

8th GoJIL Student Essay Competition (2016)

The *Goettingen Journal of International Law* (GoJIL) dedicates its 8th Student Essay Competition to the topic *Transparency in International Law*.

Transparency as a legal concept is hard to define and difficult to capture, yet it is one of the major aims in many of today's societies.

In direct relation to (political) legitimacy and accountability, democracy, participation and access to information, it is mainly understood in positive terms.

On the national level, transparency has gained significant attention, being presently implemented for example in acts on access to information. Furthermore, it is a regular point of critique in politics. On the international level this concept remains of high relevance, for example, in regard to law-making processes, the structure and proceedings of international organizations etc.

Many points can be subject of this discussion. However, the central questions can be summarized as:

Is there a lack of transparency in International Law and/or its specific fields or rather the contrary? What does the concept of transparency stand for on the international level?

The GoJIL invites you to actively take part in the illumination of the concept and/or reflect on its implementation on the international level.

The deadline for your submission is **30th November 2016**. The maximal word count is 5000 words (excluding footnotes). The winning submission will be published in one of the upcoming GoJIL issues. If you would like to write an article or should you happen to already be working on the subject, send in your essay!

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