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OVERVIEW

The Journal of International Criminal Law (*JICL*) is a scientific, online, peer-reviewed journal, first edited in 2020 by Prof. Dr. Heybatollah Najandimanesh, mainly focusing on international criminal law issues.

Since 2023 JICL has been co-managed by Prof. Dr. Anna Oriolo as General Editor and published semiannually in collaboration with the International and European Criminal Law Observatory (IECLO) staff.

JICL Boards are powered by academics, scholars and higher education experts from a variety of colleges, universities, and institutions from all over the world, active in the fields of criminal law and criminal justice at the international, regional, and national level.

The aims of the JICL, *inter alia*, are as follow:

- to promote international peace and justice through scientific research and publications;
- to foster study of international criminal law in a spirit of partnership and cooperation with the researchers from different countries;
- to encourage multi-perspectives of international criminal law; and
- to support young researchers to study and disseminate international criminal law.

Due to the serious interdependence among political sciences, philosophy, criminal law, criminology, ethics and human rights, the scopes of JICL are focused on international criminal law but not limited to it. In particular, the Journal welcomes high-quality submissions of manuscripts, essays, editorial comments, current developments, and book reviews by scholars and practitioners from around the world addressing both traditional and emerging themes, topics such as

- the substantive and procedural aspects of international criminal law;
- the jurisprudence of international criminal courts/tribunals;
- mutual effects of public international law, international relations, and international criminal law;
- relevant case-law from national criminal jurisdictions;
- criminal law and international human rights;
- European Union or EU criminal law (which includes financial violations and transnational crimes);
- domestic policy that affects international criminal law and international criminal justice;
- new technologies and international criminal justice;
- different country-specific approaches toward international criminal law and international criminal justice;
- historical accounts that address the international, regional, and national levels; and
- holistic research that makes use of political science, sociology, criminology, philosophy of law, ethics, and other disciplines that can inform the knowledge basis for scholarly dialogue.



The dynamic evolution of international criminal law, as an area that intersects various branches and levels of law and other disciplines, requires careful examination and interpretation. The need to scrutinize the origins, nature, and purpose of international criminal law is also evident in the light of its interdisciplinary characteristics. International criminal law norms and practices are shaped by various factors that further challenge any claims about the law's distinctiveness. The crime vocabulary too may reflect interdisciplinary synergies that draw on domains that often have been separated from law, according to legal doctrine. Talk about "ecocide" is just one example of such a trend that necessitates a rigorous analysis of law *per se* as well as open-minded assessment informed by other sources, e.g., political science, philosophy, and ethics. Yet other emerging developments concern international criminal justice, especially through innovative contributions to enforcement strategies and restorative justice.

The tensions that arise from a description of preferences and priorities made it appropriate to create, improve and disseminate the JICL as a platform for research and dialogue across different cultures, in particular, as a consequence of the United Nations push for universal imperatives, e.g., the fight against impunity for crimes of global concern (core international crimes, transboundary crimes, and transnational organized crimes).

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Foreword

by Anna Oriolo*

This JICL Special Issue constitutes one of the scientific products of the Jean Monnet Course EU-GLOBACT (*Transnational Crime and EU Law: Towards Global Action against Cross-border Threats to common security, rule of law and human rights*), co-funded by the European Commission (2023-2026).

The EU-GLOBACT Project has aimed to promote excellence in teaching and research within European Union (EU) legal studies at the University of Salerno and, specifically, within the Department of Legal Sciences, offering a free, highly specialized, and interdisciplinary course focused on the emerging global policy of the EU in the fight against transnational crime, relevant both to the future professional careers of graduates and to the advanced training of legal and political practitioners. As such, it has intended to foster shared research and an exchange of ideas to identify solutions and examples of best practices in combating transnational crime that could be replicated by all States (both European and non-European), as well as to contribute to the development of legislation and policies in line with EU values and principles.

To achieve these goals, EU-GLOBACT has combined teaching projects, research initiatives, and dissemination activities, adopting a multidisciplinary, gender-equal, and non-discriminatory approach.

From a methodological standpoint, EU-GLOBACT activities have blended traditional (legal) instruction with the “hands-on” approach typical of so-called *law clinics*, namely the application of legal knowledge to concrete cases. This objective was achieved by conducting teaching, research, and dissemination initiatives under the umbrella of the *International & European Criminal Law Observatory* (IECLO), which I founded and have directed at the Department of Legal Sciences since 2022.

Although the transnational crimes affecting the contemporary landscape are multifaceted and diverse, this Special Issue is specifically dedicated to and perimetrated around the Eurocrimes listed under Article 83, paragraph 1 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). However, while maintaining its distinct “EU-centered” thematic autonomy, the work avoids a rigidly isolated perspective. To fully integrate the European Union into the global geopolitical context and highlight its role as a global actor in the fight against transnational crime (which constitutes the core purpose and objective of EU-GLOBACT), the answers systematically connect the European dimension with the broader framework of international and treaty law (UN, Council of Europe, NATO).

This multilevel architecture is complemented by an analysis of the national perspective (focusing in particular on Italy as the seat of our reference scientific and research institutions), which allows for an assessment of the material impact and effectiveness of domestic techniques for transposing supranational sources into the national legal order.

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The development and editorial care of this specific tool, which is designed to serve as an informative and educational support, have been conducted by the members of the IECLO Secretariat, in particular by Francesco Foccillo to whom I extend my special and heartfelt thanks. As for the Special Issue contents, the individual modules host the contributions of Luisanna Savino (International Terrorism), Orsola Ilenia Conte (Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Women and Minors), Emanuela Coppola and Fernanda Masullo (Illicit Drug Trafficking), Francesco Foccillo (Counterfeiting of Means of Payment and Violation of Union Restrictive Measures), Emanuele Sorgente (Money Laundering), Christian Fausto Santoriello (Corruption), Teresa D’Aniello (Computer Crime), and Alessandra Giordano and Miriana Greco (Transnational Organized Crime).

The study of an intrinsically complex subject, such as the origins and development of transnational crime and the strategies to counter it, requires cutting-edge analytical tools capable of facilitating student learning and professional training. In this perspective, this JICL Special Issue has been structured according to the innovative *Question & Answer Handbook* model. The architecture of this *Handbook* is reinforced by specialized legal, jurisprudential, and conceptual briefs designed to facilitate the immediate assimilation of definitions, cooperation frameworks, and European and international criminal sanctions regarding Eurocrimes. As an integral part of this methodological approach, each module concludes with a dedicated section for Key Findings. These concise cores of scientific summary serve as genuine conceptual anchors, structured in an immediate nominal style to recapitulate the fundamental outcomes of each criminal sphere, guiding the reader toward an organic and well-defined overview.

Through this collection, the EU-GLOBACT Module pursues the goal of ensuring the long-term sustainability of its strategic impact by capitalizing on and systematizing the results achieved, thereby securing their continuity and institutional vitality even after the co-funding cycle by the European Commission has concluded. This core ambition will be achieved through the maintenance and constant continuation of dissemination activities for EU-GLOBACT scientific products, including this *Handbook*, which will be officially included and integrated into the required and suggested readings for students of the various courses taught by the Module Leader and the teaching staff. The contributions of this work will thus enrich the curricula of the chairs of *Institutions of International Law*, *European Union Law*, *Diplomatic and Consular Law*, *European and International Criminal Law*, as well as the new Legal Writing Laboratory on *Transnational Crime and Judicial Remedies*, activated as a permanent educational output of EU-GLOBACT within the Department of Legal Sciences starting from the academic year 2026/2027.

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