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The editorial office of Leviathan is led by Dipl.Pol. Eva Deitert since 2023. Eva Deitert studied political sciences at Free University Berlin. She was research assistant for political theory and philosophy at the Otto-Suhr-Institute in Berlin and currently works at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center. She regularly writes editorials for Leviathan and is responsible for coordinating the submissions and peer review process. She also is in charge of copy-editing accepted manuscripts as well as of author acquisition.

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