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CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Austrian Review of International and European Law (ARIEL)** is an annual peer-reviewed publication that provides a scholarly forum to discuss issues of public international law and European law, with particular emphasis on topics being of special interest to Austria. It focuses on theoretical as well as practical questions and current developments in all areas of public international and European law. Apart from a digest of Austrian Practice in international law, encompassing pertinent judicial decisions, executive as well as parliamentary documents, each volume contains both **longer analytical articles**, as well as **shorter notes** dealing with **current developments**.

The **editors invite all interested persons to submit contributions for volume 31 (2026) of the ARIEL**, which will focus on questions surrounding ‘peace and security’ in international law. We are (once again) witnessing the inability of the UN collective security system to effectively function – at a time of increasing unilateral action of states reacting to (perceived) threats to their security, including attempts to rationalize the extension of territorial control through ‘security’ discourse. Moreover, other states turn to regional organizations as the UN system fails to deliver.

Contributions to this volume might address topics such as:

- theoretical and conceptual discussions on ‘peace’ and ‘security’ in international law;
- the competences, relevance and contributions of regional organizations, such as the Council of Europe on the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine, or the African Union in the field of AI and Peace and Security;
- further instruments available under international law intersecting with peace and security, including unilateral or collective sanctions;
- the (ab)use of arguments based on self-defense under Article 51 UN Charter or security exceptions in other treaties.

We encourage contributions that critically analyze these topics or others falling within the scope of the Call, incorporating theoretical, comparative, and interdisciplinary approaches to shed new light on the legal and practical dimensions of peace and security.

Submissions will be examined on their academic relevance and undergo an independent double-blind peer-review process, conducted by scholars and practitioners of public international and European law.

Submissions for **analytical articles** should be **8,000-12,500** words in length, including footnotes. Submission for **notes on current developments** should be **6,000-8,000** words in length, including footnotes. All contributions should conform to the 5th edition of the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA), as well as the guidelines set out in the general information for authors of the ARIEL. Submissions should include a confirmation of exclusive submission and be sent to the corresponding editor (philipp.janig@univie.ac.at) **by 30 October 2026**.

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