Publications in Scopus Journals: Tips & Tricks

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Introduction

- Sharing
- Ideas
- Experiences
- Opinions
- Advices
- Challenges
- Tips
- Becoming successful and vibrant academic author
What is SCOPUS?

- Scopus is Elsevier’s abstract and citation database launched in 2004.
- Scopus covers nearly 36,377 titles (22,794 active titles and 13,583 inactive titles) from approximately 11,678 publishers, of which 34,346 are peer-reviewed journals in top-level subject fields: life sciences, social sciences, physical sciences and health sciences.
- It covers three types of sources: book series, journals, and trade journals.
- All journals covered in the Scopus database, regardless of who they are published under, are reviewed each year to ensure high quality standards are maintained.
- Scopus gives four types of quality measure for each title; those are h-Index, CiteScore, SJR (SCImago Journal Rank) and SNIP (Source Normalized Impact per Paper).
Why Published in SCOPUS?

- Dissemination of knowledge and ideas
- International academic networking – becoming invited author, invited speaker, visiting professor, invited assessor, invited editor/board of editor/international advisor
- Promotion. DS 52, DS 54, VK7, 6, 5. Bilangan Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4. bilangan H index dan bilangan citation. Persetaraan.
- International university ranking for eg QS university world ranking – citation per paper in Scopus journal publications.
How to find appropriate journals for our manuscript?

- LAW
- Malayan Law Journal
- Current Law Journal. Laporan Syariah
- The Law Review
- Kanun, Jurnal Undang-undang Malaysia
- Refereed journals.
- Indexed journals.
MAKALAH 1
HAK ASASI BANDUAN DAN UNDANG-UNDANG DI MALAYSIA:
ANALISIS PERMULAIAN

MAKALAH 2
SKIM TAKAFUL KEMALANGAN DAN DIAT AL-QASAMAH:
KERELVANAN DAN ANALISIS PERBANDINGAN

CHONG FOOK SIN
LWN
AMANAH RAYA BERHAD
(SEBAGAI PENTADBIR HARTA PUSAKA
AYAHARHAM RAJA NONG CHIK BIN
RAJA (SHAK) DAN 5 YL

TANG HAK JU
LWN
KETUA MENTERI PULAU PINANG DAN 2 YL

TIMBALAN PENDAKWA SYARIE
LWN
KARTIKA SARI DEWI BINTI SHUKARNO

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Benefits of MLJ, CLJ, The Law Review, Laporan Syariah (CLJ)

- Judges and lawyers will refer.
- Federal Court, Court of Appeal, High Court of Malaya, High Court Sabah & Sarawak
- Shariah High Court & Shariah Appeal Court.
- Cited in courts’ judgment & Reported case law.
- Policy papers (1 PP = 2 Q3)
Example

- **Pripih Permata Sdn Bhd Lwn. Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd**, [Civil Suit No: G.S. 22(A) NCvC-05-03-2012], 26 December 2014 (High Court of Malaya at Melaka);


- **Cited and referred:**

Example

- **Public Bank Bhd v Mohd Isa Mohd Nafidah** [2013] 1 CLJ 274 (Current Law Journal), 2013 (High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur);
- **Public Bank Bhd v Mohd Isa Mohd Nafidah** [2013] 1 SYA 448, 2013 (High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur);
- **Public Bank Bhd v Mohd Isa Mohd Nafidah** vide Civil Suit No: D4-22A-442-2006) on 23 October 2012 (High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur);
- **Public Bank Bhd v Mohd Isa Mohd Nafidah** [2018] MLJU 453 (High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur);

Cited and referred:

Example

- **Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad v Riam Realty Sdn Bhd**
  vide Originating Summons No 24-66-2001 on 2 September 2002, *(2011) 1 BLR 534*, 2011 (High Court of Sabah & Sarawak at Miri)

- Referred and cited:
  
  
Example


- Majlis Agama Islam Selangor v. Bong Boon Chuen and Others in the Malayan Law Journal with citation [2008] 6 MLJ 488, 2008 (Court of Appeal at Putrajaya);

- Majlis Agama Islam Selangor v. Bong Boon Chuen and Others in the Malayan Law Journal with citation [2008] MLJU 530, 2008 (Court of Appeal at Putrajaya);


- Referred and cited

How to find appropriate journals for our manuscript?

- The scope & requirements as stated in the website. Business, social science and management journals may welcome legal aspect writing.
- Conferences that selects good papers that can be published in SCOPUS journals through the conference organizer arrangement.
- SCOPUS Book Chapters, call for papers. Through current network, find in GOOGLE.
- Read the journal website requirements for format, pages, writing framework. Read article manuscript samples.
Writing Strategies:
Tips & Tricks

- True knowledge
- Passion – Love it. Engage with relevant stakeholders.
- Relate to the real life problem. Eg ‘abandoned housing projects’, ‘Covid 19’
- Continuity of research – Master – Phd – University grant – FRGS – etc
- Expand the research into its branches. ‘land law’, ‘planning law’, ‘building law’, ‘housing law’, ‘insolvency law’, ‘Islamic home finance law’ etc. ‘keep on digging’
- Update new information and data.
- Comparative study with foreign jurisdictions. See how issues being tackled in foreign jurisdictions. What can be learned?
- Language skill, writing skill.
- Computer skills, internet, word processor, power points, excel, typing skill.
Writing Strategies: Tips & Tricks

- Problem statement. Losses, sufferings, grievances, unfairness, injustices, weaknesses of the law. Proof and examples. Why?
- Research objectives & research questions. The law, legal issues, comparative study, proposals
- Literature review. What are the gaps?
- Discussion and analysis. Statutory provisions, case law, hansard etc. exhaustive, comprehensive, rigorous, new findings.
- Do high quality research. The outcomes will be good fertile products for SCOPUS.
Writing Strategies: Tips & Tricks

- List of references (Find the latest 10 – 5 years). APA, turabian, etc.
- Luck
- Find an area, a niche, that no person researches into it. An area that provides clear unresolved problems and issues. ‘evergreen’ issue. ‘no competition’, ‘blue ocean strategy’. Start since your Master level then in your PhD, followed by your post PhD researches – university grants, FRGS, industry grants etc.
- Make them your Masterpieces @ Magnum Opuses
- Published in SCOPUS regardless of Q.
- Get as many citations as one can
- Increase H index.
- Emphasis on QUALITY.
- Check equivalent for promotion. Policy paper, book of original work.

Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 ?
Managing rejections by journal editors

- Relax. This is normal.
- Read and understand the comments.
- Analyse the comments & do the correction as per comments.
- Need to do some detail research to answer the comments.
- Ask peers to read and comment.
- Re-learn, learn required skills.
- Re-submit
- Patience
- If still rejected, try publish in other indexed and refereed journals.
- Present the paper in conferences – can get comments & feedback from audience
How to increase citation?

How can my writing contribute to a new knowledge, idea, point and finding? How can it benefit the readers?

- A niche that deals with unresolved problems.
- Research Gate, Academia, UUM Repository, Google Scholar, Semantic Scholar
- Specialization
- Quality writing.
- Comparative writing – UK, USA, Europe, Middle East, China, India, Indonesia – attract people to read and explore. Benefitting them.
The way forward...

- Sky is the Limit
- Do your best
- The best that you can be.
- Keep on researching, writing and publishing
- Keep on learning and discovering...
- Quality writing
- Explore cross jurisdictions – UK, US, Europe, Middle East, China, India, Indonesia – having political and economic world interest
- We do not know which is our writing that becomes the jackpot @ masterpiece @ magnum opus.

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”
- Henry Ford