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WASHINGTON, DC—The American Society of International Law (ASIL) announces the release of the third issue of the 108th volume of its flagship publication, the American Journal of International Law. The issue’s lead article articulates a theory about customary international law (CIL) and the concern about precedent in CIL formation, compliance, and change.

The lead article is “Precedent, Compliance, and Change in Customary International Law: An Explanatory Theory” by Pierre-Hugues Verdier (University of Virginia School of Law) and Erik Voeten (Georgetown University-Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service). In their article, Verdier and Voeten argue that the legal and institutional features of CIL are what complicate the use of reciprocity, retaliation, and reputation.

Also included in this issue are:

- A Current Developments section featuring “Chemical Weapons and the International Criminal Court” by Andreas Zimmermann (University of Potsdam) and Meltem Şener (University of Potsdam) and “The OPCW’s Arrangements for Missed Destruction Deadlines Under the Chemical Weapons
Convention: An Informal Noncompliance Procedure” by Masahiko Asada
(Kyoto University Graduate School of Law);
- Five case reports, edited by Journal Board and ASIL Executive Council member
  David Stewart (ASIL Academic Partner Georgetown University Law Center), on
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  Dutch Supreme Court;
- A section on the latest developments in contemporary U.S. practice relating to
  international law, edited by Kristina Daugirdas and Julian Mortenson
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- Six book reviews and one review essay, edited by Journal Board member
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  and
- A Notes and Comments section featuring news about the Francis Deák Prize and
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