



## **ELSA LAW REVIEW CALL FOR PAPERS**

### ***Topic: Contemporary Issues in International & Transnational Criminal Law***

Amid consistent failures of the international criminal system to fulfil its objectives, recently we have witnessed an increased reliance on domestic initiatives, with national courts extending their jurisdictions to address international crimes. Alongside hybrid mechanisms and cross-border cooperation frameworks, this shift has renewed interest in questions of jurisdiction and criminal accountability beyond the international level.

At the same time, the prosecution of international crimes now relies on new forms of evidence and technology, including open-source material and digital data. These developments challenge established doctrines of proof and procedural fairness, while forcing international criminal law to engage with data protection, privacy, and the rights of the accused.

Terrorism, torture, drug trafficking and environmental crimes have become just as relevant as international crimes. They concern the international community, and the efforts by nations to establish common denominators in their treatment in the corresponding local laws deserve an equal platform to be analysed, dissected, and criticised.

This issue will include contributions that analyse **contemporary doctrinal, procedural, and normative challenges in international and transnational criminal law**, with a focus on accountability mechanisms, evolving jurisdictional practices, and the protection of fundamental rights. We invite contributions on topics such as:

- Universal jurisdiction and extraterritorial prosecutions of international crimes;
- Complementarity, subsidiarity, and the role of national courts in enforcing international criminal law;
- Privacy, data protection, and fair trial rights in international and domestic prosecutions;
- The legitimacy and effectiveness of international criminal justice mechanisms;
- Digital surveillance and its impact on criminal investigations and human rights.

### **Deadline for Submissions: 15 March 2026**

More information on submission specifications <https://lawreview.elsa.org/submissions>.  
For additional inquiries contact [director.publications@elsa.org](mailto:director.publications@elsa.org).