

THE RELAUNCH OF SORTUZ: OÑATI JOURNAL OF EMERGENT SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES – A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear friends,

we are glad to announce that the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL)'s journal for junior scholars – *Sortuz: Oñati Journal of Emergent Socio-Legal Studies* – received a new editorial team for the 2020-2021 term. Our team is composed of three alumni from the IISL's Master Programme and by its head of publications Leire Kortabarria. For the past few months, we have been focusing our work on strategies to relaunch the publication and bring it back to the academic spotlight.

Sortuz was conceptualized to foster connections in the socio-legal community through the publication of quality research authored by its younger members, giving them an opportunity to start their academic careers and become known to their peers. In doing so, it complements the IISL's flagship journal, *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, which publishes articles that make a significant contribution to the understanding and analysis of law and society. As its new editors, we hope to further promote *Sortuz* as a venue for debuting researchers to publish their articles and for scholars in general to give relevant inputs on current trends, with the ultimate ambition of making the journal a reference in this sense.

As part of this effort, our team is excited to announce a special issue of *Sortuz*: **Race, Gender, Violence and Violation of Rights: Intersections in the 21st Century** (details can be found at <https://opo.iisj.net/index.php/sortuz/issue/view/114>). The issue aims to gather contributions on a topic of intense relevance to contemporaneity: the impacts of discrimination on social inequality, people's access to justice and exposition to violence. Although the focus of the journal is on publishing younger scholars, we are currently also looking to include pieces authored or co-authored by well-know members of the socio-legal circuit. This is part of a researched strategy to help promote and bring attention to the special issue.

Therefore, we would like to kindly invite RCSL members and, most especially, those who are on the editorial board of Sortuz (<https://opo.iisj.net/index.php/sortuz/about/editorialTeam>) to help us publicize the call for submissions and, if convenient, to submit a text of their own for inclusion. We are welcoming articles, working papers, book reviews, translations and essays discussing minority rights and lawfare, gender and racial discrimination or violence, penal selectivity, feminist legal theory, critical race theory, decolonial approaches to law, and related topics.

Cordially,

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