

FOREWORD

It is a privilege for me to take over as General Editor of the IYIL starting with the present Volume 32. At this particular moment, I first of all wish to express my gratitude to my predecessors and to all members of the Board of Editors and the Editorial Committee for giving me this opportunity.

When selecting the themes to be examined in this volume, we agreed that it was high time for the IYIL to devote a symposium to “International Law and the European Union”. The ever growing role of the EU in international affairs and ever growing intersections of international law and EU law certainly warranted this endeavour. Accordingly, the first part of the volume features a set of articles addressing selected structural and topical issues of concern to the relationship between international and EU law. The outbreak of the war in and against Ukraine in February 2022 urged us to prioritize the coverage of certain of its key legal implications and challenges through a set of articles included in a focus section entitled “The International Legal Order and the War in Ukraine”. Earlier versions of the published papers were presented at a workshop held at the Department of Law of Roma Tre University on 28-29 November 2022. We are very grateful to Giulio Bartolini for his organizational effort and hospitality at Roma Tre.

In line with our tradition, Volume 32 extensively covers the recent Italian practice of international law by means of scholarly pieces and commentaries on the most significant Italian judicial decisions and diplomatic and parliamentary activities. The volume also features reports and commentaries on the activities of selected international judicial bodies, an Italian bibliographical index of international law, and book reviews.

I am particularly thankful to the colleagues in the Board and the Editorial Committee who have expertly written, edited or reviewed any of the foregoing pieces or sections of the volume. Special thanks go to Daniele Amoroso for his tireless and invaluable work on all aspects of the volume.

Last but not least, we have been blessed with an exceptional group of peer reviewers. In order to preserve their absolute anonymity, we have decided – as a matter of policy – not to disclose their names. However, we remain heavily indebted to all of them for their essential contribution to the publication of the volume.

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