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“New Tools Instead of Old Rules? The Changing Instruments of International Economic Law”

Day 1: Friday May 16, 2025

8:00 – 8:30	Hallway outside Jeffries Hall 1225	Breakfast and Registration Welcome at 8:20 in Adjacent Lounge
8:30 – 10:00	Paper Session 1a Jeffries Hall 1225	Security Chair and Discussant: J. Benton Heath Harlan Grant Cohen, <i>The International Order, International Law, and the Definition of Security</i> Lothar Ehring, <i>Security and International Trade Law</i> (via Zoom) Weijia Rao, <i>Signaling through National Security Lawmaking</i>
	Paper Session 1b Jeffries Hall 1020	Genetic Resources Chair and Discussant: Bassem Awad (via Zoom) Pallavi Arora, <i>Preserving Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge</i> Paolo Davide Farah, <i>Bridging Gaps in Global Intellectual Property: Challenges and Prospects of the WIPO Treaty on Genetic Resources</i> Francisco Hernández Fernández, <i>The WIPO Treaty on IP, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge</i>
	Paper Session 1c Jeffries Hall 1025	Digital Trade and Technology Chair and Discussant: Henry Gao Alexandros Bakos, <i>The AI Regulation Race, Industrial Development, and IEL</i> Gunn Jiravuttipong, <i>Digital Competition Regulations: Digital Trade as a Catalyst or Constraint</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Hallway outside Jeffries Hall 1225	Coffee Break
10:15 – 11:30	Panel 1a Jeffries Hall 1225	International Economic Law as Legal Ordering Convenor: Harlan Grant Cohen, Fordham University Law School Chair: Julian Arato, University of Michigan Law School Zohra Ahmed, Boston University School of Law



		<p>Pamela Bookman, Fordham University Law School Harlan Grant Cohen, Fordham University Law School J. Benton Heath, Temple University Beasley School of Law Thomas Streinz, European University Institute (via Zoom)</p>
	<p>Panel 1b <i>Jeffries Hall 1020</i></p>	<p>Joint Interpretations of Investment Treaties: A New Role for an Old Tool? Convenor: Marcin Menkes, Warsaw School of Economics Chair: Caroline Henckels, Monash Charles-Emmanuel Côté, Laval University Shotaro Hamamoto, Kyoto University Marcin Menkes, Warsaw School of Economics Xu Qian, Zhejiang University (via Zoom)</p>
11:45 – 12:45	<i>Jeffries Hall 1225</i>	<p>Lunch Plenary Speaker: Gregory Shaffer, Georgetown Law Topic: The Rule of Law Under Pressure Moderators: Julian Arato, University of Michigan Law School; Joanna Langille, University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law</p>
1:00 – 2:30	<p>Paper Session 2a <i>Jeffries Hall 1225</i></p>	<p>Climate, Finance, and Sustainable Development Chair and Discussant: Guillermo Garcia Sanchez Caroline Bradley, <i>Sharing Law: Climate Finance Contracting</i> Barnali Choudhury, <i>IAs, BHR and Sustainable Development</i> Sandra Marco Colino, <i>Juggling Sustainable Development and Competition Through EU-unilateralism</i> (via Zoom) Mandy Meng Fang, <i>Navigating the Clean Energy Competition with China: The EU's Pursuit of a Level Playing Field and the International Trade Order</i></p>
	<p>Paper Session 2b <i>Jeffries Hall 1025</i></p>	<p>Data and Technology Chair and Discussant: Ines Willemyns Yichen (Selena) Huang, <i>The Role of Legal Discourse in Cross-Border Data Transfers: Comparative Analysis of China, the US, and the EU</i> Juan Carlos Portilla, <i>Establishing a Global Data System in International Rulemaking: Shaping the Future of International Law</i></p>
	<p>Paper Session 2c <i>Jeffries Hall 1020</i></p>	<p>Peace, Security, and Emergency Powers Chair and Discussant: Nico Howson Ana Luísa Bernardino, <i>Peace through Trade? A Study of the WTO's Concept of Peace</i> Stephen Park, <i>The International Trilemma of Liberalization, Security, and Sustainability</i></p>

		<p>Xuan Shao, <i>Emergency Powers at the Interface Between IEL and the Domestic Legal Order: Strategic Ambiguity or Missed Opportunity?</i></p> <p>Katniss Xuejiao Li, <i>Unilateral Economic Sanctions and the National Security Exception: A Multifaceted Analysis of State Motivations and Strategic Implications</i></p>
	<p>Paper Session 2d Jeffries Hall 0220</p>	<p>Rethinking International Investment Law Chair and Discussant: Julian Arato Sebastián Mantilla Blanco, <i>Beyond Responsibility? Compensation for Legitimate Conduct in International Investment Law</i> Felicia A. Grey, <i>The Perceived Weaponization and Politicization of Arbitration Remedies in ISDS</i> Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg, <i>From Asymmetry to Equity: Rethinking Investor Conduct in Investment Treaties</i></p>
2:30 – 2:45	<p>Hallway outside Jeffries Hall 1225</p>	Coffee Break
2:45 – 4:00	<p>Panel 2a Jeffries Hall 1225</p>	<p>Financing Digital Transformation for Inclusive Trade: Catalyzing African Growth and Development in the Digital Economy Convener: Gbemisola Osadua, Dynamics Impact Advisory Chair: Gbemisola Osadua, Dynamics Impact Advisory Akinyemi Akindele, Global African Business Association Network Achumboro Ataande, Parsons School of Design – The New School Ahunna Eziakonwa, United Nations Development Programme Funmilayo Ogunsanmi, Deutsche Bank Gbenga Olowoye, IKLASS – AFRICA</p>
	<p>Panel 2b Jeffries Hall 1020</p>	<p>Sanctions Convenor: Perry S. Bechky, Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP Chair: Perry S. Bechky Alison FitzGerald, Bennett Jones LLP Leo (Rundong) Liu, DHH Beijing Patrick Terry, University of Public Administration Kehl</p>
4:00 – 4:15	<p>Hallway outside Jeffries Hall 1225</p>	Coffee Break
4:15 – 5:45	<p>Paper Session 3a Jeffries Hall 1225</p>	<p>Challenges Facing the Multilateral Trading System Chair and Discussant: Joanna Langille Antoine Comont, <i>Towards WTO 2.0: Plurilateral Initiatives as a Response to the Crisis of the Consensus-Based Lawmaking Process</i></p>



		Nicolas Lamp, <i>From Market Disruption to Overcapacity: Contesting the International Division of Labour in the Multilateral Trade Regime</i> Desirée LeClercq, <i>Empowerment in International Economic Law</i>
Paper Session 3b Jeffries Hall 1020		Purposes of and Problems with Investment Law Chair and Discussant: Wolfgang Alschner Caroline Henckels, <i>What are Investment Treaty Exceptions For?</i> Annabelle Onyefulu-Kingston, <i>Addressing ISDS Challenges; African Host States and the Path to System Reform</i> Wei Yin, <i>Security Dilemma of Investment Regulation: Challenges Posed by Investment Control and Scrutiny</i>
Paper Session 3c Jeffries Hall 1025		Digital Trade in Context Chair and Discussant: Salomé Viljoen Henry Gao, <i>The E-Commerce Joint Statement Initiative</i> Mira Burri, <i>Digital Trade Law and Human Rights</i> Ines Willems, <i>Normative Variability in Digital Trade Provisions</i>
Paper Session 3d Jeffries Hall 0220		Global Distributive Justice Chair and Discussant: Pamela Bookman Rachel Brewster, <i>Global FCPA Settlements as a Vehicle for Asset Redistribution</i> Assaf Harpaz, <i>Global Tax Wars in the Digital Era</i> (via Zoom)
6:00	Jeffries Lounge	Evening Reception

Day 2: Saturday May 17, 2025

8:00 – 8:30	Hallway outside Jeffries Hall 1225	Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00	Paper Session 4a Jeffries Hall 1225	Trade, Investment, and Sustainable Development Chair and Discussant: Jarrod Wong Johanna Aleria P. Lorenzo, <i>Sustainability Impact Assessments of Trade Agreements: Harm Prevention and Due Diligence</i> (via Zoom) Fernando Dias Simões, <i>Renewed Injustice: Domestic Investors and the Energy Transition</i> Emily Sipiorski, <i>The EU's Withdrawal from the ECT: An Environmental Narrative, A Competence Reality?</i> Yucong Wang, <i>Investing in the Pacific Environment: Modernising Regional Investment Treaties to Facilitate Foreign Investment and Adaption to Climate Change</i>

	Paper Session 4b <i>Jeffries Hall 1020</i>	Trade in Goods Chair and Discussant: Julia Ya Qin Trang (Mae) Nguyen, <i>Goods' Citizenship</i> (via Zoom) Sean Stacy, <i>It's All Good(S)' - Considering Externalities in the WTO's Likeness Analyses</i>
	Paper Session 4c <i>Jeffries Hall 1025</i>	Multilateralism and Unilateralism Chair and Discussant: Kristina Daugirdas Hamoudah S. Al-Zaini, <i>Unilateral Measures in International Economic Law</i> Bin Cheng, <i>Soft Multilateralism Modernizing Hard Bilateralism: Lessons from International Extradition Regime</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Hallway outside <i>Jeffries Hall 1225</i>	Coffee Break
10:15 – 11:30	Panel 3a <i>Jeffries Hall 1225</i>	Trade and Climate: What's Next? Convenor: Inu Manak, Council on Foreign Relations Chair: Inu Manak, Council on Foreign Relations Mario R. Osorio Hernandez, Center on Inclusive Trade and Development, Georgetown Law Carol Sayeg, Wiley Rein Elizabeth Sheargold, Monash University
	Panel 3b <i>Jeffries Hall 1020</i>	International Tax Cooperation Convenor: Steven Dean, Boston University School of Law Chair and Speaker: Steven Dean, Boston University School of Law Jennifer Farrell, University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law (via Zoom) Young Ran (Christine) Kim, Cardozo Law School, Yeshiva University Badriyya Yusuf, Queen's University (via Zoom)
11:45 – 12:45	<i>Jeffries Hall 1225</i>	Lunch Plenary Roundtable Topic: A New Era in Tariffs Chair: Inu Manak, Council on Foreign Relations Wolfgang Alschner, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law Kathleen Claussen, Georgetown Law (via Zoom) David Gantz, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University Guillermo Garcia Sanchez, Texas A&M School of Law
1:00 – 2:30	Paper Session 5a <i>Jeffries Hall 1225</i>	Investment Arbitration Chair and Discussant: Nicolas Lamp Andrew Larkin, <i>Vested Rights, Incomplete Licenses, and the Emerging International Law of Property: A Critique of Emerging Trends</i>



		<p>Jean-Michel Marcoux, <i>The Elaboration of the UNCITRAL Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in International Investment Dispute Resolution: A Marxist Analysis</i></p> <p>Agnieszka Starczewska, <i>Network Analysis BIT by Bit – A Social Sciences Approach to Investment Arbitration</i></p>
	<p>Paper Session 5b <i>Jeffries Hall 1020</i></p>	<p>Challenges in International Investment Law Chair and Discussant: Julianne Marley Erick Guapizaca Jiménez, <i>Foreign Direct Investment with Indigenous Consent</i> Vera Korzun, <i>Corporate Nationality, Foreign Investor Protection, and Public Interest</i> Wafaa Saadeh, <i>Political Risk Insurance in the Realm of IIL: A Comparative Analysis</i> (via Zoom)</p>
	<p>Paper Session 5c <i>Jeffries Hall 1025</i></p>	<p>Bilateral and Regional Trade Chair and Discussant: Ljiljana Biukovic (via Zoom) David Gantz, <i>UK Trade MOUs with US States</i> Gbemisola Osadua, <i>The AfCTA Protocol on IP: Leveraging Multilateralism for the Promotion of African Innovation and Creativity in the Global Economy</i> Regis Simo, <i>The AfCFTA Guided Trade Initiative: A Contribution to the Contemporary Practice of Provisional Application of Treaties</i></p>
2:30 – 2:45	<p><i>Hallway outside Jeffries Hall 1225</i></p>	Coffee Break
2:45 – 4:00	<p>Panel 4a <i>Jeffries Hall 1225</i></p>	<p>Securitized Trade Policy, Unilateralism, and International Economic Law in Comparative Perspective Convenor: Nina Hart, King's College London Chair: Michael Hahn, University of Berne Christopher A. Casey, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University Phillip Reinhold, Universität des Saarlandes Xueji Su, University of Macau</p>
	<p>Panel 4b <i>Jeffries Hall 1020</i></p>	<p>The "Overcapacity" Debate, Structural Imbalances, and the Future International Division of Labor Convenor: Nicolas Lamp, Queen's University Faculty of Law Chair and Speaker: Nicolas Lamp, Queen's University Faculty of Law Jason Kearns, United States International Trade Commission Xiaofeng Li, Durham Law School Julia Ya Qin, Wayne State University Law School</p>

4:00 – 4:15	Hallway outside Jeffries Hall 1225	Coffee Break
4:15 – 5:45	Paper Session 6a Jeffries Hall 1225	Sovereignty, Debt, and Monetary Policy Chair and Discussant: Andrew Larkin Adam Feibelman, <i>Institutional Determinants of Monetary Sovereignty</i> Sebastian Grund, <i>Contested Authority: The Legal Framework for Ultra Vires Sovereign Debt and Implications for Public Debt Transparency</i>
	Paper Session 6b Jeffries Hall 1020	Trade “And” Chair and Discussant: Maureen Irish Maria Anna Corvaglia, <i>The Rise of Labour Disputes Under PTAs: New Challenges for Changing Dispute Settlement Mechanisms</i> (via Zoom) Devdatta Mukherjee, <i>One Size Does Not Fit All: An Assessment of the Heterogeneity of Developing States in Asia in the Context of Fisheries Subsidies Discipline at the WTO</i> (via Zoom) Sunayana Sasmal, <i>Let’s Get Critical: The Rise of Non-Binding Instruments on Trade in Critical Minerals</i>
	Paper Session 6c Jeffries Hall 1025	The Multilateral Trading System in Critical Context Chair and Discussant: Inu Manak Mario Osorio Hernandez, <i>The Crumbling Institutions of the Corporate-Driven Trading System</i> Florenz Volkaert, <i>Reactions to the McKinley, Wilson-Gorman, Dingley, and Fielding Tariff Bills in International Law Journals (1892-1914)</i>
6:00	Jeffries Hall 1225	Concluding Remarks and Thanks

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