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## Call for Contributions

### Elgar Encyclopedia of Law and Diplomacy

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**Deadline for Proposals: Dec. 1, 2024**

The editors of the forthcoming *Elgar Encyclopedia of Law and Diplomacy* seek contributors for the volume which is set to be published in mid-2026. The Encyclopedia approaches law and diplomacy as interdependent. Both diplomacy and law aim at the effective management of international relations, the peaceful resolution of international disputes, the avoidance of armed conflict, and the growth of mechanisms to promote economic growth and stability.

This Encyclopedia adopts a broad conception of law and diplomacy. Partly based on the *Research Handbook on Law and Diplomacy* (Margaret E. McGuinness and David P. Stewart (Eds.), Edward Elgar 2022) we use the term “diplomacy” to refer to the *management, method, and business* of carrying out international relations through peaceful means, not only by official representatives of states but also by representatives of international organizations, and, in narrower circumstances, representatives of non-state actors operating with legal authority. As such, we see diplomacy as covering all interactions between actors active in the international legal system. What we refer to as “law” primarily encompasses the relevant norms, principles, and processes of public international law. While the official “sources” of international law continue to form the backbone of our definition, we include lawmaking that is more “informal” in terms of its *output, process or actors*. See *Informal International Lawmaking*, (Joost Pauwelyn, Ramses A. Wessel and Jan Wouters (Eds.), Oxford University Press, 2012).

Contributions to this Encyclopedia will thus address both situations where diplomacy and law meet, and where theory and practice meet across a range of areas of international governance. It aims to provide a comprehensive overview on the basis of short analyses of the various practices and challenges. As such it contributes to understanding the current functioning of international diplomacy on the basis of established international (and domestic) rules and, conversely, the construction of those rules through diplomatic practice.

In accordance with Elgar's approach to their Encyclopedia series, the volume will provide "balanced and comprehensive coverage" of the theme, with "entries providing an in-depth and authoritative overview of the individual topic." Each Encyclopedia entry must be between 1,500 and 2,500 words, plus a complete bibliography. The deadline for completion of the entries will be in April 2025.

For a list of proposed topics, see [HERE](#). We welcome proposals that consider one of the listed topics and will also consider proposals for topics we have not listed but which the author believes fit within the overall theme and approach of the volume.

### **Proposal Requirements**

Interested contributors should submit a proposal of no more than 200 words, including a working title, and a description of how the proposed entry addresses the theme of the Encyclopedia. We welcome proposals for a single entry or for multiple entries within the proposer's area of expertise. We welcome proposals from early career researchers as well as established scholars and practitioners. Please include with your proposal your CV and/or a link to your website.

Submit the proposals to [lawdiplomacy@mpil.de](mailto:lawdiplomacy@mpil.de) on or before Dec. 1, 2024. This email address can also be used for any questions to the editors.