
INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CONSORTIUM BLOG (ILCB)



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The Jindal Society of International Law (JSIL) invites blog pieces for its upcoming blog. As the foremost International Law society at Jindal Global University (JGU), the blog invites high-quality pieces focused on Public International Law (PIL), Private International Law, International Human Rights Law (IHRL), International Relations (IR), International Humanitarian law (IHL), Investment Law, Commercial Arbitration, along with other emerging fields in International Law.

(I) INTRODUCTION

International Legal Consortium Blog (“*ILCB*”) is a student-edited, peer-reviewed, and open-access blog maintained by the Jindal Society of International Law (“*JSIL*”). As the foremost international law society at Jindal Global University (JGU), we aim to create through this blog an academic forum for international law enthusiasts and provide a platform for academic writing focussed on emerging international law subjects. We invite *students, academicians, legal practitioners, professionals, researchers, and other international law enthusiasts* to submit pieces and contribute to the academic discourse on the blog.

(II) GENERAL

1. Submissions should be in English language only.
2. Co-authorship is allowed, but limited to maximum of two authors.
3. **Word Count:** 1000-1500 words (inclusive of headings and sub-headings)

(III) SUGGESTED BROAD THEMES

We highly recommend potential authors to write blog pieces under the context of the current socio-political and legal climate of the international community. This would not only add a level of contemporary academic prowess to the piece but also make sure that all blogs that pass the peer review process are relevant for the readers. The following is a *non-exhaustive* list of broad themes:

1. Human Rights and Humanitarian Law under the context of the Israel-Gaza conflict
2. The implications of an independent-Palestine on International Relations
3. Russia-Ukraine crisis – Russia’s Humanitarian Nightmare?
4. Viability of NATO and Russia peace talks in IR?

5. The Anti-trust Regime in India, UK, and US: A Comparative Analysis
6. India as the P6? A discussion of the formal decision-making frameworks and mechanisms of the UN and its six major organs
7. Is the UN reaching its breakpoint? A comparative and historic analysis of the fall of the League of Nations
8. The implications of social media platforms and online censorship on the right to free speech and privacy under the context of IHRL
9. Climate Change actions as an emerging Jus Cogens and Erga Omnes obligation?
10. Human Rights Treaties and the Extra-territorial Application of Jurisdiction
11. Extra-territoriality and its relevance for transboundary environmental harm
12. The Intellectual Property Regime in International Private Law and the Indian IP law framework: A comparative analysis
13. UNDRIT and common-law contract doctrines: Uniformity and differences?
14. Emerging discussions in the fields of International Investment Law and International Commercial Arbitration
15. Transitional Justice and Human Rights Law
16. Case comments on judgments given by international and national courts and tribunals such as the ICJ, HRC, UN CRC, ICC, ITLOS, and others
17. Pieces that critically analyze various treaties, conventions, and other international instruments along with their provisions

[Note – As stated before this is merely a **non-exhaustive** list of potential topics. Further, these are only broad themes, we expect **focused pieces** rather than **overbroad and descriptive blogs**. **The idea and argument being advanced by the author** must be clear to the reader by the title as well as the content of the blog.]

(IV) FORMATTING GUIDELINES AND WORD COUNT

- Submissions must be made on a Word file (.doc or .docx format). The blog piece must be written on an A4 sheet with normal margins (2.54 cm on each side) and further, the document should not have borders.
- The text of the submission must be in font size 12, Times New Roman. Headings and sub-headings can be in font size 14, Times New Roman. Further, the use of all caps and small caps is permitted for headings and sub-headings. Line spacing must be 2.0 (double-spaced).
- Any picture or similar visual representations, if submitted, must be copyright-free.

(V) CITATIONS AND HYPERLINKS

- All sources and research must be hyperlinked. At the end of the sentence/word to be cited, the last word must be hyperlinked to showcase the source referred to.
- No endnotes, footnotes, or speaking notes are permitted. Authors are requested to consider all technical requirements as would be appropriate for a blog piece.
- All sources, primary and secondary, must be cited under the following framework:
 1. **Primary Sources** (*statutory instruments, conventions, treaties, other international instruments, national and international case laws*) – Wherever mentioned, the hyperlink should enable the reader to access the relevant document online.
 2. **Secondary Sources** (*journal articles, opinion pieces, blogs, newspaper articles, etc.*) – If it is an open-access article, the hyperlink must enable the reader to access the corresponding article. If the article is not open-access, then the hyperlink should redirect the reader to the web page through which the article can be potentially accessed.

3. **Other Sources** (*guidelines by international bodies like the Human Rights Committee, governmental reports, reports by international organizations, etc.*) –

Hyperlink should redirect the reader to the corresponding sources' web page.

- The essence of the above guidelines is to enable the reader to easily access the source cited and referred to.
- For example, consider the following passage.

“Human Rights Treaties confer on States a [two-fold obligation](#), a negative obligation to refrain from violating covenant rights, and a positive obligation to take steps to guarantee rights. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (“[ICCPR](#)”) recognizes the right to free speech under Article 19 and also prohibits hate speech under Article 20. The same has been recognized by the Human Rights Committee (“HRC”) in its [General Comment 34](#).

State parties to the covenant can only restrict the right to free speech if the sanction imposed on the individual is in harmony with [the three-part test](#). It was reaffirmed by the HRC in the case of [Svetik vs Belarus \(2004\)](#) that any restriction on Article 19 must satisfy all 3 prongs, it must be provided by law, it must be in pursuance of a legitimate aim, and finally must be necessary for a democratic society. The [Indian Supreme Court](#) has previously recognized India’s obligations under Articles 19 and 20, and further, the need for Indian domestic law to be in harmony with its covenant obligations.”

- Please note that the above passage is in no way reflective of the qualitative expectations from the authors. It is merely showcasing an ideal method of citations and referencing appropriate for the ILCB.
- Demo for hyperlinking on Microsoft Word: <
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J63yPl4BGH4>>.

(VI) THEMATIC AND QUALITATIVE GUIDELINES

As the foremost international law blog at JGU, we expect a basic benchmark in terms of quality from every blog. Now this would involve the quality of writing and research, the clarity of thought and structure, the quality of the argument made and how is the stance justified, the knowledge of international law, etc. All submissions to the blog would go through an extensive peer review process and would be accepted only when these factors are substantially complied with. For reference, each submission will be evaluated through the following table.

ILCB PEER REVIEW SCORESHEET

S.NO.	FACTORS	SUBSTANTIVE REQUIREMENTS
1.	Is there an identifiable and definite argument made by the author?	Yes/No
2.	Is the title appropriate?	Yes/No/Suggest Changes
3.	Are the citations or hyperlinks correct?	Yes/No/Suggest Changes
4.	Quality of research and citations used.	_/10 (minimum 7)
5.	Structure, style, and flow of the blog.	_/10 (minimum 7)
6.	Quality of writing, grammar, and language.	_/10 (minimum 7)
7.	Quality of argument being advanced and relevance of the theme of the blog.	_/10 (minimum 7)
8.	How well has the argument advanced/stance taken been justified (will an objective reader be convinced of the argument?).	_/10 (minimum 8)
9.	Is the piece appropriate for the International Legal Consortium Blog?	Accept/Reject/Accept but with recommendations
10.	Reviewers' Feedback	

(VII) EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

- Each submission will go through an extensive review process with reference to the peer review scoresheet attached above. A piece may be accepted, rejected, or accepted but with recommendations.
- Authors can expect a reply from the reviewer within 4-8 weeks of the submission of the blog piece. However, some delay may be expected because of the number of submissions to the blog.
- All blogs submitted must be original and non-plagiarised. Any blogs with plagiarism more than 30% would be immediately rejected.
- Any blog piece published at the ILCB shall not be published at any other forum or platform. Copyrights of all entries shall exclusively be vested with JGU.
- The decision of the editorial board with regards to publishing in the blog shall be final and binding, and further no appeals shall be allowed against it.

(VIII) SUBMISSION DETAILS

Please submit through the following form: <<https://forms.gle/NsKLyr7wkaEuCVqv5>>.

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