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Institute of Land Administration

Guidelines for Authors for publishing in the Journal of Land Policy and Governance (JLPG)

1. Overview about the Journal

Journal of Land Policy and Governance (JLPG) is an interdisciplinary journal that aims to publish research outputs, policy comments, book reviews and reflections on different dimensions of land embracing from land administration, land governance, land tenure, housing, land development, land policy and reform, land acquisition, land information system, land use planning, land economics and valuation, land law and land management and related fields. Taking into consideration the importance of land in the socio-economic, governance, environmental, food security and sustainable development in African region in particular and beyond, this journal provides a forum for the exchange of research outputs and particular cases of interest from the diverse range of disciplines of land. In general, the *Journal* works for the advancement of science and policy debate in land governance and management by promoting research and critical inquiry.

1. Process of submission

- All contributions to the *Journal* should be submitted in the time indicated in the call for contribution. These shall not preclude the acceptance of contributions at any time if offer is made by authors interested in the *Journal*.
- Submissions should include, in a separate page (cover letter), include name of the author(s), educational qualification, institutional affiliation, current occupation, contact address (e-mail and phone number) an abstract of maximum of 300 words.
- The contribution should be free from any self-identifying information about the author. Identifying information should be indicated only in the cover letter.
- Contributions should be free from grammatical and spelling errors.
- All English version contributions should be submitted in Microsoft Word document format, written in 12 fonts, 1.5 spacing, justified, Times New Roman, with a margin of 1 inch all sides; and Footnotes in 10 fonts, single space, Times New Roman.
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- Contributions shall be submitted in soft copy via the e-mail address to be indicated in the call for contribution.

2. Types of papers and size of contributions

The size of contributions shall be as follows:

- Original research articles: Min 4000 to 8000 words including the reference and excluding the figure and Table captions
- Policy comments: Min 1500 to 3000 words
- Book Review: Max 2500 words
- Reflections/notes: Min 1500 to 3000 words

3. Presentation style

Bahir Dar University Journal of Land Policy and Governance generally follows the style and citation rules outlined below.

Author's affiliation - The author's affiliation shall be indicated in a footnote marked by an Arabic number.

Headings - Manuscripts shall have an abstract and introduction and the body should be arranged in logically organized headings and only up to two sub-headings. Headings in the various sections of the manuscript shall be aligned to the left margin of the page and shall be as follows:

Abstract
Introduction
1. First Heading
1.1. Second Heading
1.1.1. Third Heading
Conclusion and Recommendation

4. Formatting style

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Quotations - Quotations of more than three lines should be indented left and right without any quotation marks. Quotation marks in the block should appear as they normally do. Quotations of less than three lines should be in quotation marks and not indented from the text. Regarding alterations in a quotation, use:-

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5. Reference style

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Books:

Williamson, I, Enemark, S, Wallace, J, Rakabifard, A (2010), *Land Administration for Sustainable Development*, ESRI Press Academy, Redlands, CA.

Contributions in edited books:

Alemie, BK, Bennett, RM, Zevenbergen, J (2015), ‘Urbanization, Land Administration, and Good-Enough Governance’ in: *Advances in Responsible Land Administration*, eds. Zevenbergen, J, de Vries, W, Bennett, RM, CRC Press, pp.53-72.

Dissertations

Alemu, B. Y. 2013, *Expropriation, Valuation and Compensation in Ethiopia*, PhD thesis, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden.

Articles in Journals:

Adam, AG (2014), ‘Informal settlements in the peri-urban areas of Bahir Dar, Ethiopia: an institutional analysis’, *Habitat International*, vol. 43, pp. 90–97.

Conference proceedings

Ambaye, DW, (2012), ‘Land Rights in Ethiopia: Ownership, Equity, and Liberty in Land Use Rights’, *Knowing to Manage the Territory, Protect the Environment, Evaluate the Cultural Heritage*, FIG, Rome, Italy.

Moges, MB, (2008). 'The Need for Modern Real Estate Management in Urban Ethiopia: The Case of Bahir Dar City', *Case Studies in Land Administration II*, FIG, Stockholm, Sweden.

Legislations:

FDRE 2011, A Proclamation to provide for Lease Holding of Urban Lands. Proclamation No. 721/2011, *Negarit Gazeta*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Codes:

Revised Family Code, 2000, Proc.no. 213/2000, *Fed. Neg. Gaz.* (Extraordinary issue), year 6, no. 1.

Treaties:

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969, Article 31.

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 - All tables captions
- Manuscript has been 'spell-checked' and 'grammar-checked'
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