

## Instructions for Contributors

### Mission Statement

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- Kenneth Abbott & Duncan Snidal, *Strengthening International Regulation Through Transnational New Governance: Overcoming the Orchestration Deficit*, 42 VAND. J. TRANSNAT’L L. 501, 512 (2009).
- Terence C. Halliday & Gregory Schaffer, *Transnational Legal Orders*, in TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL ORDERS 3, 15 (Terence C. Halliday & Gregory Schaffer eds., 2015).
- PATRICK MANNING, *MIGRATION IN WORLD HISTORY* 19 (2d ed. 2013).

For additional guidance on style, please look at recent essays published in AJIL Unbound, at <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/american-journal-of-international-law>.

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