

Armed Groups and International Law

Guest Post Instructions

Thank you for your interest in contributing a guest post to Armed Groups and International Law. These instructions will assist you in creating a piece that matches the blog's style and format and is ready for posting.

1. **Contributor bio and photograph:** If this is your first time contributing to Armed Groups and International Law

a. Please submit in the same Word document as your post a brief bio, including if applicable a hyperlink to your university or professional web page. For example,

[Dr. Katharine Fortin](#) is a UK qualified lawyer specializing in international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law. She recently finished her NWO-funded PhD research on the question of accountability of armed groups under human rights law at The Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, which she defended *cum laude*. She is the author of *The Accountability of Armed Groups under Human Rights Law*, published by OUP in 2017.

b. Attach a color photo to your email.

2. **Length and headings:** Please generally limit the length of a post to 1500 words. We know that some topics need a longer treatment, but shorter posts are more likely to be read. If the post is longer than 1500 words, consider splitting it into two posts (presented in the same Word document, with Part 1 and Part 2 in the titles), which will run on successive days. Use headings at your discretion (e.g., every four paragraphs) to break up long posts.

3. **Fonts, spacing, and paragraph format:** Any font is fine. Please submit your post single spaced with a single line return between paragraphs and no indentation. Headings should be in bold.

4. **Hyperlinks:** Insert embedded hyperlinks to books, papers, important legal texts, including statutes, treaties, and cases, and to relevant previous posts from different blogs. For example,

Fair and equitable treatment, as Judge Rosalynn Higgins put it in the *Oil Platforms* judgment in the International Court of Justice, is a legal term of art well known in the field of overseas investment protection ([\[1996\] ICJ Rep 847](#) [39]).

OR

Andrew Clapham [explained](#) that in designing any engagement with an armed group, “one would have to take into account the very different contexts that operate in this realm. The rationale and incentives of armed groups will differ depending on whether they are seeking to take over the State, form a new State or are simply out to enrich themselves” (at 43).

5. **Images:** Submit a relevant image with your post. Choose an image that is in the public domain—Wikipedia is a good source of public domain photos. Be creative; often, googling the name of a person or armed group mentioned in your post will quickly yield a photo from Wikipedia (e.g., a photo of the European Court of Justice, the flag of a relevant State or armed group, a photo of a public figure, the logo of an institution). It is also generally safe to use photos or logos of a public institution from that institution's web site. Also send us the web address where you obtained the image, which will be used for a photo credit.