

DEVELOPMENTS

Call for Papers – What Future for Kosovo?

2006 is the year in which the final status of Kosovo is to be decided. Direct talks have begun between Belgrade and Prishtina to work towards a negotiated settlement covering aspects ranging from the protection of cultural heritage to local government reform which should empower Kosovo-Serb majority municipalities. Independence for the territory, however, seems to be a foregone conclusion.

German Law Journal's November issue (Vol. 7, No. 11) will focus on a number of international legal issues connected with the final status determination of Kosovo, such as the legal capacity of the Security Council to impose territorial boundaries absent a negotiated settlement, the implications of Kosovo's independence for the future of the law of self-determination, as well as problems related to the legitimacy of 'guided sovereignty'.

Some of the issues to be covered thus include:

- The legal limits to Security Council powers to determine the borders of a self-determining unit in the absence of horizontal agreement;
- The future of self-determination after Kosovo;
- The sovereignty debate: did Serbia 'lose' sovereignty after its campaigns in 1998 and 1999? Independent statehood or 'conditional' sovereignty as a non-state territory?
- The legitimacy of international administration;
- Legal limits to and legal remedies for actions of an international authority;
- Membership of non-state territories in international organizations; access to international financial institutions;
- Models of minority protection for Serbs and others within the new borders;
- Issues of state succession post-Kosovo; the continuing application of human rights treaties, in particular;

Please send submissions no later than **September 20, 2006** - as word document attachments to the editors of the special issue:

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