many current law institutions.

We are also convinced that the roman tradition production to serve, continues to be a fruitful inspiration source on the development of new figures in positive State law, the European Union and increasingly numerous projects of international unification.

All of this has made the RGDR an instrument at the service of the community of legal scholars, theoreticians and law practitioners, in information, due to its immediacy, its ease of access and its enormous possibilities of dissemination.

We have achieved an exceptional means of transmitting scientific knowledge and intellectual creation, with obvious advantages for users around the world, compared to the traditional paper support, such as interactivity in transmission, reception and technical ease of search and archive of documentation through the journal's own search engines. The advantage of the electronic journal allows a greater impact and visibility of published research, for this it has the existence of summaries and tables of contents that allow direct access to abstracts and articles, through an ergonomic web navigation system, simple and intuitive.

Publication frequency and added value of an online journal

The General Journal of Roman Law is published twice. The two annual issues are published in December and June. The legitimate initial aspiration was to put into rapid circulation a scientific knowledge arsenal of the doctrine, in order to promptly satisfy the current demands of our legal doctrine and the science of legal knowledge in general. That is to say, to offer in an open and immediate way, results of roman tradition



investigation that suppose a progress of the knowledge, according to the new keys, data and reinterpretations that enrich the debate and constitute the essential characteristic note of the scientific universe.

We can be satisfied to a large extent by the goals achieved so far in its sixteen years of history, with a number of subscriptions of the world university exceeding one hundred and the number of approximate consultations more than 40,000 which thanks to electronic format has allowed it to obtain over years, it has been widely received by the scientific community and become one of the most important international references, being effectively consulted by scholars of Roman law and cultured jurists from all over the world.

The RGDR uses Spanish, English and Italian as its main languages. The first two for its diffusion and the third for being –always, but even more since the first third of the last century-,romanistics natural language, as Italy, with its plethora of eminent scholars, leads the scientific doctrine of our discipline. The publication of articles in other languages of wide scientific diffusion, such as French, German and Portuguese, is admitted. The abstract must be in English and in the language of the contribution in order to facilitate wider dissemination

The Journal incorporates a navigation system that provides simple functionality in accessing content, with efficient search engines and forms adapted to locate articles by keywords, author, title, month, year, abstract and keyword. With regard to the contents table and structure, the Summary of each issue reflects with great clarity and with a full section of links and links the description of the contributions that appear in each section: "Studies", "Miscellaneous", "Notes", "Reviews" and "Reviews". "Miscellaneous: Notes; Reviews". "Journals and Summaries". "Bibliography, collections, compilations, new publications, monographs pending publication". "Links and other information of interest". "Academic information".

In each issue of the Journal you can also find the complete summary of the previous issues. The articles contain the academic data of their Author, as well as their email, in case the reader wants to contact him.

The definition of the journal and the brief description of the scientific goals of the publication and the mention of the target audience can be found, in addition to this report, from the initial presentation of the journal. The ISSN of the same appears adequately reflected in each publication.

The scrupulous respect of its biannual periodicity has been assumed and fulfilled with total efficiency. The large circulation of the journal can be found, among other indexes databases, in the following::

.-Latindex (Regional Online Information System for Scientific Journals from Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal):

<https://www.latindex.org/latindex/ficha?folio=15754>

.-DICE Diffusion and Editorial Quality of the Spanish Journals of Humanities and Social and Legal Sciences: <http://epuc.cchs.csic.es/dice/revista.php?rev=1697-3046>

.-CIRC: https://clasificacioncirc.es/ficha_revista?id=44160



.-REGESTA IMPERII (RI):

http://opac.regesta-imperii.de/lang_de/anzeige.php?pk=1313836

.- MIAR (Information Matrix for Journal Analysis): <http://miar.ub.edu/issn/1697-3046>

.- Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) is part of the Web of Science Main Collection:

<https://ores.su/en/journals/revista-general-de-derecho-romano/>

.-RESH: <http://epuc.cchs.csic.es/resh/revistas>

.-DIALNET: <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/revista?codigo=5689>

Ethical Code and papers review process

Its global projection and, therefore, its undoubted international character can be seen in the wide national plurality of those who make up both its Editorial Board and that of its external Evaluators of Professors, Seniors Lecturer, PhDs. Each one in their category is people recognized in the discipline at the national and international in the field of Roman law, complying with good editorial practices in gender equality in the composition of their bodies, measured jointly

The Editorial Board guarantees, to each Author, the intellectual property of the articles published also during the review procedure. This respects the author's rights (copyright) on the submitted manuscripts. The admission and consequent papers publication does not imply any compensation to the publisher.

Link of the Advisory Council and the Evaluators Committees:

(https://www.iustel.com/v2/revistas/detalle_revista.asp?id=11&z=5)

Further as indicated in the instructions for authors who wish to participate in the publication of the journal, the submitted works are required to be original. However, exceptionally, the possibility of publishing a work is foreseen, due to its special relevance and / or topicality, which has already been disseminated by another scientific publication, provided it is printed.

In accordance with good practice in gender equality, authors must use inclusive language in scientific articles, in accordance with sect. 14 of Act. 3/2007, for the effective equality of women and men, which establishes in section 11 as one of the general criteria for action by the Public Authorities "The implementation of non-sexist language in the administrative sphere and its promotion in all social, cultural and artistic relations".

Likewise, a review of the members of the different Boards has been carried out in order to comply with the gender percentages, which in the current composition is verified in all Boards.

From the outset, the selection criteria for the different contributions have been subject to a rigorous peer review process. In this sense, the presentation of the RGDR states: "The decision on the publication of the contributions received will be made by Director and the RGDR Editorial Board, which is made up of renowned scholars of international prestige".



Although the formal components that emerge from the Resolution of October 25, 2005 had not been fully introduced, of the CENAI (Comisión Nacional Evaluadora de la Actividad Investigadora) Presidency by which the specific criteria are established in each of the evaluation fields. (BOE of November 7, 2005); and Resolution of November 21, 2006 (BOE of November 29, 2006) and Resolution of November 17, 2006 (BOE of November 23, 2006) on the specific criteria.

Neither had all the typical criteria for electronic journals that are currently provided by consensus studies on the growing number of scientific and technical journals that have opted for electronic publishing been introduced in the first formats.

For instance, those provided by Latindex:

http://www.latindex.unam.mx/latindex/busquedas1/revistas_elec.html).

In this sense, we should remember that, although there are some criteria that could be delimited with greater precision, the progress made to combine and adequately establish requirements that refer to informative quality of the journal as a means of scientific communication, and, in our case, electronic magazine, have been relevant. In this context, we will limit ourselves to highlighting a few: Detailed to authors instructions are included in specific journal section in the "Collaborate with us" section. The identification of the editorial and scientific committees are nominally reflected.

In relation to copyright, authors can use their rights to publish their papers in any other publication, always on paper (and not in electronic format), with the sole requirement of acknowledging the previous appearance in the corresponding General Magazine, including the name and domain of the Journal (<http://www.iustel.com>).

The review is carried out by "double-blind peer review" method, always maintaining the anonymity of both the authors and the reviewers who belong to the Board of External Assessors. In any case, said review is carried out guaranteeing the absence of conflicts of interest between the external evaluators and the authors, without revealing the identity of the authors involved in the process. This information on the process of evaluation and selection of manuscripts used by the journal, publisher, selection committee, appears detailed in the starting point -presentation- of the journal.

The communication of the editorial decision for acceptance, revision or rejection of the manuscript is made based on the reports issued by the reviewers. In these reports, the manuscript may be accepted; accepted subject to minor or major corrections; rejected or prioritised for publication. In any case, the evaluation will mention the assessment of the work, its quality, technical and scientific aspects, formatting errors, methodology, bibliographic citation apparatus. Scientific interest and excellence have always been paramount.

Likewise, reviewers are obliged to report any detection of plagiarism or research misconduct in papers preparation. As statistical data, we must highlight that more than seventy percent of the authors who have published in the Journal since its appearance are outside the members of the editorial and evaluating committees.



Editorial Board and Committees are made up of prestigious legal professionals and renowned researchers in the field of Roman law and other related areas, with no institutional links to the journal or the Publisher. It determines the policy of the journal.

The RGDR is staffed to all intents and purposes by accredited professionals who meet the required profile and who have been collaborating with our publication to our full satisfaction. The coordination and editing of the RGDR has a first class professional. The progress and achievements far exceed initial expectations.

Epilogue

Around January 2004, when the journey began, the Director's intention and his team was, basically, to overcome the lack of a scientific-romanistic publication in Spain open to entire community of scholars.

We finished without triumphalism, which does not exclude highlighting the impact and recognition of our RGDR with thirty-five numbers already published, and its extraordinary diffusion throughout the Romanistic world, especially in our country, in Italy and in Latin American countries.

By the other hand, it is obvious to any cultured scholar of Law the timeless and aggregraphic nature of Roman Law, and its special consideration as the main foundation on which the legal systems of the European Union and its member states are based.

Finally, from this recognition, which is nothing more than a confirmation of the value and validity of Law as the greatest legacy of legal experiences in history, it will be possible to interpret and correctly apply the normative bodies of current law and to tackle, with rigour and success, perennial aspiration to continue developing a science of Law that responds to the new economic and social needs and that achieves an increasingly supranational character and validity. Along this line, the Journal RGDR will constitute a point of connection between history, dogmatics and current law, in order to contribute to the challenges and demands of legal science and global society.

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