

# Call for Papers: Public Interest Litigation (NILR)

The Netherlands International Law Review (NILR) has issued a call for papers, in particular for private international law perspectives of public interest litigation.

## Public interest litigation

Globally, we are witnessing an increase in what is called ‘public interest litigation’. In particular, climate change lawsuits taking place in several countries (e.g. in the Netherlands the *Urgenda* and *Shell cases*) are generating global attention. Another example of this type of litigation concerns the protection of privacy (e.g. the lawsuits against *Facebook* and *TikTok*). Although there is not yet a well-defined definition of the phenomenon, it is generally accepted that public interest litigation is understood to mean legal action that is taken on a human rights or equality issue of broad public concern.

## Call for papers

The Netherlands International Law Review (NILR) invites researchers to submit abstracts for an upcoming *Special Issue* devoted to Public Interest Litigation. We are interested in papers focusing on questions of private international law and/or public international law with regard to this phenomenon in a broad sense. We particularly encourage contributions that address private international law questions.

Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words and should be submitted by January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 to nilr@asser.nl. Submissions are limited. The selection criteria will be based on the quality of the research and its originality. We also strive to ensure a diversity of represented legal systems and topics. If an abstract is accepted, this will be communicated by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. After acceptance, draft papers are to be submitted at the latest by May 1st 2024. The draft papers will be assessed by the editorial board of the NILR according to standard criteria. This assessment will be communicated to the author shortly afterwards.

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