



10th Annual Conference of the Cambridge International Law Journal

National Sovereignty and International Co-operation: The Challenges of Navigating Global Crises

Online, 18–20 March 2021

Call for Papers

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the tension between the benefits of internationally co-ordinated responses to global issues, and States' unwillingness to concede their sovereign right to act – or not act – as they see fit. However, the difficulty posed by conflicting international and domestic concerns is by no means novel, nor limited to public health. The major issues of global import – from environmental threats to impediments on trade, the forced migration of refugees to nuclear weapons and intervention in armed conflicts – naturally entail interactions between States, as global interconnectedness draws domestic concerns into regional and international spheres. Yet, the legal mechanisms facilitating co-operation – from international organisations to bilateral agreements – are stymied by States' reticence to participate. While national sovereignty is paramount, how can true international co-operation be achieved?

The Conference Convenor and Editors of the Cambridge International Law Journal (CILJ) welcome submissions for the **10th Annual Cambridge International Law Conference**, which will be hosted **online** from **18 to 20 March 2021**. Submissions may be on any area of public or private international law, and should raise issues relevant to the theme '**National Sovereignty and International Co-operation: The Challenges of Navigating Global Crises**'. Papers may address, for example:

- The challenges of global governance, across various areas of international law
- How international organisations have dealt with challenges of co-operation in the past, and what difficulties these organisations face
- The role of private actors in solving global crises
- The normative forces that shape States' actions in the international sphere



CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

We are pleased to announce the following keynote speakers:

- **Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice**, Professor of Public International Law at Queen Mary University of London; Nippon Foundation Professor in Marine Environmental Law at IMLI
- **Professor Makane Moïse Mbengue**, Professor of International Law at the University of Geneva; Director of the Department of Public International Law and International Organization at the University of Geneva; Affiliate Professor at Sciences Po Paris (School of Law)

ABSTRACTS

An abstract of no more than 500 words, together with a CV, should be submitted via the following link by 11:59pm GMT, **Sunday, 20 December 2020**:

<https://cambridgejournalofinternatlandcomlaw.submittable.com/submit>

Abstracts should explain the author's methodological approach, the principal arguments of the proposed paper, and how the paper's topic relates to the theme of the Conference.

In the case of co-authored papers, a CV for each author should be included.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposals by mid-January 2021. The authors of selected papers will be required to submit a 2,000-word extended abstract to conference@cilj.co.uk by **Sunday, 21 February 2021**.

Authors who present at the Conference may also be invited to submit their papers for consideration for Volume 10(2) of CILJ, the dedicated conference issue of the Journal, to be published in December 2021. Authors will be contacted about this after the Conference.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration for the Conference will open in February 2021. Further information will be posted on the CILJ website in due course. In the interim, please contact conference@cilj.co.uk with any questions or concerns.

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