
EDITORIAL

“Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis”

1990: A fresh start in a new decade, *The Decade of International Law*, in which we present you with the first issue of the third volume of the *Leiden Journal of International Law*.

After two ‘probationary’ years, we may well deduce -if only from the increasing number of subscriptions- that the LJIL has indeed confirmed its right to exist, and will continue to exist. Although changes in the composition of the editorial staff may at times entail minor complications, for a journal in its infancy this may be called ‘normal development’.

Changes *can*, and over the past few months *have* occurred on a worldwide scale. Now more than ever the tumbling down of walls and the fading and erasing of borders offers us the opportunity to enlarge our views on international law.

In this issue, we have therefore reached beyond the subject-matter of for example European Integration (dealt with by Edgar Hennis) to focus on topics which prevail in other regions of the world, such as the contribution by Professor S. Sucharitkul, regarding (Chinese) legal scholarship and attitudes towards international law in China.

At the same time we have sought the cooperation from authors from many different continents, thus -in a humble manner- promoting an “equitable regional distribution”. Hopefully, this may also encourage you to send in articles from different corners of our globe, concerning various subjects of international law.