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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The *Yearbook of International Disaster Law* (YIDL) provides academics and practitioners research on international legal and institutional issues relevant to all forms of natural, biological, technological and human-made hazards, including rapid and slow onset disasters and the effects of climate change. The Yearbook offers a forum for innovative research contributing to international legal and policy debates on the prevention, mitigation, response and recovery from disasters. The YIDL is a peer-reviewed journal published by Brill and is available in printed and online form.

The Yearbook includes both a **“General”** section and a **“Thematic”** section. The Editors welcome submissions of abstracts for both sections on the basis of the selection process detailed below.

GENERAL SECTION

The General Section of the Yearbook provides an opportunity for academics and practitioners to interrogate a wide variety of aspects of the intersection of law and disasters, with a particular focus on issues relevant for international law. Papers in this section can address any legal issue relevant to international disaster law, implications for international law arising from disaster scenarios, recent practice in this area (e.g. international documents; practice by human rights bodies; case-law) or national analysis related to international disaster law.

THEMATIC SECTION

For the eighth Volume of the Yearbook, the thematic focus will be **“Vulnerabilities and Disasters”**. Moving from the assumption that understanding vulnerability is crucial for developing effective disaster risk management laws and policies, authors are encouraged to submit abstracts exploring this topic in its multifaceted aspects. This provides an opportunity for critical analysis on international legal implications related to the factors making people, communities, or systems susceptible to harm from hazards, specifically when their severe impacts meet vulnerable conditions and insufficient coping capacity, creating potential loss of life and assets. Papers addressing potential vulnerabilities stemming from physical (e.g. infrastructure, housing, environment), social (e.g. age, disability, ethnic and cultural affiliation), economic (e.g. poverty, access to services), and/or institutional factors (e.g. lack of governance mechanisms or legal preparedness) are particularly welcomed. Such approaches can be connected with relevant individual rights, thereby providing cross-cutting analysis between international disaster law and international human rights law.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Abstracts for potential papers to be published in the 'General' and 'Thematic' sections should be sent by **6th March 2026** to info@yearbookidl.org. Abstracts should be **between 300 and 500 words**. Authors are kindly requested to attach a short **curriculum vitae** to their email. The selection process of submitted abstracts will be coordinated by the Editors of the YIDL and results will be communicated to applicants by **the end of March 2026**.

Full manuscripts (max. 10.000 words, footnotes included) are due by **15th July 2026**. Papers will be subjected to a **double-blind peer review process** managed by the YIDL, before being finally accepted for publication. For full details, instructions for authors and previous issues please refer to the [YIDL website](#).

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