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This Special Issue on International Law and Human Rights examines both the growing convergence and remaining divergences between international law and human rights law, which are provoked by simultaneous contemporary global crises facing humanity in 2022: the unabated consequences of the global pandemic and rising transnational health threats, the global food crises and inflation, the global energy crisis.

In his famous 1950 book, *International Law and Human Rights*, Hersch Lauterpacht famously argued that it was not necessary to elaborate human rights norms and state obligations within the United Nations Charter because the core state obligation to promote human rights under Articles 1(3) and 55 in relation to 56 were sufficient, in his view, to internalize human rights within the international legal system, seeing an inimitable partnership between international law and human rights. This Special Issue carries forward and explores Lauterpacht's thesis in the face of rampant global vulnerabilities and threats that expose the fissures within the seeming separate development trajectories of international law and human rights.





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