



## Call for Papers

The *German Society of International Law (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationales Recht - DGIR)* in cooperation with the *Working Group of Young Scholars in Public International Law (Arbeitskreis junger Völkerrechtswissenschaftler/-innen - AjV)* will be hosting a joint conference on

### Proportionality in International Law

The conference will take place at the Georg-August-University in Göttingen from the 12<sup>th</sup> until the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2014.

The principle of proportionality is an integral part of several areas of Public International Law, which can be illustrated *inter alia* by the following questions: Which role does proportionality play when military advantages are being assessed compared to the death of civilians? How can international watercourses be used in an equitable and reasonable manner? To what extent can trade restrictions be balanced against environmental protection? Even though proportionality is a widely accepted principle, a lot of controversial questions remain: Can objective requirements be found for the process of balancing interests or does the application of this principle lead to arbitrary or subjective results in international law? Which role do courts play in the application and interpretation of this principle? Is the principle of proportionality interpreted differently in specific areas of international law or can it, on the contrary, be used as a tool to decrease fragmentation in international law? Can the principle of proportionality promote global constitutionalization?

Contributions in the field of Public International Law or European Law in German or English are most welcome, especially concerning the following topics:

- Theory, doctrine and history of Public International Law
- European Union Law
- Human Rights, especially the European Convention on Human Rights
- International Humanitarian Law, questions of international peace and security and self-defence
- World Trade Law and International Investment Law
- International Environmental Law

This event is supposed to provide a forum for dialogue between young as well as experienced scholars. Therefore, senior scholars will comment on the contributions of junior researchers.

Interested participants are asked to submit their abstracts by **15 February 2014** to: [ajvdgir2014@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:ajvdgir2014@uni-goettingen.de). The abstract should not exceed 500 words and needs to be anonymized. Please submit your contact details (name, institution, email address) only in the email itself. You will be notified about the acceptance of your proposal by 15 March 2014. Please note that invited speakers will need to submit their papers by 31 July 2014. We aim to provide for the possibility of publication for selected papers. It is expected that travel and accommodation expenses will be covered to a certain extent.

Please find further information at [www.uni-goettingen.de/ajv-tagung](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/ajv-tagung).

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