

CALL FOR PAPERS



Journal of International Peace and Organization

The editors of the Journal of International Peace and Organization (“Die Friedens-Warte”) are pleased to invite abstracts and contributions for focus articles in the journal’s first issue of volume 93 (1-2/2020).

Current Challenges to Regional Human Rights Systems: Europe, Americas, Africa and the Arab World

Protecting human rights is as much a global as it is a regional endeavour. There are global systems of protecting individual rights, e.g. the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and regional systems, e.g. the European Convention on Human Rights or the Arab Charter on Human Rights. The different systems all highlight different categories of rights and are backed by different enforcement mechanisms.

The focus section of the Journal of International Peace and Organization’s upcoming issue wishes to approach this topic comparatively from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Possible topics or aspects include, for example:

- *Comparative analysis*: differences amongst the regional human rights instruments (Europe; Americas; Africa; Arab World); respective strengths and weaknesses;
- *Achievements in the past*: (legal) historical analysis of regional human rights systems and their social context;
- *Current challenges*: protection gaps; lack of enforceability;
- *Recent developments*: recent jurisprudence or institutional changes, these could include pieces on issues such as migration, environmental issues and resource scarcity, minority rights or other thematic issues;
- *Looking ahead*: conclusions from the comparative analyses of the various regional human rights instruments to improve the human rights protection on the international as well as regional level.

Kindly send your contribution (format: .docx, .rtf or, ideally, .doc) in German or English to friedenswarte@bwv-verlag.de by 31 January 2020 for a first review (manuscripts approx. 45,000 to 70,000 characters; also shorter submissions are welcome). For any further information please see our website friedenswarte.bwv-verlag.de.

Please note: the editors also accept general articles on any aspect of peace studies lying outside this issue’s focus.

About the Journal of International Peace and Organization

Founded in 1899 by Alfred H. Fried, who was later awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the Journal of International Peace and Organization is the oldest journal in the German-speaking world for questions regarding peace and international organization. In addition to serving as a forum for discussion within and between the disciplines of peace studies, the journal seeks to make a traditional contribution by imparting specialist knowledge to political practice, necessary for a policy of active peacebuilding. In line with the interdisciplinary character of peace studies, renowned national and international scholars from various disciplines express their views in the form of special contributions on current and fundamental topics of peace and conflict research in the Journal of International Peace and Organization.

Since at least the end of the East-West conflict, peace is no longer defined by the mere absence of interstate violence, but as a complex and multilayered concept that includes the conditions of non-violent coexistence. Today's peace studies consider the dynamics and consequences of domestic violent conflicts, economic impoverishment, climate catastrophes as well as the threat of international terrorism and threats to the security of the individual. This broadening of the focus is accompanied by an expansion of the relevant disciplines: next to political sciences and the law, economics and natural sciences as well as social-psychological, sociological and social-anthropological analyses offer significant contributions to debates in peace studies. Peace studies have an explicit interdisciplinary character.

Submissions are subject to a review procedure, which decides whether the contributions are accepted in the journal.

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