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To the community of international law scholars:

We hope you are healthy and well in these uncertain times. We are writing to announce that the Chicago Journal of International Law (CJIL) is expanding its scope to include comparative law.

Since its inception more than two decades ago, CJIL has devoted itself to publishing groundbreaking contributions to the study of international law. Our staffers and editors, both past and present, are incredibly proud of the work they have done and will do to support scholarship in this field. As some in our community might know, CJIL has historically interpreted international law restrictively—often at the exclusion of comparative law scholarship. Recent years have convinced us to revisit this approach. As nations develop their laws in a more globalized world, comparative analysis increasingly offers international lawyers a potent tool to decipher the emergence of global rules and norms. As such, CJIL will now consider comparative law articles for publication.

To be clear, CJIL remains steadfast in its commitment to publishing relevant scholarship for its global audience. Scholars seeking the publication of a comparative piece in CJIL are encouraged to explain, in their article, how the piece connects to the broader field of international law. A scholar might include a sub-section on international law or discuss the downstream effects of a comparative analysis on global legal actors. Such connections would improve one’s prospects of publication.

We thank you in advance for your submissions, and we look forward to reading your work. Should you require any additional information, please reach out to us at cjil@law.uchicago.edu.

Sincerely,

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