
EDITORIAL

The Editorial Staff is proud to present the third issue of the Leiden Journal of International Law. We welcome all new readers and are happy to note that an increasing number of students are subscribing. Nevertheless, we hope to attract additional people interested in international legal developments, which are presented in the various contributions of the LJIL. It is, however, not only for students that LJIL is becoming important, but we also understand that professional lawyers, researchers and libraries are increasingly relying on the LJIL to guide them through the ever-changing world of international law. It is therefore a challenge for the Editorial Staff to comply with the wishes of this diverse and growing group of subscribers.

Discussions, publications and eventually consent pave the long road which principles will follow before they are transformed into legal norms. In domestic law the abovementioned elements have been extensively constitutionalized in parliaments, political parties and other fora. International law distinguishes itself not only because it only has to pass through the maze of the national institutions, but also because it requires adoption and thus acceptance at the international level. The LJIL hopes that the long process leading to the formation of international legal norms will be shortened. As such, LJIL would like to present itself as a platform.

All those engaged in this process - especially students - are invited to perform on this 'stage'. In this respect, we include in this edition a contribution on Asylum in the US by Mike Meier, a German Student.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Oliver of Aylmerton provides the reader with a clear analysis of the influence that Judicial Legislation has upon the growing rule of international law. This article gives us insight into the role of Anglo Saxon judges with respect to the creation of new rules and concepts. Considering the importance of Anglo Saxon law for the development of international law, the relevance of this article is evident.

As promised, we also present this years' case of the Telders International Moot Court

Competition. 'The Right to Insurgency Case', deals with the legal aspects of the Glorious Revolution 300 years ago, which was commemorated in the William and Mary celebration last year. Excerpts from the best Memorials will be published in the next issue of this Volume. Twelve European Universities participated and shared in an instructive experience at the Peace Palace in The Hague.

Once again we hope we have succeeded in meeting the challenge of enriching and promoting the understanding of the principles and purposes of international law.