A Pathway to World Law? International Solidarity as Key to Overcoming our Current Global Crises

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Abstract

This article analyzes the extent to which international solidarity is key to overcoming our current global crises; a goal that must be achieved in robust measure if humanity is to have a chance at successfully constructing the kind of deeply integrated world society that is a pre-condition for the emergence and global acceptance of world law properly so-called. In developing its argument, it devotes the first three sections to relatively in-depth explanations of three concepts that are key to an understanding of the issues at hand, namely: the identity and nature of our current global crises; the idea of world law; and the meaning of international solidarity. These foundational sections are followed by a discussion of why the fuller expression and enjoyment of international solidarity is key to overcoming our current global crises. Following this discussion, some obstacles that stand, or could stand, in the way of the fuller expression and enjoyment of international solidarity, and hence, the overcoming of our current global crises, are identified and examined. The focus then shifts to a discussion of some international solidarity "best practices" that have been deployed or could be deployed (both globally and in East Asia specifically) to ameliorate our current global crises, in part in the service of the (difficult) effort to build the kind of genuine world society without which world law cannot really exist. Thereafter, a précis of the main arguments of the article is offered, alongside some concluding thoughts.