

# International Legal Research

## Interest Group

### Letter from the Editor

As the leaves turn and the air grows crisper, I am delighted to welcome you to the Fall/Winter edition of the *Informer*. This year has been one of profound reflection and dynamic progress, not only within the broader field of international law but also within our vibrant community at the American Society of International Law.

As we look back over the past year, we are reminded of the importance of our collective efforts in advancing the understanding and practice of international law. Our members have continued to demonstrate exceptional dedication and expertise, contributing significantly to various facets of our discipline. In particular, I would like to highlight the remarkable work done by members of the International Law Research Interest Group (ILRIG).

ILRIG has been at the forefront of our society's scholarly activities, producing cutting-edge research and fostering an environment of rigorous intellectual exchange. Their contributions have not only enriched our understanding of complex international legal issues but have also provided invaluable insights that have shaped policy and practice. The dedication and scholarly excellence exhibited by ILRIG members serve as an inspiration to us all.

This past year, we have witnessed numerous groundbreaking publications and thought-provoking symposia organized by ILRIG. The thematic focus on emerging challenges in international law, including cyber security, climate change, and human rights, has been particularly timely and impactful. The collaborative efforts of ILRIG members have resulted in a robust body of work that will undoubtedly influence the trajectory of international legal discourse in the years to come.

Reflecting on the past year, it is also essential to acknowledge the broader societal context in which we operate. The global landscape has been marked by unprecedented challenges, from the ongoing pandemic to geopolitical tensions and environmental crises. Amidst these complexities, the role of international law has never been more critical. Our community has risen to the occasion, leveraging our collective expertise to address these pressing issues and advocate for a more just and equitable world.

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As we move forward into the new year, I am filled with a sense of optimism and anticipation. The upcoming months promise to be equally productive and inspiring. We have a rich lineup of events, including the Annual Meeting, which will feature distinguished speakers and provide a platform for meaningful dialogue and networking.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our ILRIG members for their unwavering commitment to the American Society of International Law. Your contributions, whether through research,

teaching, or practice, are the lifeblood of our community. Together, we will continue to advance the frontiers of international law and make a lasting impact on the world.

Wishing you all a warm and enriching fall and winter season.

Sincerely,

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## Research Tip of the Season

When conducting international legal research, it is essential to access and comprehend legal texts in their original languages. Multilingual databases such as HeinOnline's World Constitutions Illustrated and Foreign & International Law Resources Database offer extensive collections of foreign legal materials. Additionally, platforms like EUR-Lex provide access to European Union law in multiple languages, ensuring that researchers can find authentic legislative texts without language barriers.

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## Events of Interest

### **2024 ASIL Annual Meeting: SAILS Symposium Launch on Int'l Law Scholarship – What We Write, Where We Publish, and Why It Matters**

Date: April 5, 2024

Consortium for the Study & Analysis of International Law Scholarship & ASIL ILASS IG The Yale Journal of International Law, Virginia Journal of International Law, and Georgetown Journal of International Law are pleased to present this panel and conversation on trends in international and comparative law scholarship. Until now, little work has been done to analyze how international, comparative, and foreign relations law research and publications are influencing the practice of international law, and even less has been done with special attention to what areas, regions, and individuals are left out. This conversation marks the launch of the first SAILS (Study and Analysis of International Law Scholarship) Project Symposium published jointly across all three journals this spring and featuring essays on the history, funding, scientometrics, empirics, interdisciplinarity, regionalism, and much more behind how international law scholarship is published, cited, and considered in practice. Commentators will kick off the discussion by engaging with the symposium essays, each of which takes

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a close look at how international law journals have influenced the ways in which both scholars and practitioners inside and outside of the field think about international law. Audience participation will be welcome for this important conversation.

Link to audio recording: **Listen to SAILS Symposium Launch on Int'l Law Scholarship-What We Write, Where We Publish, and Why It Matters by ASIL in 2024 ASIL Annual Meeting.**

### **Book Launch: The Research Handbook on International Solidarity and the Law**

When: May 3, 2024

Panelists:

Current global challenges include health emergencies, climate change, increased global inequality, and demands for self-determination which require international solidarity responses by states and civil society. The Research Handbook on International Solidarity and the Law analyzes the expressions of international solidarity within different legal regimes and contextual situations. It addresses the scope of international solidarity in relation to human rights and duties, in particular the need to safeguard transnational civic spaces to promote emancipatory strategies for marginalized groups.

This book launch will include discussion of the successes and challenges of implementing international

solidarity in relation to specific global challenges as well as the role of international institutions, including the Inter-American Human Rights Court and Commission as well as the ICJ. It will also include presentations by a selection of the authors and Q&A/discussion.

Link to recording on **here**.

### **Library of Congress' Foreign and Comparative Law Webinar Series:**

#### **What's in a Legal Gender? A Guide to European Gender Determination Laws**

When: October 29, 2024, 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Speakers: Jenny Gesley, Elin Hofverberg, Foreign Law Specialists, Law Library of Congress

Join foreign law specialists Jenny Gesley and Elin Hofverberg as they discuss the regulation of gender self-determination in select jurisdictions in Europe. In particular, the webinar will focus on the existence of gender self-determination laws, the possibility to identify as a third gender, the rules for changing a legal gender, and the use of "X" as a gender marker in passports, among other topics. Similarities and differences in the countries' approaches will be highlighted.

To sign up for this webinar, please visit **this registration page**. ■

## Career Opportunities

### **PRO BONO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YEZIDI GENOCIDE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN (Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and New York, New York)**

Additionally, I would like to share the Yazidi Genocide Justice Campaign that was begun in January 2022 and advocates for the legal prosecutions of corporate ac-

tors that aided and abetted ISIS. Here is the link to that campaign: **VOLUNTEER (yezidigenocidejusticecampaign.org)**.

Legal volunteers are welcome to submit letters of interest to volunteer to: **catherinevankampen@gmail.com**.

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### JOB POSTING: Tenure Track Professor of International Law and Ethics, Open Rank

The Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University - Bloomington is inviting applications for a full-time position in International Law, Institutions and Ethics. This is an open rank tenured/tenure track position in the school's multidisciplinary Department of International Studies.

The successful candidate will have a strong research and teaching record in international law, institutions and ethics. Candidates might specialize in the fields of

international humanitarian or human rights law, ethics, law and armed conflict, humanitarian intervention, ethics and AI, privacy, or the ethics of development and environmental conservation/justice.

Review of applications will begin immediately, with all applications received by October 18, 2024 being guaranteed full consideration. This appointment is anticipated to begin on August 1, 2025.

Details on the position and how to apply can be found here: <https://indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/25573>. ■

## Member Publications

**Authors:** Elizabeth Chan (Allen & Overy LLP), Kiran Nasir Gore (George Washington University; New York University), and Eliza Jiang

**Title:** Harnessing Artificial Intelligence in International Arbitration Practice (Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal)

**Publication Date:** November 2023

**Abstract:** Since the beginning of 2023, generative artificial intelligence (hereinafter “Generative AI”) in the form of large language models (LLMs) like ChatGPT-4 has taken the world by storm. Legal practice is no exception. Among other stories, worldwide headlines have featured the fact that ChatGPT-4 is capable of passing the New York Bar Exam, that courts are adopting Generative AI in their decision-making, and that a New York lawyer has been sanctioned by a judge for relying upon non-existent case law precedent that he obtained from ChatGPT-4 and did not double-check. Yet, putting aside these newsworthy developments, tools powered by other forms of artificial intelligence (hereinafter “AI”) have already been relied upon in

legal practice for many years. This article introduces how AI supports successful international arbitration practice, including uses and methods that are already available and those that are anticipated to become helpful. This article also addresses the challenges and pitfalls that accompany these opportunities. Overall, this article concludes that the brave new world of AI in international arbitration is an exciting one that, through careful and thoughtful deployment of best practices, can add significant value to international arbitration teams in the decades to come.

Link to article: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=4648246](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4648246)

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**Authors:** Jorge Contesse (Rutgers Law School)

**Title:** International Law Scholarship in Latin America  
(Virginia Journal of International Law)

**Publication Date:** 2024

**Abstract:** There are numerous publications on international law in Latin America. Books and yearbooks traditionally published by national international law associations coexist with recently established academic journals, housed in universities which seek to fulfill international accreditation standards. Scholarship in international law is, like other areas of law, strongly linked to the dynamics and practices of legal education. In Latin America, legal education has moved from a highly formalistic model to one that seeks to modernize teaching and research. With respect to international law, it also seeks to participate in global discussions and practices of intellectual production. In this Essay, I present a map of international law journals in Latin America. To do so, I review the features of Latin American legal education in both its traditional and more modern forms, and I describe the status of journals in six Latin American countries (Argentina,

Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru) giving an account of the journals and the perspectives of their editors. To gain a deeper perspective on international law scholarship in Latin America, I consulted law librarians in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Mexico, and interviewed editors, former editors, and directors of a dozen international law journals in the region. The resulting map offers insights on the state of scholarship in international law in Latin America, highlighting its implicit purpose of bringing international law and global discussions closer to the region and the attempt to achieve that purpose “from Latin America.”

Link to article: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=4722854](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4722854)

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## Call for Submissions for the ILRIG Newsletter

ILRIG endeavors to provide accessible opportunities for new professionals to feature their work in a space that is reserved specifically for them, as well as a platform to highlight their achievements and accomplishments. As such, we are pleased to announce the following options for our members to feature their work in future editions of the ILRIG newsletter:

### i. **New Developments in International Law**

Members are invited to submit short pieces (up to 300 words) that provide a descriptive update of a recent development or news item related to international legal research from any area of public or private international law, such as but not limited

to new activities at international organizations, a decision of an international court or tribunal, and/or treaty negotiations.

### ii. **Short Essays: The Future of International Legal Research**

Members are invited to submit an original essay (up to 900 words) focusing on the benefits of international legal research to the global transfer of information and beyond. The possibilities are wide ranging and could include how professionals from across the globe are able to work together without ever meeting in person, integration of artificial intelligence into international legal research

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workflows, varying platforms or tools that aid in the sharing of research, the impact of war on transfer and dissemination of research to other parts of the world, the changes information professionals and international legal research should prepare for, competitive intelligence and international legal research, etc.

### **iii. Member Spotlight**

Members are invited to submit an announcement highlighting an achievement or professional update, whether it be a new position, a publication, an award, or anything else that we can celebrate (up to 150 words).

### **iv. Member Updates**

Members are invited to submit an announcement (up to 150 words) highlighting an achievement or professional update, whether it be a new position, a publication, an award, or anything else that we can celebrate.

### **v. Opportunities Available**

Members are asked to submit open positions (both paid and volunteer) for legal research positions available. Please include the association name, position title, position summary, and contact information.

### **vi. Upcoming/Recent Publications/Books**

Members are invited to submit information regarding a recently published or upcoming book or publication they assist with. Please include your name, the authors, the title, publication date, and a brief summary (up to 200 words).

### **vii. Upcoming Events of Interest**

Members are invited to submit information regarding upcoming events of interest to the ILRIG community including meetings (in-person and virtual), webinars, classes, conferences, roundtables, panels, etc. Please provide the date, time, location (virtual or in-person), host, and summary (up to 200 words).

Please send your submission to [ilrignewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ilrignewsletter@gmail.com) and put "ILRIG NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION" in the subject line. Be sure to provide your full name, title, and organization or affiliation. If your submission is for the Member Spotlight, please include a high-resolution photo of yourself. We accept submissions on a rolling basis and encourage members to submit early. The deadline for submission is **February 1, 2024.** ■

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