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The Lex Rex Blog (“the Blog”) is a student-driven academic and analytical platform published under the aegis of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus. The Blog is dedicated to promoting accessible legal knowledge, encouraging critical engagement with contemporary legal issues, and fostering informed discussion on emerging developments in law and policy. It serves as a forum for concise, timely, and thought-provoking legal commentary while upholding standards of accuracy, originality, and responsible scholarship. This Publication Policy sets out the guiding principles, editorial standards, review

procedures, and ethical obligations governing content submission, review, approval, and publication on the Blog. This Policy shall be binding on all contributors, editors, and members of the Blog's Editorial Team.

I. SCOPE AND NATURE OF PUBLICATION

1. The Lex Rex Blog ("the Blog") is an academic and analytical digital platform operated under the aegis of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus. The Blog publishes original, unpublished legal content aimed at fostering accessible legal awareness, critical commentary, and timely engagement with evolving legal developments. Submissions must demonstrate clarity, analytical insight, originality, and relevance to contemporary legal discourse.
2. The Blog shall publish submissions under the following categories:
 - a. Legal Articles
 - b. Case Notes and Case Commentaries
 - c. Opinion and Policy Commentary
 - d. Legislative and Legal Updates
 - e. Book and Literature Reviews
3. Prescribed Word Limits:
 - a. Legal Articles: 1,000 to 1,600 words
 - b. Case Notes / Commentaries: 800 to 1,400 words
 - c. Opinion / Policy Pieces: 700 to 1,200 words
 - d. Legal Updates: 600 to 1,000 words
 - e. Book Reviews: 600 to 1,000 words

Word limits shall exclude references unless otherwise specified by the Editorial Team.

4. Submissions may address doctrinal, constitutional, statutory, comparative, international, interdisciplinary, or emerging legal issues, provided they demonstrate analytical rigor and public relevance.

II. SUBMISSION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

1. The Blog follows a rolling submission model, allowing authors to submit manuscripts at any time throughout the year.
2. Manuscripts shall undergo a preliminary editorial screening, followed by faculty domain-specific review based on the subject matter of the submission.
3. The Editorial Team reserves the right to set special deadlines for themed editions or special blog series.
4. Late submissions or incomplete manuscripts may be rejected at the discretion of the Editorial Team.

III. ELIGIBILITY AND AUTHORSHIP

1. Submissions are invited from students, academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, and professionals.
2. Co-authored submissions shall ordinarily be limited to two authors, unless exceptional justification is provided.
3. Authorship shall be limited to individuals who have made a substantial intellectual contribution to research, analysis, and drafting.
4. The order of authorship shall remain the sole responsibility of the authors.

IV. ORIGINALITY AND EXCLUSIVITY

1. All submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under simultaneous consideration by any other journal, blog, or publication platform.
2. Multiple or parallel submissions are strictly prohibited.
3. Violation of originality or exclusivity norms shall result in immediate rejection or withdrawal of publication approval.

V. REVIEW PROCESS AND FACULTY DOMAIN EVALUATION

1. The Blog follows a two-stage, faculty-assisted editorial review process.
2. At the first stage, all submissions shall undergo a preliminary blind review by the Editorial Board to assess compliance with the Blog's scope, originality requirements, and baseline quality standards. Submissions that clear this stage shall thereafter be forwarded for domain-specific blind review by a faculty member of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus, possessing subject-matter expertise relevant to the manuscript.
3. Both stages of review shall be conducted on a blind review basis, with the identity of the author(s) withheld, in order to ensure fairness, objectivity, and academic integrity throughout the evaluation process.
4. Manuscripts shall be evaluated on the basis of originality, legal accuracy, analytical depth, coherence and structure, practical or academic contribution, and clarity of writing.
5. Submissions that do not qualify for publication on the Blog shall be issued a review report, which may or may not contain suggested revisions. Where revisions are suggested, authors shall be required to incorporate and resubmit the manuscript within the timeframe stipulated by the Editorial Team, failing which the submission shall stand rejected.
6. The Editorial Board shall communicate its decision within **a fortnight (14 days)** from submission.
7. The decision of the Editorial Team, taken in consultation with the faculty reviewer, shall be final and binding.

VI. PLAGIARISM AND PUBLICATION ETHICS

1. The Blog maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward plagiarism.
2. All submissions shall be subjected to plagiarism detection checks.
3. Plagiarism includes direct copying, improper paraphrasing, unattributed ideas, and secondary plagiarism.
4. The permissible similarity index is up to 10% only. Any submission exceeding this threshold shall be rejected without review. The use of AI-generated or AI-assisted content is strictly prohibited.

5. Any violation shall result in immediate rejection and may attract academic or institutional consequences.
6. Authors are expected to adhere to high standards of academic integrity and ethical writing.

VII. FORM AND STYLE REQUIREMENTS

1. Submissions must conform strictly to the citation style prescribed by the Blog, namely the Harvard Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, Twenty First Edition.
2. Citations shall be provided exclusively through footnotes.
3. Speaking or substantive footnotes are discouraged and shall be permitted only where strictly necessary.
4. All submissions must strictly adhere to the following formatting requirements:
 - Font Style: Times New Roman
 - Font Size: Body Text - 12; Citations - 10
 - Line Spacing: 1.5 ; Justified Alignment
5. Non compliance with citation or formatting requirements may result in rejection or return of the manuscript for correction at any stage of the editorial process.

VIII. EDITORIAL DISCRETION AND REVISION

1. The Editorial Team reserves the right to suggest substantive, stylistic, and structural revisions.
2. Authors must incorporate requested revisions within the stipulated timeframe.
3. Failure to revise may result in withdrawal of publication approval.
4. Minor editorial edits may be made without altering substantive meaning.

IX. COPYRIGHT AND LICENSING

1. Upon acceptance, authors grant the Blog the right to publish the submission in digital format.
2. Authors shall retain moral authorship over their work.

3. Any subsequent reproduction must acknowledge the Blog as the original platform of publication.

X. DISCLAIMER

1. The views expressed in published submissions are solely those of the author(s).
2. The Blog, the School of Law, and CHRIST (Deemed to be University) do not endorse or assume responsibility for the opinions expressed.

XI. AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION

1. The Editorial Team reserves the right to amend, interpret, or modify this Policy at any time.
2. In case of ambiguity or dispute, the Editorial Team's interpretation shall be final and binding.
3. This Policy shall apply to all submissions made to the Christ University Lavasa LawBlog with immediate effect.

This Submission Policy shall come into force with immediate effect and shall govern all submissions made to the Christ University Lavasa Law Blog.