Call for Submissions to the *University of New South Wales Law Journal* Issue 39(3)

‘Terrorism and International Law’

The *UNSW Law Journal* is currently welcoming submissions for Issue 39(3). The Issue will comprise both a thematic component and a general component. The topic for the thematic component is ‘Terrorism and International Law’.

The tragic events of September 11 fundamentally transformed the global security landscape. Despite this, international law relating to terrorism has developed in an unsystematic and piecemeal manner. Disparate national counter-terrorism regimes, the absence of international consensus on a definition of terrorism, and the lack of a comprehensive terrorism convention have created a fragmented legal order. Consequently, this Issue seeks to promote critical analysis and discussion of the effectiveness of international law as it relates to terrorism.

The thematic component of this Issue invites submissions that consider how terrorism and counter-terrorism initiatives operate within the framework of international law. Submissions that relate to international criminal law, international humanitarian law, the law on the use of force and international human rights law are encouraged.

Interdisciplinary approaches are welcome, particularly criminological and sociological perspectives, provided they adopt a primarily legal focus. Submissions may also draw comparisons between Australia and other jurisdictions and examine their consistency with international law. Alternatively, submissions may take a theoretical approach not specific to any jurisdiction, provided they deal with an issue of significance to the international legal framework.

Authors may consider, but are not limited to, issues such as:

- the definition of terrorism, its historical and theoretical background, its nature and place in international law;
- the pursuit of self-determination by minority groups and the distinction between legitimate freedom fighters and terrorists;
- the effectiveness and sufficiency of the current international framework for countering terrorism;
- how international law and institutions have responded or should respond to the emergence of cyber terrorism;
- legal issues arising from the emergence and rapid expansion of Islamic State;
- terrorism and the destruction of cultural property;
- the role of the International Criminal Court, ad hoc international criminal tribunals and national courts in punishing terrorism;
- the legal framework for detention of terrorists;
• the legality of cross-border military responses to terrorism;
• the use of drones and aerial bombardments of terrorist locations; and
• state terrorism.

The submission deadline for the thematic component of Issue 39(3) is 1 March 2016. Publication of Issue 39(3) is set for late September 2016. In addition to submissions for the thematic component, authors are welcome to submit on any topic for the general component. Submissions for the general component will be considered on a rolling basis, and will be published in a forthcoming Issue of the Journal. Any changes to these deadlines will be indicated on the Journal's website at http://www.unswlawjournal.unsw.edu.au.


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The Journal does not publish articles that have been, or will be, published elsewhere, either in identical or substantially similar form. If articles are posted on online repositories, such as SSRN, they should be removed at the time of submission to ensure the anonymity of the peer review process.

If you are interested in, or have any queries about, submitting for Issue 39(3), please contact the Journal at law.journal@unsw.edu.au. If you intend to submit an article, it would be greatly appreciated if you could give some early indication of your proposed topic or area of research. If you are aware of a colleague who may be interested in making a submission, please pass on this call for submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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