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**CfP: What do Courts really do? And how do they do it so?**

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**Sortuz: Oñati Journal of Emergent Socio-Legal Studies** seeks to create a virtual, but real space that strengthens the emerging community around the relations between law and society.

This special issue of *Sortuz* aims to critically scrutinise how the Administration of Justice actually works in the practices and processes carried in Courts.

Even today, Courts remain poorly known and badly comprehended. A number of studies tend to sustain analysis based purely on its formal structure; a common mistake whenever law is omnipresent.

Moreover, many of the studies carried out on Courts have been ordered or financed by government agencies, regional and international finance organisations such as the World Bank or the IMF, or even the Administration of Justice itself; which, consequently, tends to make them biased. Such studies are focused on providing diagnosis on how to improve the organisation in order to fulfil its official goals, or are aimed at measuring the level of success reforms programmes or at seeking to identify bad and good practices.

However, due to their partial or biased perspective, it is difficult to find in these kinds of studies challenges to official goals, the programmes' reforms or even a critical depiction of Court's daily practices aiming at understanding them, rather than classifying them using the official criteria.

Therefore, there is a need for more empirical based and theoretically informed studies on how Courts work and what they do. This issue of **Sortuz Oñati Journal of Emergent Socio-Legal Studies** is devoted to studies of such kind; welcoming both qualitative and quantitative methodological approaches, on national or international Courts.

Submissions of papers which deal with the following topics are particularly encouraged:

- Postcolonial perspectives on the Administration of Justice
- Gender perspective on the Administration of Justice
- Legal pluralism and the Administration of Justice
- How globalisation affects national Administrations of Justice
- Courts organisational and legal culture
- Managerial reforms in Courts

- Consequences on the process of democratisation in the Administration of Justice

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Articles must comply with the general requirements of **Sortuz Oñati Journal of Emergent Socio Legal Studies**:

The articles should be no longer than 10.000 – 15.000 words. Those exceeding that limit could be rejected by the editorial board.

Although the article can be written in any of the official languages of the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Basque), an abstract of 150 words in English and 5 keywords should accompany article submissions.

Articles should **use the Author-Date system** of citation, and **include a full Bibliography**. Where an item is available electronically (not in a closed database) please supply the URL link. **Please use the citation style of the International Review of Sociology**. This style is available in the Endnote bibliography software. We do not prescribe particular spelling conventions, but ask you to choose one you consider appropriate and follow it consistently.

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