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Editorial

Dear Readers,

in this issue we offer you a special section exploring a range of questions concerning international fisheries law, presenting a collection of articles that shed light on important issues such as the settlement of disputes related to Exclusive Economic Zone fisheries under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. In addition, the connection between dogmatism and International Criminal Law is discussed.

The first article, “The Many Facets of EEZ Fisheries Disputes and their Resolution under UNCLOS” serves as an introduction to our special section. Authored by Nathalie Klein, this article offers a comprehensive overview of the multifaceted nature of EEZ fisheries disputes and the mechanisms available for their resolution under UNCLOS. By highlighting the complexities inherent in these disputes, the author sets the stage for the subsequent articles, providing readers with a broader understanding of the topic.

The second article in our special section, “Compulsory Settlement of EEZ Fisheries Enforcement Disputes under UNCLOS: ‘Swallowing the Rule’ or ‘Balancing the Equation’?” by Camille Goodman, delves into the question of how the Part XV framework of UNCLOS has been or could be used and interpreted for the compulsory settlement of disputes concerning the enforcement of fisheries laws and regulations in the EEZ.

Continuing the exploration of EEZ fisheries disputes, the third article, titled “The Settlement of EEZ Fisheries Access Disputes under UNCLOS: Limitations to Jurisdiction and Compulsory Conciliation” by Valentin Schatz, re-

visits the limitations to jurisdiction *ratione materiae* under Article 297(3) of UNCLOS. The author provides an overview of Article 297(3) and its role in the compulsory dispute settlement mechanism of UNCLOS Section 2, focusing specifically on disputes related to access to fisheries resources in the EEZ.

In addition to the special section on EEZ fisheries disputes, we present an article that explores the connection between dogmatism and International Criminal Law. Authored by Morten Boe, “Dogmatik and International Criminal Law Approximations in the Realm of ‘Language’ and ‘Grammar’” starts from the assertion that an effective ICL requires a corresponding ICL Dogmatik – a supporting culture of ideas and general principles. The article critically assesses the connection between the domestic concept and the international realm, aiming to provide an initial understanding of what “ICL Dogmatik” signifies.

We extend our gratitude to the authors for their contributions and to our readers for their continued support. Thank you for your unwavering engagement, and we wish you an exciting reading experience.

We would also like to express our condolences to the relatives and friends of Thomas Buergenthal, who passed away 29 May 2023 at the age of 89 years. Buergenthal was a member of GoJIL’s Advisory Board since its foundation in 2008 and wrote the foreword to GoJIL’s very first issue.¹ We mourn the loss of a bright mind with an unparalleled biography and honor his life and memory with an obituary.

The Editors

¹ T. Buergenthal, ‘Forward’, 1 *Goettingen Journal of International Law* (2009) 1, 13.