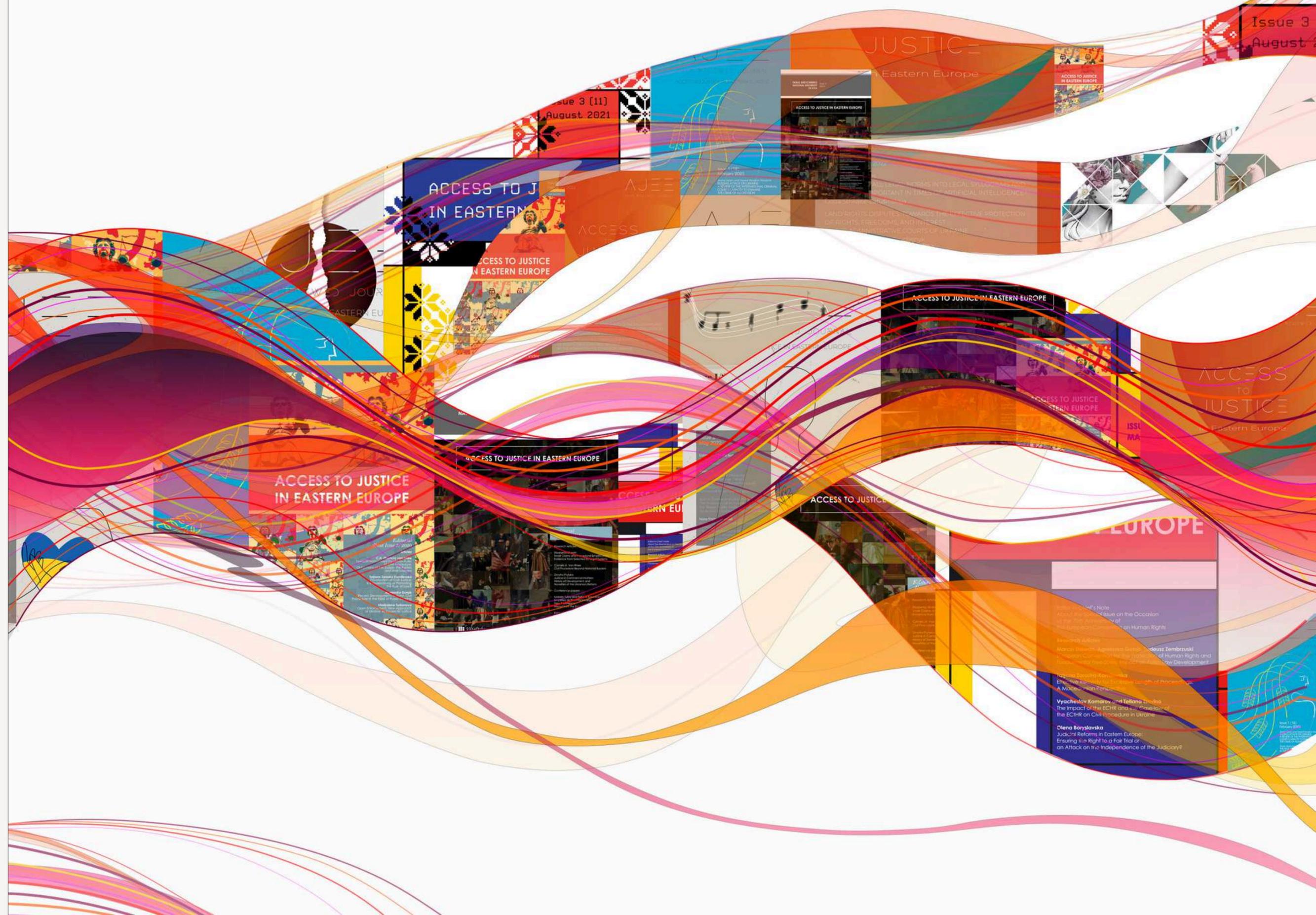




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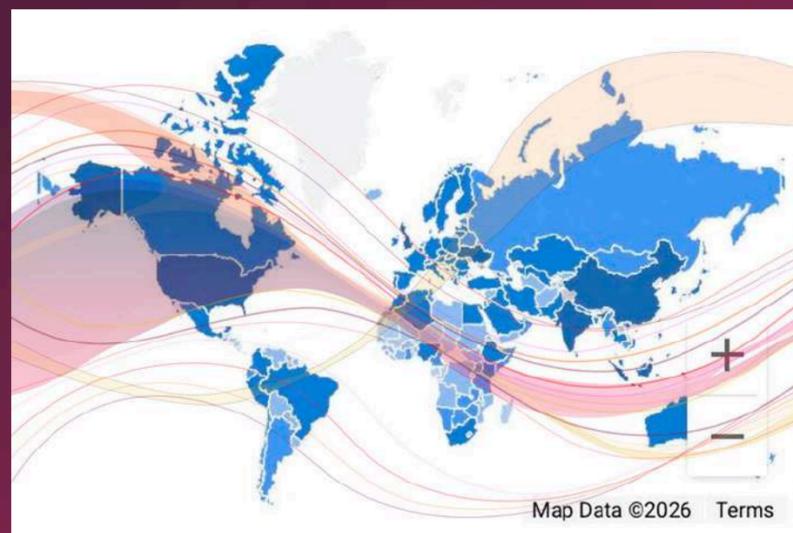
About the Journal

Access to Justice in Eastern Europe (AJEE) is an open access, peer-reviewed journal that publishes original research, reviews, and commentary on topical issues related to judiciary and civil procedure reforms.

AJEE was founded by the **East European Law Research Center (EELRC)** in **2018**. On **July 6, 2023**, EELRC was registered as an entity in the field of printed media and served as a founder of the Journal, approved by decision number **456** of the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting.

Today, AJEE is a leading, peer-reviewed journal indexed in the **Web of Science Core Collection (Emerging Source Citation Index, Q2 Law)** and in **Scopus (Elsevier)**. Our **SCImago** Journal ranking (SJR) is **Q2**. AJEE is also listed in the Directory of **Open Access Journals (DOAJ)**, **ERIH Plus**, **UlrichWeb**, **HeinOnline**.

Global Reach: A Map of Our Authors, Readers, and Editorial Experts



COUNTRY	ACTIVE USERS
Ukraine	9.4k
United States	7.3k
India	7k
China	5.7k
United Kingdom	3.2k
Indonesia	2.3k
Singapore	2k

Editorial Team and Board: A Global Perspective

We are proud of the diverse and dedicated team behind AJEE. Our structure combines the strategic vision of renowned professors with the energy of talented young researchers.

Recently, the **Editorial Board** has actively strengthened the comparative focus of the journal. While retaining our core expertise in European legal reforms, we are expanding our professional cooperation to include distinguished scholars from the Middle East and the wider Asian region.

This strategic shift allows AJEE to bridge the gap between different legal traditions and serve as a unique platform for cross-regional dialogue on judicial and procedural law.

Our team and Board members represent leading universities across the globe — from the Netherlands, Lithuania, Poland, and Austria to new partners in the East. Together, they ensure rigorous peer review and uphold the highest standards of publication ethics.

Our journal enjoys an international readership among authors, reviewers, and editors, maintaining a strong reputation and high citability in the academic community.

Our Aim and Scope

Scope & Comparative Focus

AJEE provides a premier platform for scholarly contributions that engage with the theory and practice of justice systems, judicial reform, and legal cooperation across both national and international contexts. Our mission is to bridge the gap between diverse legal traditions through rigorous critical analysis and comparative research.

Core Areas of Interest

We welcome original research, case studies, and commentaries on a wide range of topics, including:

- *Procedural Reforms*: Access to justice, judicial efficiency, and the digitalization of justice.
- *Cross-Border Cooperation*: Enforcement of foreign judgments, service of documents, and taking evidence abroad.
- *Transitional Justice*: Legal responses to mass human rights violations, institutional reform, and rebuilding trust in the rule of law in post-conflict or post-authoritarian societies.
- *Foundations of Law*: Evolving interpretations of fairness, legal certainty, and procedural safeguards within national systems.

Geographical Reach & Comparative Perspective

While AJEE maintains a particular focus on the development of justice systems in Eastern Europe — especially in the context of EU integration and institutional reform — we actively emphasize a broader comparative approach:

- *Central Asia*: We strongly welcome submissions from countries such as Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, where shared legal traditions and the legacy of the Soviet system continue to shape contemporary procedural doctrine.
- *Global Transformations*: We encourage region-specific and comparative studies from the Middle East and other areas undergoing significant legal and social transformation.
- *Transitional Insights*: Our scope values contributions that offer insights into how different jurisdictions address common challenges in post-Soviet, transitional, and post-conflict contexts.

In our [Authors Guide](#) you may find more details.

*Integrating these diverse perspectives is essential to **AJEE's mission**; we believe such a synthesis not only substantially enriches legal scholarship but also serves as a vital mechanism for dismantling entrenched stereotypes and facilitating a sophisticated, constructive global dialogue on the progressive evolution of the rule of law and access to justice.*

Global Indexing and Dynamic Growth (2018–2026)

AJEE is indexed in the world's most prestigious scholarly databases. Our recent metrics reflect a period of sustained upward growth and increasing academic influence across all major platforms.



Web of Science (Clarivate)

Our Journal Citation Indicator (JCI) reflects a stable and strong performance in the Law category, reaching 0.90 in 2023 and 0.70 in 2024. Master Journal List – Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

Journal Citation Indicator (JCI) <small>NEW METRIC</small>	
2024	2023
0.70	0.90
Category: Law	Category: Law

Indexing

Quality, Ethics, and Editorial Policy

At AJEE, we uphold the high international standards of academic integrity and professional publishing ethics. Our commitment to quality is reinforced by our active participation in the global editorial community:

- Since 2021, AJEE has been a proud member of **the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)**, adhering to its core practices and guidelines.
- Our entire editorial staff undergoes regular professional development through **the European Association of Science Editors (EASE)**.
- Our Editor-in-Chief is a co-founder and has served as the Chair of the EASE Ukrainian Chapter since 2021, ensuring our policies align with elite editorial benchmarks.

Commitment to Research Assessment: AJEE Joins DORA

We are delighted to announce that AJEE is a signatory of the **San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)**. This demonstrates our dedication to improving the evaluation of researchers and scholarly outputs by moving beyond simplified metrics.



Scopus (Elsevier) & SCImago

We are proud to highlight a significant surge in our impact metrics, with citations and visibility nearly doubling in recent cycles: our CiteScore has risen from 1.0 to a current 1.6, with the 2025 CiteScoreTracker reaching 1.7 as of January 2026.

CiteScore 2021: 0.4 (32 Citations 2018-2021, 82 Documents 2018-2021)

CiteScoreTracker 2025: 1.7 (468 Citations to date, 277 Documents to date)

CiteScore rank 2021: Social Sciences, Law, #540/801, 32nd percentile

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Years currently covered by Scopus: from 2018 to 2025

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Subject area: Social Sciences: Law

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CiteScore 2024: 1.6

SJR 2024: 0.329

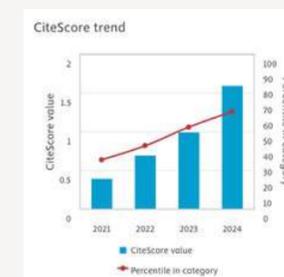
SNIP 2024: 1.118

Rank	Source title	CiteScore 2024	Percentile
#401	Access to Justice in Eastern Europe	1.6	63rd percentile
1105			

SJR Increase

Our SCImago Journal Rank has climbed steadily to 0.329. Reflecting our growing citability, our H-Index has increased to 9.

AJEE maintains its prestigious Q2 ranking in the Law category. Our Source Normalized Impact per Paper stands at 1.118.



Access to Justice in Eastern Europe

Country: Ukraine

Subject Area and Category: Social Sciences, Law

Publisher: Access to Justice in Eastern Europe

SJR 2024: 0.329

Q2 (best quartile)

H-index: 9

Access to Justice in Eastern Europe

Law

SJR 2024: 0.33

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AJEE'S TOP PICKS

Editor's Choice: Transitional Justice & Regional Reform

"Ne Bis In Idem" Principle in Criminal Proceedings – Comparative Analysis with International Instruments and Kosovo Legislation by Orhan M. Çeku and Arian Kadriu, Issue 3/2023

A vital regional analysis of double jeopardy protections within the Kosovo legal framework.

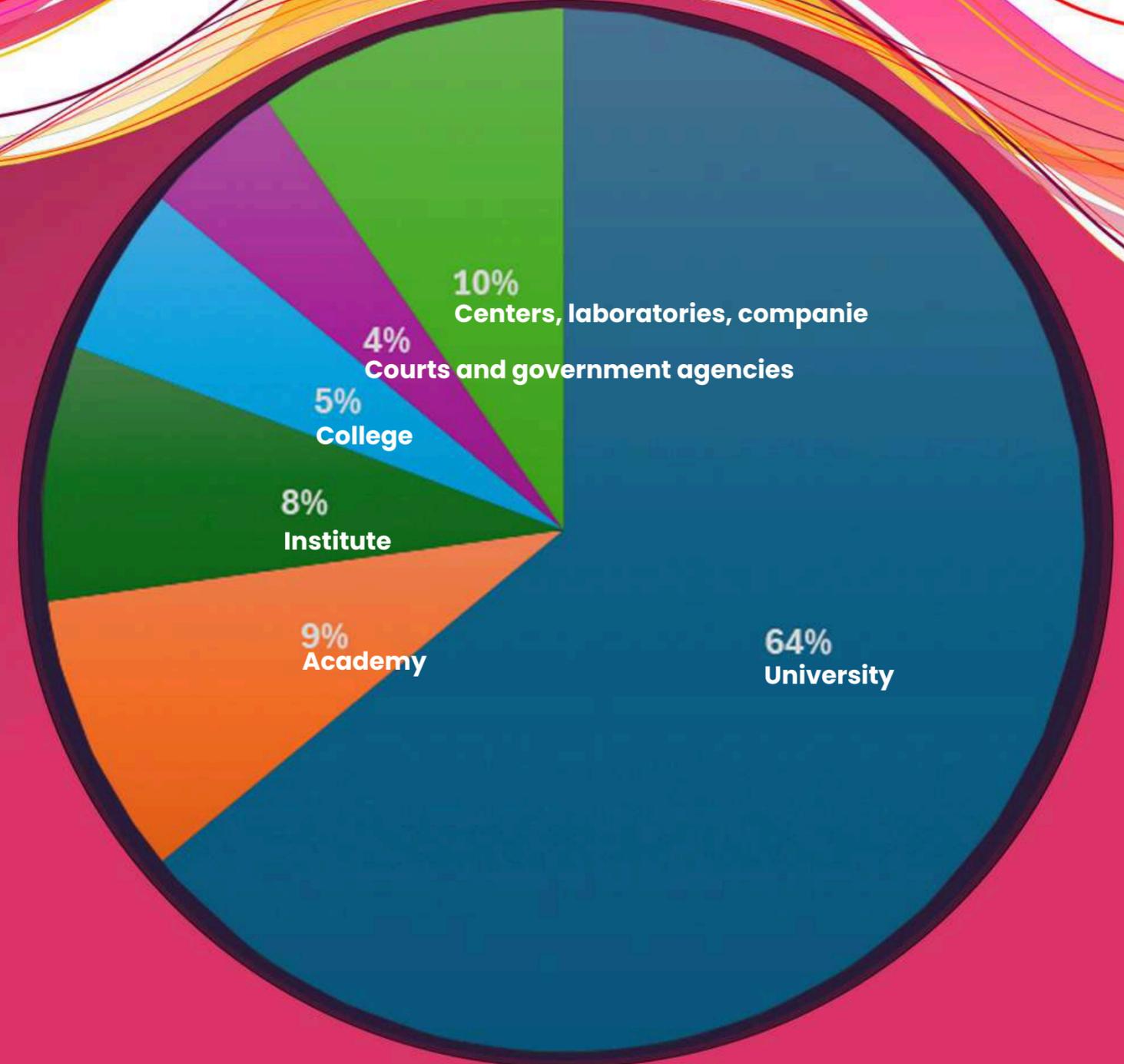
"Criminal, Civil and Socio-Economic Aspects of the Protection of Unborn Life in the Republic of Kosovo" by Fatmire Krasniqi and Gëzim Jusufi, Issue 4/2024

This is a more recent, high-impact publication addressing complex rights in a postwar context.

Specialized Theme: Post-War Mediation Framework

"Mediation in Post-War Restoration in Ukraine" by Luiza Romanadze, Issue 4/2022

This article provides a critical look at how mediation can be used as a tool for recovery and justice in a wartime environment.



Open Access & New Charges Policy

AJEE is a fully Open Access journal supported by Academic Insights Press (AIP). By adopting this model, we do not rely on subscriptions, paywalls, or the sale of published materials. Instead, we ensure that research is immediately and freely available to a global audience, significantly increasing the circulation of legal scholarship and its impact on the rule of law.

Transparency & Fairness

To support professional peer review administration, editorial preparation, high-quality production, dissemination, and long-term archiving, AJEE applies an Article Processing Charge (APC).

Our policy is founded on two core principles:

- *Transparency:* Our rates are clearly differentiated by publication type and openly published in accordance with COPE best practices.
- *Fairness:* We offer a robust and clear system of discounts and waivers to support authors, taking into account their geographic location and career stage.



Global Equity: Support & Waivers

We prioritize institution-funded research and provide significant financial support to ensure equitable access to publishing:

Geographic Support:

Based on World Bank income classifications, corresponding authors from Low-Income Countries receive a 100% waiver. Authors from Lower-Middle-Income Countries (including Ukraine, Moldova, Uzbekistan) receive a 50% discount.

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Current PhD students or researchers within 5 years of receiving their highest degree who are the sole author and lack institutional funding are eligible for a 100% waiver.

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Discretionary 100% waivers may be granted to refugees, displaced persons, or researchers in active conflict zones on a confidential, case-by-case basis.

Reviewer Benefits:

As a token of appreciation, reviewers who provide timely and high-quality assessments receive a 20% discount on their next publication in AJEE.

In our [Charges Policy](#), you may find more regarding the mandatory declaration of charges required upon manuscript submission





Call for Papers:

Special Joint Initiative -

Current Trends in European Transnational Litigation

Access to Justice in Eastern Europe is proud to announce a new publication track. In **collaboration with Prof. Michele Angelo Lupoi**, we invite **PhD students and early-career researchers** to submit original papers on European civil procedure and transnational dispute resolution.

We specifically welcome manuscripts addressing cross-border litigation, the digitalization of justice, Brussels and Rome Regulations, and the impact of European standards on national systems.

Why Submit?

To support the academic growth of **early-career researchers**, high-quality papers selected by the Guest Editor will receive a **full APC waiver**, allowing for gold **Open Access** publication without financial burden.

Accepted manuscripts will benefit from Continuous Publication, appearing "Online First" immediately after peer review to ensure rapid visibility.

As a Scopus (Q2) and Web of Science (Q2) indexed journal, AJEE offers global reach and high academic impact for your work.

Submission Guidelines

This call is open to early-career researchers and PhD candidates acting as the sole author of the manuscript.

While the final collected issue will launch in November 2026, we review and publish submissions on a rolling basis.

Please submit your manuscript via the AJEE website or Scholastica, ensuring it follows the official AJEE template. Clearly indicate in your cover letter and submission form that your paper is intended for the "Current Trends in European Transnational Litigation" special section.

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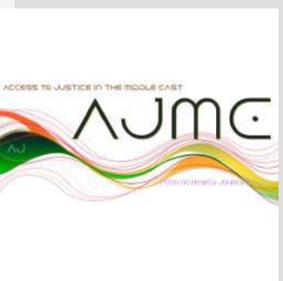
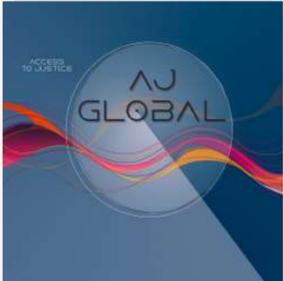
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