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Editorial guidelines

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3. include the author's **e-mail address**;
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Dimensions of the text

Articles should be no more than 70,000 characters long; **notes** and **comments** should be no more than 22,000 characters long. Articles and notes should in any case be no longer than 30 and 10 printed pages each respectively, including tables. The editors reserve the right to send articles that have already been approved back to their authors, with the request to adapt the number of pages to comply with these instructions and the page layout; this may also apply in cases when the article in question has a number of characters less than that indicated.

Graphic rules

Acronyms must all be written in capital letters, without stops (e.g. AIDS, EU, ECOSOC).

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A **capital letter** should *only* be used in the cases specified or at the beginning of a word used as a proper noun.

Bold type and underlining should not be used.

Italics should be used:

1. to emphasise certain words or passages;
2. for expressions in foreign languages (including Latin) adopted by the author (e.g. *phármakon*, *Weltanschauung*, *tout court*, *prima facie*).

Foreign words that have become accepted as part of standard English or Italian, or whatever other language is used, should not be written in italics (e.g. subpoena, blitz, mafia). The names of authorities, institutions, companies, political parties, organisations, trademarks etc., whether of English-language or foreign origin, should always be written in Roman type, without any inverted commas.

Do not use **arrow speech marks** («»).

Use only English-style **double inverted commas** (“”)

1. to stress the *meaning* or the *use* of an expression
2. around quotations of a maximum of 30 words.

Use **single inverted commas** (‘ ’)

1. to single out a word for attention in a phrase (e.g. the term ‘station’ has two syllables);
2. around *quotations contained within a quotation* enclosed within double inverted commas.

Do not use single or double **straight inverted commas** (‘ ’).

A **block quotation** should be used for passages that are more than 30 words long and should be set in a smaller font size than the main text, *without* any inverted commas. Attention must be called to any **alterations to** and **omissions from quotations**. *Omissions* should be marked thus [...], while *alterations* should be inserted between square brackets. Any added italics should be marked clearly as ‘my italics’ at the end of the quotation in question, immediately after the indication of the source. For example:

The justice of the notables, with its essentially [...] empirical practice, its complicated system of proceedings and its high cost, may set quite significant obstructions in the way of capitalist interests [. *The*] *English system acquired its capitalist primacy not by means of, but – to a certain extent – despite the structure of its law.* (Weber 1956: 136, italics added)

All **references to footnotes in the text** should be placed *before* the subsequent punctuation mark.

Use a **dash** (–) only to separate expressions from the text and a **hyphen** (-) only to join compound words (e.g. “cross-fertilisation”).

All **accents should be inserted correctly**, especially when using foreign words while writing in English. Particular care should be taken to comply with the type of accent used: in Italian, some accents are acute (e.g. *perché*, *mercé*, *affinché*), while others are grave (e.g. *cioè*, *è*). In the case of capital letters, always use the version with the accent incorporated (e.g. *È*), never the simple capital followed by an apostrophe (e.g. *E’*). Make **correct use of spaces**: always leave a space after punctuation marks, never before them. This

rule must always be applied, even when quoting a foreign language (e.g. *do not* leave a space before a colon in a French quotation).

Correct spelling is required at all times in each language, including loan-words and names from other languages that have become accepted as part of standard English or Italian, or whatever other language is used (e.g. *élite, tête-à-tête, Leitmotiv, Wojtyła, Solidarność, Damaška*).

In particular, note that the **accents used in Spanish** are always acute (e.g. *liberación, García, Fernández*).

Tables and graphs should be numbered in sequence and their titles written in italics: e.g. Tab. 1. *Structure of the sample*. The reference to the source used for the data should be placed at the foot of the table or the graph. All tables and graphs must be in black and white only.

Bibliographical references

Use **only** the method of **reference to the bibliography at the end of the article** when listing bibliographical references; this should be placed between round brackets in the text (e.g. Treves 1988 315, 1985: 22; Bobbio 1974: 15). **Personal names should always be written in full**.

Books should be listed as follows in the bibliography at the end of the text:

Bobbio, Norberto, 1977. *Dalla struttura alla funzione. Nuovi studi di teoria del diritto*. Milano: Edizioni di Comunità.

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...as Norberto Bobbio argued (1977: 32), the structure...

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(Bobbio [1990]1992: 156)

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Weber, Max, [1919]1997. *Wissenschaft als Beruf*. Italian translation *La scienza come professione*. Milano: Rusconi.

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(Weber [1919]1997: 132 ff.)

Books written by two authors should be mentioned in the bibliography as follows:

Guarnieri, Carlo, & Patrizia Pederzoli, 2002. *La magistratura nelle democrazie contemporanee*. Roma-Bari: Laterza

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(Guarnieri & Pederzoli 2002: 25)

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(Cooter *et al.* 1999: 254)

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(Yngvesson 1990: 470)

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(McCaffery *et al.* 2000: 79)

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