

Call for Papers Symposium

The Global Arms Race and Armed Conflict: Human Rights Beyond the Battlefield

The Editors of the [Asian Yearbook of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law](#) (Brill Nijhoff) are pleased to invite submissions to their upcoming online symposium on **“The Global Arms Race and Armed Conflict: Human Rights Beyond the Battlefield”** to be held on **Friday 27 November 2026**. Amid rising military expenditure and renewed geopolitical rivalry, the global arms race raises concerns regarding the diversion of resources away from realisation of socio-economic rights. At the same time, contemporary armed conflicts increasingly undermine the enjoyment of human rights beyond the battlefield by disrupting access to food, energy, medicines and other essential goods and services. This symposium seeks to explore these broader human rights implications of militarization and warfare in an increasingly interconnected world. This event has been made possible in partnership with Hasselt University.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Military expenditure, socio-economic rights and the right to development
- Food security, energy security, public health and access to essential goods beyond the battlefield
- Economic disruption, blockades, sanctions and other indirect or transboundary human rights consequences of armed conflict
- Legal, policy and institutional responses to the human rights consequences of militarization and armed conflict

We encourage submissions from scholars and practitioners from diverse disciplines and geographical regions. *Abstracts* of no more than 250 words and a bio of 100 words should be submitted by **15 September 2026** to the General Editor of the Yearbook, Prof. Dr. Matthias Vanhullebusch (email: matthias.vanhullebusch@uhasselt.be). Selected papers (8000-15000 words) will be considered for publication in a special issue in Vol. 11 of the Yearbook. *Paper deadline*: **31 January 2027**.

About the Yearbook

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