International rules and institutions represent attempts to bring harmony to an increasingly interconnected world of nation-states. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of international coordination spearheaded by formal institutions in times of global crisis, yet the role and performance of the World Health Organization has elicited polarized responses from figures across the political spectrum. This edition will ask the following questions: what is the state of international law and institutions today, and what are the important recent developments in the debates surrounding them? How has international law evolved over time? What current challenges do international institutions face? And what could, or should, the role of international law and institutions be in the future? How do countries across the world interpret and utilize international law differently? How do they approach international fora differently?