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I - Objectives of the Journal:

- 1) Publishing research and studies in legal, social, administrative, economic and media disciplines related to security fields.
- 2) Studying and analysing the most important issues and phenomena that are rippling the legal and security arena locally, regionally and internationally according to professional scientific standards.
- 3) Addressing contemporary humanitarian and intellectual issues within the framework of international charters and internal legislation, and supporting and encouraging legal and security scientific research.
- 4) Enrich the Arab legal and security Library, and provide researchers and decision makers with the results of research and studies related to legal problems and real security issues.
- 5) Consolidation of scientific and intellectual links between the center and its counterparts from research and academic centers of common interest.

II- Publishing ethics

The Journal adopts the standards of research ethics and scientific publishing, and in light of these standards:

- 1) the work submitted for publication should not have been previously published by any means of publication, and it should not be submitted to any other publishing body during the period of its evaluation, and the researcher undertakes to do so in writing.
- 2) the work shall not be part of a Master's or PhD thesis previously prepared by the author, or part of a previously published book, to preserve intellectual property rights.
- 3) The author shall adhere to the rules and principles of scientific research in terms of segmentation methodology, referencing rules and scientific integrity. The work shall include a conclusion including a summary as well as the outcomes and recommendations. It shall also include the list of references used by the author.



- 4) Submitting a work for publication in the Journal is an implicit consent to allow the Journal to make it available in any form and in any database or digital media without reference to the author.
- 5) In case of multiple authors of one work, the scope and nature of the individual contributions of each of them should be determined. Every co-author who mentions his name on the work must have a significant intellectual contribution to this work. Mere funding, or the compilation of data, are not sufficient criteria to establish a person's right to authorship.
- 6) Any potential conflict of interest between the author's personality and any scientific or research body to which he may belong, or having an ancillary right to research or study, must be disclosed. Any personal or financial relationship between the author and any person or organization that may affect the author's interpretation of the results of his/her work should also be disclosed. This shall be documented in writing when submitting the work for publication in the Journal.
- 7) The author shall mention all funding sources of the work. If there is a source of funding, the author must indicate - in detail - the name of the funding agency or donor.
- 8) The process of evaluation of the work submitted for publication in the Journal is a major stage of scientific publishing, and therefore the arbitrators - internal and external - must adhere to the ethics of scientific publishing and its principles.
- 9) The Journal follows the approach of hidden (blind) arbitration so that the arbitrator does not know the personality of the author, just as the latter does not know the personality of the arbitrator.
- 10) The research is subjected to a citation screening program before sending it for review, and in case of exceeding 25% of one reference, or 25% of the references as a whole, the research is returned to the author.
- 11) The arbitrator shall distance himself from personal interests, such as using information obtained from the research that was arbitrated for his personal benefit.
- 12) The arbitrator must notify the editor-in-chief or the editorial director, in case he does not accept or is not ready to arbitrate the research or study, immediately upon receipt, so that the research or study can be sent to another arbitrator within the specified time frame.
- 13) The arbitrator must comply with the confidentiality standards related to the arbitration process, and treat the research and studies subject to arbitration as confidential documents, which may not be disclosed during the arbitration stage, or discussed with others except the editor-in-chief or editorial director.
- 14) The arbitrator shall express his scientific opinion in the researches and studies sent to him for the purposes of arbitration with integrity, objectivity and clarity, with the inclusion in the arbitration report of the arguments supporting what he concludes about the validity of the research or study for publication or not.



15) The arbitrator - internal and external - must comply with the time allocated for the arbitration process.

III - Topics available for publication in the journal:

- 1) Legal and Security researches and studies, and other related sciences.
- 2) Studies related to legislation and judicial principles, legislative advisory opinions, especially in the state of Qatar, in addition to the most important judgments and advisory opinions issued by the International Court of justice and other international courts and comment on them.
- 3) Reports of conferences, scientific seminars and local, Arab and international seminars related to legal problems and security issues, and the most important findings and recommendations issued by them, provided that the number of pages of the report does not exceed (5) pages.
- 4) Summaries of newly awarded master's and doctoral theses for researchers in the legal and security fields, and presentation of the latest versions of legal and security books.

IV - Conditions of publication in the journal:

The Journal welcomes the submission of research and studies in Arabic, English and French according to the following rules and regulations:

- 1) The author pledges that the submitted work has never been published in any other means of publication, and undertakes not to submit it to any other party during the period of its evaluation.
- 2) The work shall be characterized by modernity and scientific methodology required by scientific research, in addition to sound language and comparison with Qatari law when possible.
- 3) The number of pages of research or study should not exceed (40) pages. However, the editorial board of the journal may exceptionally override this requirement if the nature of the subject of research or study requires it.
- 4) The author should send his / her recent resume, including his/her scientific degree.
- 5) The priority in publishing of legal and security researches and studies accepted for publication shall be according to the priority of receipt of the arbitrators ' reports with their validity for publication.
- 6) The Editorial Board shall exclude any research or study, which are not compliant with the rules of publication in the journal, or the requirements of public interest.



7) The order of research and studies accepted for publication in the issues of the Journal is subject to the considerations of appropriateness appreciated by the Editorial Board.

8) The works published in the Journal express the opinions of their authors and do not represent the opinion of the Journal, and the author of the research or study bears legal responsibility for this.

9) The works sent to the Journal are not returned to their authors, whether accepted for publication in the journal or not.

V. Technical requirements in research and studies submitted for publication in the journal:

1) Language:

Research and studies can be submitted for publication in the Journal in Arabic, English or French. In general, these researches and studies are required to represent a scientific addition to the field of study, to be supported by appropriate references, and to refer to previous researches and studies on their subject.

2) General framework of the research or study scheme:

- Title page:

The title page of the search should include many information of interest and significance, the most important of which are:

- ✓ The title of the research or study.
- ✓ The name of the researcher.
- ✓ The scientific degree and the functional position of the researcher, and his contact details

- Introduction:

It includes the definition of the problematic of the research or study and its importance, the methodology of the study, and the statement of the most important previous studies on the subject and their findings.

- Abstract of the research or study:

The author shall submit two abstracts of the research or study to be published in the Journal, one in Arabic, the other in English or French, depending on the language of the work. The number of words of this abstract shall range from (200) to (300) words maximum, and the abstract should not contain any references. The author should avoid the method of abstracts and abbreviations in its preparation, and the abstract should include the title of the work and the name of the author in the language of the abstract itself.

- Conclusion:





The work should include a conclusion that includes the abstract of the research, its outcomes and recommendations.

- List of abbreviations:

The work to be published in the Journal should include a list of all the abbreviations indicated in the research or study, or in the bookmarks mentioned in the margins and footnotes, if any.

3) requirements for documentation of references:

The Journal of Legal and Security Studies adopts the method of documenting references using the Chicago System of Scientific Documentation; it is a way to show where researchers got their information while preparing literature, research or studies. This system has been used for a long time since it was first established by the University of Chicago in 1906, and it is being developed and updated from time to time. According to this system, researchers must include all the books, articles and other references they have used at the end of their writings according to the following rules:

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1	In case of first reference in the study	Almaayta, thamer Selim. Recent trends in police security Amman, Dear Althaqafa for publishing and Distribution,2018), 62-67	Almaayta, thamer Selim. Recent trends in police security Amman, Dear Althaqafa for publishing and Distribution,2018).
2	In case of repeated reference	Almaayta. Recent trends in police security, 73.	Almaayta, thamer Selim. Recent trends in police security Amman, Dear Althaqafa for publishing and Distribution,2018).
3	In case of repeated reference in the same page	Ibid	Almaayta, thamer Selim. Recent trends in police security Amman, Dear Althaqafa for publishing and Distribution,2018).
4	In case of a reference by many authors	Albahji, Ines Mohamed & Almasri Yussif. International systems between Sharia and private international law (Cairo. National centre for legal publications) 2013. 60-65	Albahji, Ines Mohamed & Almasri Yussif. International systems between Sharia and private international law Cairo. National centre for legal publications, 2013
5	In case of a repeated reference by many authors	Albahji & Almasri, International systems between Sharia and private international law	Albahji, Ines Mohamed & Almasri Yussif. International systems between Sharia and private international law Cairo. National centre for legal publications, 2013
6	In case of a repeated reference by many	Ibid, 90.	Albahji, Ines Mohamed & Almasri Yussif. International systems between Sharia and



	authors in the same page		private international law Cairo. National centre for legal publications, 2013
7	In case of referring to a research published in a scientific journal for the first time	Alsakerna, Maen Ouda, "Crimes of witchcraft and quackery: a comparative study with the Qatari legislation". Journal of legal and security studies 3, issue No. 1 (2023):209	Alsakerna, Maen Ouda, "Crimes of witchcraft and quackery: a comparative study with the Qatari legislation". Journal of legal and security studies 3, issue No. 1 (2023) 197-229
8	In case of repeated reference to a research published in a scientific journal	Alsakerna, Maen Ouda, "Crimes of witchcraft and quackery: a comparative study with the Qatari legislation". 213	Alsakerna, Maen Ouda, "Crimes of witchcraft and quackery: a comparative study with the Qatari legislation". Journal of legal and security studies 3, issue No. 1 (2023) 197-229
9	In case of repeated reference to a research published in a scientific journal in the same page	Ibid, 222.	Alsakerna, Maen Ouda, "Crimes of witchcraft and quackery: a comparative study with the Qatari legislation". Journal of legal and security studies 3, issue No. 1 (2023) 197-229

VI – Work Submission:

- 1) The author shall send an electronic copy of the work in Word format to the e-mail of the Journal (pcilss@moi.gov.qa). The work shall be written in Sakkal Majalla type font with a size of (14) for the texts in the body, and in the same font with a size of (12) for the margins, in addition to a letter addressed to the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal requesting the publication of the work in the Journal, stating the date of its completion.
- 2) The author shall submit a signed acknowledgement that the work submitted for publication in the Journal has not been previously published, and that it is not derived from a Master's or PhD thesis previously prepared by the author, or part of a previously published work, and has not submitted it for publication in any scientific journal or periodical, or any other publishing body.
- 3) The author shall send a summary of his / her recent biography, indicating his /her address and contact details

VII - Arbitration procedures for research and studies submitted for publication in the journal:





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- 1) The Editorial Board conducts a preliminary evaluation of the work submitted for publication in the Journal, to verify that they meet the initial requirements referred to in this manual, and to consider their suitability for arbitration.
 - 2) Works that meet the initial requirements and conditions of publication in the Journal are sent to two arbitrators, where each of them writes a report on their suitability for publication in the journal. In case the arbitrators disagree on the validity of the work for publication in the Journal, the work is sent to a third arbitrator, and the latter's opinion is final regarding the validity of the work for publication or not.
 - 3) The author is obliged to amend the work in accordance with the notes contained in the arbitrators' reports sent to him, and to provide the Editorial Secretariat of the Journal with the amended version within a period not exceeding (15) days. The Editorial Board may grant the author an additional term at his request, if circumstances so require.
 - 4) The author shall be notified of the decision to accept the research for publication in the Journal or not, within a period not exceeding three months from the date of submission of the work.
 - 5) If the work is accepted for publication, the author shall be provided with two copies of the issue of the Journal in which his work was published.
 - 6) In the event that the work is not accepted for publication, the Journal is not obliged to return it to the author, and will only notify him that the work is not accepted for publication in the Journal.
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