Instructions for Contributors

Submissions

AJIL Unbound supplements AJIL’s print edition by publishing symposia on a wide range of topics in public and private international law and foreign relations law, with particular attention given to topics that are likely to have lasting relevance. Symposium essays are short, original works of scholarship that are timely, readable, and broadly accessible.

AJIL Unbound is committed to publishing a diverse range of contributors and encourages proposals that reflect the diversity of the international law community.

Symposium proposals should be sent to the AJIL Administrative Editor, at admin_aji@columbia.edu.

AJIL Unbound does not accept submissions of individual, unsolicited essays.

Format

Symposium proposals should be one to two pages in length and consist of a symposium title; a brief description of the context, aim, and importance of the symposium; a list of four to six essay topics, with each addressing a different aspect of the symposium’s overarching theme; and a list of proposed contributors.

Authors may wish to consult the AJIL Unbound webpage to develop a sense for the kinds of topics that are typically featured in Unbound symposia.

Review

AJIL Unbound accepts submissions on a rolling basis. All proposals are considered by the Unbound editorial team as soon as feasible upon receipt. The editorial team endeavors to evaluate proposals and respond to authors generally within four weeks of submission.

All symposium proposals, including potential contributors, must receive the approval of the AJIL Unbound editorial team and the AJIL Editors-in-Chief. Once approved, AJIL Unbound has a multi-level editorial process. Invitations to contributors are sent by the symposium editor, who is typically a member of the AJIL Board of Editors. Contributions are then subject to a peer review process involving the symposium editor, the Unbound editorial team, and the AJIL Editors-in-Chief. This process may generate requests for revision or condition acceptance of an essay upon revision.

Style Sheet for AJIL Unbound

For information on style of individual essay contributions once a symposium proposal has been approved see the full AJIL Unbound Style Guide.