



11th Annual Conference of the Cambridge International Law Journal

Strengthening Global Governance through International Law: Challenges and Opportunities

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Call for Papers

What are the challenges that international law must confront to strengthen global governance in the future? What opportunities might these present, and how may these challenge our current vision of international law? How are traditional and emerging actors in international law engaging and preparing for these challenges and opportunities?

Global governance bodies increasingly perform activities of government, including through the regulation of individual human and collective State activity. Yet the integrity of global governance today is contingent on the function and role of international law. This is evidenced by States actively expanding the breadth and scope of international rules to regulate emerging challenges, including sea-level rise and cyberspace. The development of international rules on themes such as marine activities, armed conflict, international trade, and human rights, equally demonstrate the contribution of international law. However, as the Sustainable Development Goals indicate, international law must rise to meet new issues, including eradicating hunger and poverty, empowering girls and women, and protecting the environment. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic reminds us that for crises faced by humankind, solutions must be coordinated at a global scale.

The Editorial Board of the Cambridge International Law Journal (CILJ) welcomes the submission of papers under the theme '**Strengthening Global Governance through International Law: Challenges and Opportunities**' for the **11th Annual Conference of the Cambridge International Law Journal**, which will be held at the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge in hybrid form on **Saturday, 26th and Sunday, 27th March 2022**. Papers may be submitted on any area of public international law relevant to this theme. Submissions on private international law and European Union law will also be considered.



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While all submissions around this theme are welcome, papers may address, for example:

- How has the relationship between international law and global governance developed over time? What is the current relationship between international law and global governance?
- What are new issues that international law and global governance have to address? How may international law and global governance address these issues?
- What are the current contributions and limitations of stakeholders in international law to global governance? What is their potential to confront emerging challenges?
- What are competing visions for the future of international law and the future of global governance?

ABSTRACTS

An **abstract** of no more than 500 words, together with a **two-page CV**, should be submitted via the following link by **11:59 pm GMT, Sunday 16 January 2022**:

<https://cambridgejournalofinternatlandcomplaw.submittable.com/submit>

Abstracts should explain the author's methodological approach, the principal arguments of the proposed paper, and how the paper's topic relates to the theme of the Conference. In the case of co-authored papers, a CV for each author should be included.

The Editorial Board aims to communicate decisions about selected abstracts by **Monday, 24 January 2022**.

WORKING PAPERS

The authors of selected papers will be required to submit a 4,000-8,000 word **working draft paper** to conference@cilj.co.uk by **11:59 pm GMT, Wednesday, 9 March 2022**.

Authors who present at the Conference may also be invited to submit their papers for consideration for Volume 11(2) of CILJ, the dedicated conference issue of the Journal, to be published in December 2022, subject to the normal double-blind peer-review process.

This hybrid conference will take place both online and in-person at the University of Cambridge over two days. To facilitate maximum engagement with presentations made during the Conference, submitted working draft papers will be made available to panelists and discussants while abstracts will be made available to the attending audience, two weeks prior to the Conference.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration for the Conference will open in February 2022. Further information will be posted on the CILJ [website](#) in due course. In the interim, please contact the Conference Convenors, **Ms Jin Qin** and **Mr Tejas Rao** at conference@cilj.co.uk with any questions or concerns.

