

The Goettingen Journal of International Law will dedicate Vol. 7 Issue No. 2 to the protection of the atmosphere in international law.

The atmosphere is our planet's largest single natural resource and is vital to the survival of humankind and any life on earth. Therefore, the degradation of the atmosphere's condition has long been a matter of concern to large segments of the international community. In 2013, the United Nation's International Law Commission (ILC) took up this issue. Several conventions regulate atmospheric and related issues, yet there is still no coherent legal framework addressing the protection of the atmosphere. The work by the ILC will be the first attempt to derive rules from the current practice of States addressing the atmosphere's protection. However, the work by the ILC is significantly complicated by the restrained scope of the topic, as the Commission deliberately decided not to deal with, *inter alia*, questions of liability, the polluter-pays principle, and the principle of precaution.

In order to foster and critically accompany the codification and progressive development of the law surrounding the protection of the atmosphere, the Goettingen Journal of International Law, one of Germany's leading international law publications, will dedicate the second issue of its seventh volume to this topic. The Editors are therefore inviting authors to submit papers on this subject. Submissions from an international law background as well as other disciplines such as international relations, geography, earth sciences, etc. are welcome. Papers will be submitted to a double-blind peer review and should not exceed 15,000 words including footnotes.

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of July 2015. For further information, please contact the Editors at [info\(at\)gojil.eu](mailto:info(at)gojil.eu).