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Vol. 65 (2022) of the German Yearbook of International Law presents a dynamic range of perspectives on an array of important topical and theoretical issues confronting the international legal order. The yearbook's forum section opens with a compelling discussion between two highly regarded scholars of international law and peace and security in regards to the question: what rights does and should international law extend to States that claim military necessity as justification for their unlawful aggression against other sovereign States? The focus section, guest edited by Professor Dr. Holger Hestermeyer with the assistance of Dr. Naiade el-Khoury, chronicles the proceedings of a recent symposium hosted in honour of the 80th birthday of the esteemed Professor Dr. Rüdiger Wolfrum, in which top international scholars engage in robust reflections on the notion of ›community interests‹ in international law, and the impact this idea has had on many different issues and regimes, from public health to the environment and international dispute settlement.

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