# Article information:

Please Mind the Gap: A Venn Diagram Story of Method in International Law  
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# Article summary:

1. Government lawyers often do not consider the question of ‘method’ when dealing with international law.

2. There is a gap between ‘law in the books’ and ‘law in practice’, which can be seen in examples such as the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea cases.

3. The authors left their government jobs to pursue PhDs to explore this gap between ‘law in the books’ and ‘law in practice’.

# Article rating:

Appears moderately imbalanced: The article provides some useful information, but is missing several important points or pieces of evidence that would be required to present the discussed topics in a balanced and reliable way. You are encouraged to seek a more balanced perspective on the presented issues by exploring the provided research topics and looking at different information sources.

# Article analysis:

The article provides an interesting insight into how government lawyers approach international law, and how there is a gap between what is written in books and what is practiced by states. The authors provide several examples to illustrate this point, such as the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea cases. However, it should be noted that these examples are limited to certain areas of international law, so it may not be representative of all areas of international law. Additionally, while they provide some evidence for their claims, they do not provide any counterarguments or alternative perspectives on their claims. Furthermore, they do not discuss any potential risks associated with this gap between ‘law in books’ and ‘law in practice’ or any possible solutions to bridge this gap. As such, while this article provides an interesting perspective on international law, it should be read with caution due to its limited scope and lack of counterarguments or alternative perspectives.

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* International law risks
* International law solutions
* International law implementation
* International law enforcement
* International law compliance
* International law dispute resolution

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