

## ***Call for Abstracts: Conference on 'Military assistance on request'***

On **Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December 2019**, the *Journal on the Use of Force and International Law* ([JUFIL](#)) and the Ghent Rolin-Jaequemyns International Law Institute ([GRILI](#)) will host an **international conference focussing on 'military assistance on request'**. Having regard to recent third-State interventions in Yemen, Syria and elsewhere, the conference seeks to explore the legal framework governing such interventions, including relevant uncertainties and shortcomings as well as proposals *de lege ferenda*. Separate expert panels will be devoted to the 'authority' to invite outside intervention, on the one hand, and the permissibility of third-State intervention in situations of civil war, on the other hand. In addition, **the organizers are inviting promising scholars in an earlier stage of their academic career to submit an abstract for a dedicated 'emerging voices' panel. Possible topics** include, but are not limited to:

- the link between intervention by invitation and 'consent' as a ground precluding wrongfulness under the law of international responsibility;
- the impact of the complicity regime under the law of international responsibility;
- the permissibility of military assistance on request in the pre-Charter era (in particular in 19<sup>th</sup>-century legal doctrine);
- the distinction between direct and indirect military assistance;
- the permissibility of so-called 'non-lethal assistance' under international law;
- military assistance on request in the cyber-sphere;
- the doctrine of counter-intervention and its relationship to collective self-defence;
- ...

**Abstracts are due by 15 March 2019** and should be accompanied by a brief curriculum. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by 15 April. Full papers are due by 15 November 2019. Subject to the usual peer review, the **papers** presented at the conference **will be published as part of a special issue of the *Journal on the Use of Force and International Law***.

Successful applicants can participate in the conference free of charge and can apply for funding to cover **travel and accommodation costs** for an amount of up to EUR 300.

Abstracts can be sent to [tom.ruys@ugent.be](mailto:tom.ruys@ugent.be).

The conference is co-organized by Tom Ruys (Ghent University), Chris Henderson (University of Sussex), James Green (University of Reading) and Frederik Dhondt (Free University of Brussels).

