

Call for Papers

The Working Group of Young Scholars in Public International Law (AjV) and the German Society for International Law (DGIR) extend an invitation to a joint meeting on the subject

Time and International Law

The conference will take place on 15 and 16 September 2017 at the Ruhr-University Bochum.

As any legal system, international law is exposed to time and the changes that come with it. This change is already part of and built into the different sources of international law. For example, a temporal dimension is immanent in customary international law. The interpretation of international law is subject to temporal determinants such as the dynamic interpretation of treaties or their alteration by subsequent practice. In addition, international law constantly opens up new areas.

The underlying cross-section approach aims at the rethinking of the issue of time and international law in various contexts. Old and new challenges are to be tackled with the existing toolbox and possibly new tools. Questions can be: What is the influence of later agreements or subsequent practice on international treaties? Can (or should) new legal institutions be taken into account when interpreting international treaties or international law? How has international law, including private international law, changed over time? Which ideas were lost, were newly developed or even brought back to life? Is a tighter transnational linkage in the face of globalization-critical currents and the return to the nation-state still a viable and desirable path? What about the concept of retroactivity?

We welcome contributions in German and English, for example (but not limited to) with regard to the following subject areas:

- Legal theory and history
- Law of the European Union
- Human rights (in particular the ECHR), peacekeeping and international humanitarian law
- International economic law, in particular trade law and investment law
- International environmental law
- Interaction and conflicts between these bodies of law
- Teaching and scholarship of international law

The event is intended to provide for a forum for dialogue between young and established scholars. Established professors will provide comments on the papers presented by young scholars.

Abstracts (up to 500 words) are to be sent to the **Tagung.ZeitundRecht@rub.de** by **31 January 2017**. Please let us know your contact details (name, institution, e-mail address) only in the e-mail. On 6 February 2017, the outcome of the selection process will be communicated. Accepted speakers must submit draft papers by 30 June 2017. A possibility to publish the selected contributions is envisaged. Travel and accommodation costs of the speakers will be covered.

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