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Call for Paper Proposals

The concept of territory is central to the nature and structure of international law. Territory is a statehood requirement under the Montevideo Convention, the rules of jurisdiction operate on the basis of the territorial/extraterritorial dichotomy; effective control over a territory may determine attribution of conduct under the law of state responsibility, international humanitarian law regulates occupied territories, and the territory of investment determines the applicability of the rules of international investment rules. A reference to territorial integrity appears in Article 2(4) UN Charter and in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. Faced with the consequences of climate change, certain island and low-lying states are at threat of losing their territories physically. What does this mean for the application of the rules of international law?

The Hague Yearbook of International Law invites original articles on the broadly defined topic: What is a territory under international law? The articles could be theoretical in nature or focus on a particular practical problem. Potential topics include:

- Philosophical underpinnings of the concept of territory in international law;
- Extraterritorial jurisdiction and the effective control doctrine;
- The concept of territory in *jus ad bellum*;
- The concept of territory in *jus in bello*;
- The concept of territory in international economic law;
- The concept of territory in international human rights law;
- Territory and climate change;
- The principle of territorial integrity.

Paper proposals should be 600 words in length, and we ask authors to provide a brief biography (max 150 words) indicating their expertise on the topic proposed. Proposals should be submitted to hagueyearbook@gmail.com by **30 June 2025**. We aim to contact authors with a decision by the end of July 2025. The predicted

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