Call for Papers: Disaster Law Working Paper Series

Background

Since 2001, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies’ (IFRC) Disaster Law programme (previously the “International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles (IDRL)” Programme) has been engaged in targeted research and consultations on the legal issues in disaster management, with a particular focus on international disaster relief. We have found that law can play a critical role in the success or failure of the efforts of communities, governments and the humanitarian community to reduce disaster risks and provide effective relief and recovery. Yet, although natural disasters have affected an average of nearly 200 million persons per year for the last twenty years, we have found remarkably little international or comparative legal scholarship on this issue.

This Working Paper Series is designed to encourage and promote critical scholarship in this area, from legal academics, students and practitioners.

Scope and methodology

The Working Paper Series will accept original papers related to law and legal issues in the management of natural disasters, with a preference for comparative analysis involving the laws of more than one country and/or international issues. Selection decisions will be made by the Disaster Law programme at its sole discretion and without peer review.

Papers should be no more (and may certainly be less) than 20 pages in length (Times New Roman, 12 point, single-spaced). They may be written in English, French or Spanish and should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

Online publication

Papers accepted as part of the Working Paper Series will be “published” on the IFRC’s website (www.ifrc.org/dl) and disseminated electronically to the IFRC’s networks of interested organizations and persons. There is no monetary compensation offered to Working Paper Series authors. Authors may re-publish papers used in this series elsewhere, so long as indication is made to their prior publication in the series.

Style

Authors may employ any of the most commonly used legal citation styles.

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