
Centre for International Governance Innovation

GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

August 14, 2017
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Reception 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
CIGI Campus, Room A120
67 Erb Street West, Waterloo, ON

The International Law Research Program (ILRP) at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) is delighted to host a one-day graduate conference themed **Canada @ 150**. This conference will examine the history and practices of International Law in Canada over the past 150 years, as they relate to each of the ILRP themes: international environmental law, international economic law, international intellectual property law and international Indigenous law. This conference will seek to determine whether, and to what extent, International law in Canada has grown or been challenged over the past 150 years and how these challenges can be overcome in the years to come. This conference will feature international law graduate students, researchers and experts who will provide insights on law and governance innovations to support global governance initiatives over the next 50 years.

The purpose of this graduate student conference is to provide ILRP Scholarship recipients the opportunity to showcase their research, as it relates to current international law rules, instruments and institutions and to explore how these concepts may be captured over course of Canada's history. The ILRP Scholarship students come from a wide array of Canadian legal institutions and will bring a breadth of knowledge to these panels. Experts in the field will be joining the conference as discussants and moderators.

Introduction to CIGI ILRP

The Centre for International Governance Innovation is a nonpartisan, independent think tank focused on issues of global governance and law, economics and politics, based in Waterloo, Ontario. The International Law Research Program (ILRP) is a ten-year program of international law research and international law capacity building, co-funded by CIGI and the Province of Ontario. The ILRP conducts policy relevant cutting-edge legal research involving academics, public and private sector practitioners, on issues of international economic law, international intellectual property law and innovation, international environmental law and international indigenous law, and intersecting issues of international human rights, development and security.

The ILRP's vision is to strive to be the world's leading international law think tank on international governance, with recognized impact on how international law is brought to bear on significant global issues. Our mission is to seek to connect knowledge, policy and practice to build the international law framework – the globalized rule of law – to support international governance of the future. Our founding belief is that better international governance including a strengthened international law framework can improve the lives of people everywhere, increase prosperity, ensure global sustainability, address inequality and safeguard human rights, and promote a more secure world. The ILRP scholarship program aims to develop world-class intellectual strength in the areas of international law that are most important to global innovation, prosperity, sustainability and security.

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AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome & Introductions
Oonagh Fitzgerald, Director, ILRP, CIGI

9:15 – 10:45 pm Panel 1: Challenges in Environmental and Indigenous Governance
Description TBD.

Moderator: Silvia Maciunas, Deputy Director, International Environmental Law, ILRP, CIGI

- **Rebeca Macias Giminez**, PhD Candidate University of British Columbia: *Canada “Plus” 150: Uncertainties in Reconciling UNDRIP and Natural Resource Development (via teleconference)*
- **Caecilia Alexandre**, PhD Candidate, Universite Laval: *The implementation of the cultural rights of indigenous peoples by Canada under the auspices of UNESCO*
- **Tamar Meshel**, SJD Candidate, University of Toronto: *International Law and Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Resolution: Principles, Mechanisms, and Suggestions for Reform*

10:45 – 11:00 am Health Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm Panel 2: Challenges in Economic Governance
Description TBD.

Moderator: Armand de Mestral, Senior Fellow ILRP, CIGI

- **Alexander Ezenagu**, PhD Candidate, McGill University: *Re-thinking the Theories of Taxation in an Interconnected World*
- **Irene Ekweozoh**, PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa: Title TBD
- **Samuel Adeniji**, PhD Candidate, University of British Columbia: *Canada’s Role in the Global Space and Antarctic Governance*
- **Pavla Kristkova**, PhD Candidate, *A Comparative Study of Judicial Safeguards and Their Potential Impact on ISDS Regulatory Function*
- **Nanying (Nancy) Tao**, PhD Candidate, *China's attitude towards Investment arbitration and its implication for the potential Canada- China Free Trade Agreement*

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Lunch and Keynote Speaker

Richard Gold, Senior Fellow, ILRP, CIGI (TBC)

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Panel 3: Sustainable Development Goals and International Law

Description TBD.

Moderator: Oonagh Fitzgerald, Director, ILRP, CIGI

- **Priscilla Maria Dias Guimaraes Cesar**, PhD Candidate, McGill University
- **Ksenia Polonskaya**, PhD Candidate, Queens University

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Wrap-up & Conclusions

Oonagh Fitzgerald, Director, ILRP, CIGI

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Reception

