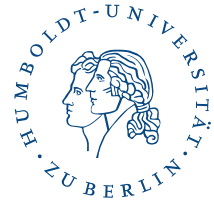




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Call for Applications as Engaged Listeners

**MAX PLANCK TRIALOGUES ON THE LAW OF PEACE AND WAR
Vol. VI: Armed Conflict and Climate Change
Authors' Workshop**

Deadline: 15 December 2025

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

12 and 13 March 2026

Thursday, 12 March 2026, 1 pm, to Friday, 13 March 2026, 1 pm

In October 2025, UN Secretary General António Guterres acknowledged that the world is on track to miss the 1.5C target of the Paris Agreement. At the same time, according to the Uppsala Conflict Data Program, the number of state-based armed conflicts is the highest since at least the end of the Cold War. These two developments may seem unrelated, but the climate crisis and the breakdown of international peace and security are mutually reinforcing. Already today, climate change acts as a threat-multiplier, causing instability and fuelling violence in regions around the globe. As climate change worsens, instability is bound to increase. In turn, armed conflict and the attendant military build-up produce new greenhouse gas emissions.

Which conflicts is climate change likely to trigger? How are they to be conceptualized from a legal perspective? How can climate-based conflict be integrated into the framework of the jus ad bellum? Are there any fault lines emerging among states? And more concretely: Can military emissions be addressed by the international climate regime? Does greenhouse gas mitigation influence the jus in bello? Is there a place for climate change adaptation in post-conflict peace processes? Can the aggressor be held responsible for the greenhouse gas emissions of an illegal war?

To tackle these and other questions, the MPIL and Humboldt-Universität Berlin are hosting the Sixth Authors' Workshop of the Max Planck Trialogues on the Law of Peace and War. The workshop brings together the three authors of the Trialogue and internationally recognised experts from the spheres of climate and security law. The authors of the sixth volume are: Jutta Brunnée, Monica Hakimi, and Lavanya Rajamani.

The organisers invite interested researchers to apply as “engaged listeners”. Engaged listeners will not give a talk but are expected to participate actively in the discussions and will be listed in the workshop's programme. **Doctoral and early career researchers are especially encouraged to apply.** Attendance will be free of charge, but engaged listeners are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation.

Please apply exclusively via our [online application system](#) with a **CV and letter of motivation** (max. 500 words) by **15 December 2025**. Selection is based on demonstrated interest and expertise in the conference theme. Notifications about acceptance will be sent out by 19 December 2025.

More information on the book series can be found on the [project website](#).

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