



*The Centre for International Governance Innovation's
International Law Research Program presents*

Law for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development: The Search for International Governance Innovations

Graduate Student Conference

Monday August 15th, 2016
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
CIGI Campus, Room A120
67 Erb Street West, Waterloo, ON

The International Law Research Program (ILRP) of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) is delighted to host a one-day graduate conference themed ***Law for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development: The Search for International Governance Innovations***. This conference will examine whether, and to what extent, current international law rules, instruments and institutions are capable of supporting the quest for global sustainable development and growth. This conference will feature international law graduate students, researchers and experts that will provide insights on law and governance innovations to support sustainable socio-economic growth.

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: New Challenges in Environmental Governance

The environmental governance panel will discuss legal and governance challenges in implementing and applying international environmental law. The panel will focus on one or more of the aspects of this question in the light of identifying governance innovations required for strengthening natural resource governance, renewable energy, sustainable landscape management, and allocating responsibility for environmental degradation.

Moderator: Damilola Olawuyi, Deputy Director, International Environmental Law, ILRP, CIGI

- **Zachary Lomo**, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Law School: The Challenges of Allocating and Attributing Responsibility for Environmental Degradation to International Inter-Governmental Organisations.



- **Sara Ghebremusse**, PhD Candidate Osgoode Hall Law School: Measuring Natural Resource Governance: Lessons from Sub-Saharan Africa
- **Theodore Adimazoya**, PhD Candidate, University of Dalhousie: Environmental Aspects of Offshore Renewable Energy Projects: Comparing EU and Canadian Governance Approaches
- **Freedom-Kai Phillips**, LL.M Candidate, University of Ottawa: Promotion of Sustainable Landscape Management: Lessons from the Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Samaneh Hemat**, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Law School: Implementation of UNDRIP Internationally and Implications for Canada

10:45 – 11:00 am Health Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm Panel 2: Governance of Intellectual Property Law to Achieve Developmental Policies

This panel explores innovative ideas and theories applied to the governance of international intellectual property rights in order to promote a sustainable development. The panelists address controversial issues in IP and innovation governance and try to create a synergy to advance policies in this field.

Moderator: Bassem Awad, Deputy Director, International Intellectual Property Law, ILRP, CIGI

- **Dimitri Pag-Yendu Yentchare**, PhD Candidate, Université Laval: Using Armartya Sen's Definition of Justice to Achieve More Fairness in Benefit Sharing With Indigenous people
- **Justice Ogoroh**, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Law School: Applying Kansei Engineering in Designing IP to Meet the Needs of SMEs and Consumers
- **Uche Ugwu**, PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa: Interpreting IP Norms to Meet West-African Development Goals
- **Priscilla Maria Dias Guimarães César**, PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa: New Approaches to Design Complex IP and Innovation Systems in Health-Biotechnology
- **Eden Sarid**, SJD Candidate, University of Toronto: The Place of Social Norms and Market Dynamics in Intellectual production

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch and Keynote Speaker

Professor Karen Knop, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (TBC)



2:00 – 3:30 pm **Panel 3: International Dispute Resolution Mechanisms as Governance: A Help or Hindrance?**

International dispute resolution mechanisms (courts, tribunals, arbitral bodies) increasingly play varied roles in interpreting and reinforcing rules to address emerging governance challenges. While many welcome the role of these mechanisms, there is simultaneously backlash against the intrusiveness of their interventions and questions about how effectively they respond to different aspects of these challenges. In tackling this debate, the panel asks: What role do international disputes resolution mechanisms play, if at all, in facilitating governance? Do they help or hinder progress?

Moderator: Markus Gehring, Deputy Director, International Economic Law, ILRP

- **Raihan Cherrouk**, PhD Candidate, Université Laval: The Contribution of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to Ocean Governance
- **Ashley Barnes**, SJD Candidate, University of Toronto: Vital Actors Excluded from International Dispute Settlement - What are the Implications?
- **Ksenia Polonskaya**, PhD Candidate, Queen's University: Investor-State Arbitration: A Mechanism that Intrudes on Local Governance?
- **Madhav Mallya**, PhD Candidate, McGill University: The Prevention of Environmental Harm in International Investment Law: Understanding the Limitations of Investor-State Dispute Resolution Mechanisms.

3:30 – 4:00 pm **Wrap-up & Conclusions**

Oonagh Fitzgerald, Director, ILRP, CIGI

4:00 – 5:00 pm **Reception**