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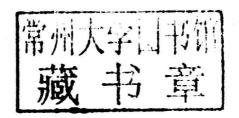
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Abbreviated journal names are not listed in the following table; they are printed in full in the bibliography.

Romanisation of Arabic terms in most cases follows the second edition of the *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, although for terms that are frequently and commonly used in English, an anglicised version is substituted: hence Quran and Quranic rather than *Kur'ān* or *Kur'ānic*; Mohammed rather than *Muḥammad*; Allah rather than *Allāh*; Shia and Shiites as well as Sunni and Sunnis instead of *Shīa*, *Shī'is*, *Sunnī* and *Sunnīs*; fatwa instead of *fatwā*; and most importantly, Sharia instead of *sharī'a*.

Since in the *Economist*, the running order of sections is different in each regional edition, its articles are quoted without page numbers.

AAS Acta Apostolicae Sedis

ACHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights,

27 June 1981, 1520 UNTS 245

ACHR American Convention on Human Rights,

22 November 1969, 1144 UNTS 144

al. alinea

AP Additional Protocol

Aug. civ. Aurelius Augustinus, De civitate Dei - The City of God

against the Pagans, trans. G. E. McCracken and

D. Wiesen, Loeb Classical Library, 7 vols.

(Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1957–72)

Aurelius Augustinus, Confessiones—Confessions, ed.

W. Watts, Loeb Classical Library, 2 vols. (London:

Heinemann, 1951)

Aug. ep. Aurelius Augustinus, Epistulae, 5 vols., ed.

A. Goldbacher, Corpus Scriptorum

Aug. conf.

	Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum (Vienna: F. Tempsky,
nn n	1895–1903)
BDoR	Kocku von Stuckrad (ed.), The Brill Dictionary of
	Religion, 5 vols. (rev. edn, Leiden: Brill, 2006)
BGB1.	Bundesgesetzblatt (Austria)
BVerfGE	Entscheidungen des Bundesverfassungsgerichts (Judgments of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany)
CA	Court of Appeals
can.	Canon Cat. Catechismus Catholicae Ecclesiae (Città del Vaticano: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997)
CAT	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CCPR	UN Human Rights Committee
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Discrimination against Women
CERD	UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial
	Discrimination
CESCR	UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CETS	Council of Europe Treaty Series
CFM	OIC Council of Foreign Ministers
CHR	UN Commission on Human Rights
CIC	Deutsche Bischofskonferenz (ed.), <i>Codex iuris</i> canonici (Latin-German) (5th edn, Kevelaer: Butzon and Bercker, 2001)
CIC 1917	Benedict XV, Codex iuris canonici (Rome: Typis
CIC 1917	Polyglottis Vaticanis, 1917)
Cic. leg.	Marcus Tullius Cicero, De legibus (lateinisch-deutsch), trans, R. Nickel, Sammlung Tusculum (Zurich: Artemis and Winkler, 1994)
Cic. off.	Marcus Tullius Cicero, <i>De officiis</i> , ed. W. Miller, Loeb Classical Library (London: Heinemann, 1961)
Cod. Theod.	Paul Krüger and Theodor Mommsen (eds.), <i>Codex Theodosianus</i> , 3 vols. (Hildesheim: Weidmann, 1990)
CoE	Council of Europe
Cor.	Corinthians
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CTS	Clive Parry (ed.), The Consolidated Treaty Series, 231
	vols. (Dobbs Ferry: Oceana, 1969-1981)
	,

dec. decision

Deut. Deuteronomy

Dig. Theodor Mommsen, Paul Krueger and Alan Watson

(eds.), The Digest of Justinian, Latin/English, 4 vols. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press,

1985)

DKK Danish krone

ECHR European Convention for the Protection of Human

Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

ECommHR European Commission on Human Rights

ECOSOC UN Economic and Social Council ECtHR European Court of Human Rights

EI² P. J. Bearman et al. (eds.), Encyclopaedia of Islam, 12

vols. (2nd edn, Leiden: Brill, 1960-2006)

EJ² Michael Berenbaum and Fred Skolnik (eds.),

Encyclopaedia Judaica, 22 vols. (2nd edn, Detroit:

Macmillan Reference, 2007)

EoJ² Jacob Neusner, Alan J. Avery-Peck and William Scott

Green (eds.), The Encyclopaedia of Judaism, 4 vols.

(2nd edn, Leiden: Brill, 2005)

EoR² Jones, Lindsay (ed.), Encyclopedia of Religion, 15 vols.

(2nd edn, Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2005)

ER English Reports
EU European Union

Ex. Exodus

Firth and Rait C. H. Firth and Robert S. Rait, Acts and Ordinances

of the Interregnum, 1642–1660, 3 vols. (London: HM

Stationery Office, 1911)

Frowein- Jochen Abraham Frowein and Wolfgang Peukert,
Peukert³ Europäische Menschenrechtskonvention: EMRK-

Europäische Menschenrechtskonvention: EMRK-Kommentar (3rd edn, Kehl am Rhein: Engel, 2009)

FSC Federal Shariat Court (Pakistan)

Fulcher hist. Fulcher of Chartres, Historia Hierosolymitana, ed.

H. Hagenmeyer (Heidelberg: Carl Winter, 1913)

GA UN General Assembly

Gen. Genesis

Georges Georges, Karl Ernst, Ausführliches lateinisch-deutsches

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1913/1918)

Herod. Herodotus, The Persian Wars, ed. A. D. Godley, Loeb Classical Library, 3 vols. (London: Heinemann, 1920) HL Deb. House of Lords Debates Homer, Odyssey, ed. A. T. Murray, Loeb Classical Hom. Od. Library, 2 vols. (London: Heinemann, 1919) UN Human Rights Council HRC Adalbert Erler, Wolfgang Stammler and HRG Dieter Werkmüller (eds.), Handwörterbuch zur deutschen Rechtsgeschichte, 5 vols. (Berlin: Schmidt, 1964-98) HRG^2 Wolfgang Stammler et al., Handwörterbuch zur deutschen Rechtsgeschichte HRG (2nd edn, Berlin: E. Schmidt, 2004-) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights **IACommHR IACtHR** Inter-American Court of Human Rights **ICCPR** International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on ICCPR OP I Civil and Political Rights International Convention on the Elimination of All ICERD Forms of Racial Discrimination International Covenant on Economic. Social and **ICESCR** Cultural Rights **IESS** William A. Darity (ed.), International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 9 vols. (2nd edn, Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2008) Paul Krüger and Theodor Mommsen (eds.), Inst. Institutiones, Corpus Iuris Civilis 1 (11th edn, Berlin: Weidmann'sche Buchhandlung, 1908) IS OIC Islamic Summit ICP Juris-classeur périodique Lev. Leviticus LexMA Lexikon des Mittelalters, 9 vols. (Munich: Artemis, 1977-99) Titus Livius, Ab urbe condita - From the Founding of the Liv. City, ed. B. O. Foster, Loeb Classical Library, 14 vols. (London: Heinemann, 1958-67) L Lord Justice of Appeal Lk Luke

League of Nations Treaty Series

LNTS

m. Sanh. Mishna Sanhedrin, in Jacob Neusner, The Mishnah:

A New Translation (New Haven: Yale University

Press, 1988), 583-608

Matt. Matthew

Menge-Güthling Menge, Hermann and Otto Güthling,

Griechisch-deutsches und deutsch-griechisches Wörterbuch: Teil 1: griechisch-deutsch (Berlin:

Langenscheidt, 1913)

Mk Mark

MPEPIL Wolfrum, Rüdiger (ed.) Max Planck Encyclopedia of

Public International Law: Online-Edition (Oxford University Press, 2008–12), <www.mpepil.com>

NAM Non-Aligned Movement

NCE² Catholic University of America (ed.), New Catholic

Encyclopedia, 15 vols. (2nd edn, Detroit: Gale

2003)

NGO Non-governmental organisation

NIDB Sakenfeld, Katharine Doob (ed.), The New Interpreter's

Dictionary of the Bible, 5 vols. (Nashville: Abingdon,

2006)

Nov. Schoell, Rudolf and Whilhelm Kroll (eds.), Novellae,

Corpus Iuris Civilis 3 (7th edn, Berlin: Weidmann'sche Buchhandlung, 1895)

OAS Organisation of American States

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and

Development

OED Online Oxford English Dictionary Online (Oxford University

Press, 2012), <www.oed.com>

OEIW John L. Esposito (ed.), The Oxford Encyclopedia of

the Islamic World, 6 vols. (Oxford University Press,

2009)

OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for

Human Rights

OIC Organisation of the Islamic Conference (prior to

June 2011); Organisation of Islamic Co-operation

(after June 2011)

OJ Official Journal

OSCE Organisation for Security and Co-operation in

Europe

Publius Ovidius Naso, Metamorphoses, trans. Ov. met. F. J. Miller, Loeb Classical Library 42-3, 2 vols. (London: Heinemann, 1928) Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe PACE PBUH 'Peace Be upon Him', honorific for the prophet Mohammad Plat. nom. Plato, Nomoi, Werke in acht Bänden, griechisch und deutsch (Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 1990) Plato, Politeia, Werke in acht Bänden, griechisch Plat. pol. und deutsch (Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 1990) PLD All-Pakistan Legal Decisions PPC Pakistan Penal Code PV Procès-verbaux (verbatim records of meetings) OB Queen's Bench Qur. The Qur'an: A New Translation by M. A. S. Abdel Haleem, Oxford World's Classics (Oxford University Press, 2005) Rad. Niger, Radulphus Niger, De re militari et triplici via re milit. peregrinationis ierosolimitane, ed. L. Schmugge (Berlin: De Gruyter, 1977) Georg Wissowa et al. (eds.), Paulys Realencyclopädie der RE classischen Altertumswissenschaft, 84 vols. (Stuttgart: J. B. Metzler, 1893-1973) Sanh. Sanhedrin, The Babylonian Talmud, ed. Isidore Epstein, 35 vols. (London: Soncino Press, 1978), VII SC **UN Security Council** Sophocles, Antigone, Loeb Classical Library (London: Soph. Antig. Heinemann, 1912) Sophocles, 'Electra', in H. Lloyd-Jones (ed.), Ajax, Soph. El. Electra, Oedipus Tyrannus, Loeb Classical Library (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 1994), 165-321 Soph. Oid. T. Sophocles, 'Oeidpus Tyrannus', in H. Lloyd-Jones (ed.), Ajax, Electra, Oedipus Tyrannus, Loeb Classical Library (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 1994), 326-483 SR Summary Records

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Ugeskrift for Retsvæsen UfR

United Nations UN

United Nations High Commissioner for Human UNHCHR

Rights

United Nations Office at Geneva UNOG UNTS United Nations Treaty Series

VCLT Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties

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