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Conseil canadien de droit international

53rd Annual Conference Congrès annuel

International Law: Enforcement and Entanglements
Convergence et divergence : Perspectives sur la
mise en œuvre du droit International

7-8 NOV 2024 • Ottawa

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Join us for Canada's premier conference on international law!

Explore the evolving landscape of international law, where leading experts, scholars, and practitioners will gather to discuss this year's theme **International Law: Enforcements and Entanglements**.

Network with top professionals, engage in insightful panel discussions, and enhance your understanding of legal frameworks shaping the world today. Whether you're a seasoned lawyer, academic, or law student, this is an opportunity to deepen your knowledge and make meaningful connections in the field of international law.

Keynote speakers include

- Alan Kessel
- Andrea Bjorklund
- Elaine Feldman
- James Stewart
- Lucy Reed

Sessions specifically for students

- Careers in International Law
- International Law Research: How do we do what we do?

Conference Theme

International Law: Enforcement and Entanglements

This year's theme sheds light on the enforcement in international law and the forces that can subvert it. From the rise of AI to the rise of populism; from the use of force to market forces to the forces of climate change; from the adoption of international instruments to its reception in domestic courts, the enforcement of international law must confront the challenges of an ever-changing world. In moving through these fluctuations, can international law retain its sway?

Sample of the panels that will be presented:

- 2026 Review of CUSMA: Opportunities and Risks for Canada
- International Human Rights Interventions and Legislatures: International Law and Promotion of Diversity and Equality in Domestic Law
- International Humanitarian Law Enforcement through Dissemination
- Who Pays the Price when Chinese State-supported Offshoring Causes Injury?
- Finding Its Sway: Enforcing International Cyber Law Across the Spectrum of Conflict
- Military Aid and Assistance of other States - Key issues under jus ad bellum and jus in bello
- The Advisory Opinion of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in a Time of Climate Emergency
- How Can We Better Promote Canadians and the Canadian Agenda in International Institutions?
- Access to Justice: Human Rights Enforcement in Times of Crisis





EDI Accreditation - Law Society of Ontario

This program contains 1.25 EDI Professionalism Hours:

- *International Human Rights Interveners and Legislatures: International Law and Promotion of Diversity and Equality in Domestic Law (1.25 hours)*

Substantive Hours

Please note that only Professionalism Hours (including EDI Professionalism Hours) must be accredited by the Law Society. Substantive Hours need not be accredited. For more information please see [Continuing Professional Development Requirement](#).

Special pre-conference activity

Wednesday, November 6, 6:00pm-8:00pm

The Rule of Law under Pressure: A Transnational Challenge

In the wake of a momentous US election, join us for a discussion of the rule of law in the United States and around the world. **Professor Gregory Shaffer**, the Scott K Ginsburg Professor of International Law at Georgetown University and former president of the American Society of International Law, will discuss his forthcoming book, *The Rule of Law Under Pressure: A Transnational Challenge*. Responding to Professor Shaffer will be **Professor Meredith Lilly**, Simon Reisman Chair in International Economic Policy at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. The evening will be a fascinating and timely discussion of the challenges facing the rule of law both within countries and between them.

Rideau Club 99 Bank Street, 15th floor

Ticket price: \$50 for conference participants (can be added during registration); \$75 for non-conference attendees (please email the CCIL secretariat for link). Includes hors d'oeuvres. Space is limited.

Annual General Meeting of the CCIL

Friday, November 8, 2024

13:15 - 14:00 (Victoria Hall, 1st Floor)

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Conference location

John G Diefenbaker Building

111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5A1

Paid parking available on-site.

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CCIL-CCDI 2024

Wednesday, Nov 06: Rideau Club (99 rue Bank Street)

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

The Rule of Law under Pressure: A Transnational Challenge

Pre-Conference Activity

Rideau Club (99 rue Bank Street)

Social Activities & Breaks | Pauses et activités ...

Gregory Shaffer

Professor of International Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Meredith Lilly

Professor, Simon Reisman Chair in International Economic Policy, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University

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07:30 AM - 06:00 PM

Registration | Inscription

Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Thursday, Nov 07: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

08:30 AM - 08:35 AM

Welcome | Bienvenue

Message from the CCIL President | Mot du président du CCDI

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Keynotes | Allocutions principales

Thursday, Nov 07: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

08:35 AM - 09:45 AM

International Criminal Law: Implementation and Forces to Overcome that Impede it (Presented in French)

Keynote presentation | Allocution principale

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Keynotes | Allocutions principales

James Stewart

Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (retired)

An opportunity for a practitioner to reflect, in a very personal way, on the theme of the Conference in its criminal justice dimension. The focus will be on the implementation of international criminal law and the forces that can impede it and must be overcome, so as to illustrate the main theme of the Conference. Presented in French with simultaneous interpretation.

Thursday, Nov 07: Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

09:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Health Break | Pause-santé

Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Social Activities & Breaks | Pauses et activités ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

The Advisory Opinion of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in a Time of Climate Emergency

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Eran Sthoeger

Adjunct Professor, Brooklyn Law School

Maria Antônia Tigre

Director, Global Climate Litigation Sabin Center for Climate Change Law

Miriam Cohen

Associate Professor, Université de Montréal

Payam Akhavan

Human Rights Chair, Massey College, University of Toronto

Vladyslav Lanovoy

Assistant Professor, Université Laval

Moderator: Vladyslav Lanovoy, Université Laval Climate change is manifesting itself in devastating ways. In an unprecedented move, three international courts, namely the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ), have been requested to render advisory opinions on climate change. The Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS) requested ITLOS to give an advisory opinion on the consequences of climate change for the preservation and protection of the marine environment. The panel will explore the ITLOS' advisory proceedings and the ways ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Algonquin (Terrace)

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Who Pays the Price when Chinese State-supported Offshoring Causes Injury?

Algonquin (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Isabelle Van Damme

Professor of International Economic Law, World Trade Institute

Kimberley Trapp

Professor of Public International Law; Deputy Dean, University College London, Faculty of Laws

Yu Cai Tian

Legal Counsel, Trade Law Bureau, Government of Canada

Moderator: Daniel Hohnstein, Tereposky & DeRose LLP
With China's creation of special economic zones in developing countries along its Belt and Road Initiative, the transnational subsidy was born. While developed countries generally oppose China's practice, the basis of their opposition varies. Ongoing litigation before the WTO and the EU Courts will consider whether the EU is justified in relying on the Rules on State Responsibility to impose countervailing measures, and whether the EU may resort to unilateral action not authorised under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM). The US and Canada do not adopt the same approach. Instead, they ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Business and Human Rights: Modern Slavery in Global Supply Chains

Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Akinwumi Ogunranti

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba

Daniel Litwin

Independent legal adviser and arbitrator, with affiliations to the EUI and Cabinet Yves Fortier, Independent

Masud Husain

Ombudsperson, Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE)

Penelope Simons

Full Professor, & Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights, HRREC, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (Common Law Section)

Moderator: Oonagh Fitzgerald, ILA-Canada
The panelists and moderator will develop three questions to discuss amongst themselves, e.g.: Explain the Canadian legislation and how it compares to other developing rules on business and human rights, including with regard to enforceability. How has the transnational business context changed/not changed because of these rules, including questions of enforceability. What further developments might we expect nationally and internationally in implementation of business and human rights standards? The panel discussion will be followed by questions from the audience. This panel presents an update and reflection on human rights compliance and enforcement issues for corporations involved in international trade, focusing on child ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Implementing UNDRIP in Canadian Courts and Tribunals

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Brenda Gunn

Professor, Robson Hall Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba

Claire Anderson

Commissioner, British Columbia and Yukon, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

Jesse Abell

Associate, Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP

Risa Schwartz

Sole Practitioner, Risa Schwartz International Law

Moderator/ Speaker: Risa Schwartz, Risa Schwartz International Law
The Supreme Court of Canada in Reference re: An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families noted that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) has been incorporated into Canada's domestic positive law. Our panelists, in a round table discussion, will discuss the importance of the Reference decision to both in domestic and international law context as well as look at the impact UNDRIP may have on lower courts and the decisions of administrative tribunals. Expert Discussion on the Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Algonquin (Terrace)

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Finding Its Sway: Enforcing International Cyber Law Across the Spectrum of Conflict

Algonquin (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Amanda Ghahremani

Research Fellow, Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley

Major General Dave Yarker

Commander, Canadian Armed Forces Cyber Command, Canadian Armed Forces

Leah West

Associate Professor, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University

Robert Young

Deputy Director, Criminal, Security and Diplomatic Law Division, Global Affairs Canada

Moderator: Cdr Kat Aubrey-Horvath, Director, Directorate of Cyber Operations Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces
What is "international cyber law"? To what and how does it apply? And how is it enforced? States, technical experts, corporations, academics and NGOs are grappling with these questions in a range of fora - from the UN Open-Ended Working Group on ICTs, to the boardrooms of tech companies, to legal blog posts on emerging technologies. Despite confirmed consensus among states that existing international law applies to cyberspace, many critical questions remain, especially concerning the specifics of just how international law applies ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Navigating National Security Reviews under the Investment Canada Act

Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Andrew House

Partner, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

Elizabeth Roscoe

Executive Vice President and Ottawa Practice Lead, Rubicon Strategy Inc.

Mehmet Karman

Senior Policy Analyst, Foreign Investment Review and Economic Security Branch, ISED

Moderator: Joshua Chad, McMillan LLP
Consistent with global trends, the regulation of foreign direct investment into Canada has become focused on whether investments raise national security concerns. Recent Government policy statements and amendments to the Investment Canada Act (ICA) highlight the current focus. This panel will provide an overview of the ICA's national security regime and will discuss the following hot topics in national security reviews: What is the jurisdictional scope of the ICA's national security regime? Are there procedural concerns in national security reviews? What substantive national security concerns are of interest to the Canadian government? How do other policy considerations, such as Canada's ...

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12:45 PM - 02:00 PM

Lunch | Dîner

Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Social Activities & Breaks | Pauses et activités ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

01:15 PM - 02:00 PM

Careers in International Law

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Caitlin Schropp

Associate, Gowling WLG

Justin Mohammed

Counsel, Department of Justice

Laura Morrison

Special Advisor 2, Canadian Armed Forces

Rachel Lauder

Legal Counsel, Trade Law Bureau, Global Affairs Canada and Justice Canada

Moderator/Speaker: Rachel Lauder, Global Affairs Canada
An opportunity to learn from and ask questions of individuals who have pursued different careers in the practice of international law. The target audience of this panel is students and new lawyers, but all conference participants are welcome.

Thursday, Nov 07: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

02:05 PM - 03:05 PM

Front Burner Issues in International Arbitration: A Dialogue

Keynote presentation | Allocution principale

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Keynotes | Allocutions principales

Andrea Bjorklund

Professor, L. Yves Fortier Chair in International Arbitration and International Commercial Law, McGill University Faculty of Law

Lucy Reed

Independent Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers

Professor Andrea Bjorklund and arbitrator Lucy Reed will discuss simmering issues in international arbitration, including recent reforms in national arbitration laws, the debate around intra- and extra-EU BITs, and the rise of arbitration in the pharmaceutical, tech and new energy sectors. Moving farther afield, Lucy will describe the work of the Register for Damages Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine.

Thursday, Nov 07: Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

03:05 PM - 03:15 PM

Health Break | Pause-santé

Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Social Activities & Breaks | Pauses et activités ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

03:15 PM - 04:30 PM

Judicial Noticing and Expert Evidence of International Law Before Domestic and International Courts (Presented in French)

Presented by the Société québécoise de droit international (SQDI)

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Bruno Gélinas-Faucher

Assistant Professor, University of New Brunswick

Charles-Emmanuel Côté

Professeur, Université Laval

Pierre Bienvenu

Avocat-conseil, IMK avocats

Saïda El Boudouhi

Professeure, Université de Paris 8 - Vincennes Saint-Denis

(presented in French with simultaneous interpretation) Moderator: Daniel Turp, Emeritus professor, Université de Montréal, Société québécoise de droit international The judicial noticing of international law by the Canadian judge is addressed in a recent decision by the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of International Air Transport Association v. Canada (Transportation Agency) (2024 SCC 30). In this case, the Court was asked to address several questions about the implementation and interweaving of international law and Canadian law. These questions include comparing the international law judicial notice regime that applies in common law and Quebec civil law. Article 2807, paragraph 2 of ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Algonquin (Terrace)

03:15 PM - 04:30 PM

Perspectives from Fort Pearson

Algonquin (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Cheryl Cruz

Global Affairs Canada

Heather Squires

Deputy Director and Senior Counsel, Global Affairs Canada - Trade Law Bureau

Michael Owen

General Counsel and Executive Director, Global Affairs Canada

Nadia Bourély

Executive Director, Market Access & Trade Controls Law Division, Trade Law Bureau, Global Affairs Canada & Department of Justice

Sandra Leduc

Global Affairs Canada

Stephen Randall

Executive Director, Oceans, Environment and Aerospace Law, Global Affairs Canada

Moderator: Shane Spelliscy, Global Affairs Canada This panel of leaders from the Legal Affairs Bureau at Global Affairs Canada, lawyers in Ottawa and diplomats abroad, will discuss the prominent issues on their respective agendas, and legal trends emerging at intersecting areas of international law.

Thursday, Nov 07: Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

03:15 PM - 04:30 PM

International Law Research: How Do We Do What We Do?

Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Alex Mills

Professor of Public and Private International Law, University College London

Natasha Affolder

Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law, Allard School of Law

Wolfgang Alschner

Professor, University of Ottawa

Moderator: Natasha Affolder, University of British Columbia This session is for graduate students engaged in the challenging task of researching international and transnational law. It creates an intentional space in the conference program for a conversation about the mechanics of international law research: How do we do 'research'? How do we craft better research questions? How do we learn methodologies other than those that we already know? How do we pivot research direction? How do we learn to fail in our research efforts, and to learn from our failure? This session throws open up the black box of 'international law research' ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

04:45 PM - 06:00 PM

Guardians of the Galaxy: Enforcing Law in Outer Space

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Ashlyn Milligan

Deputy Director, Non-proliferation, Disarmament and Space Division, Global Affairs Canada

Charlene Sun

Partner, DLA Piper New York

Eytan Tepper

Research Professor & Director, Space Governance Lab, Indiana University Bloomington

Mark Berlin

Professor, McGill University

Moderator: Vivasvat Dadwal, King & Spalding LLP By its very nature, the promotion of responsible behavior in space takes many forms, from norm-setting and regulatory/compliance measures on one end to allocation of liability and state responsibility on the other. Are existing enforcement measures enough to tackle the future uses of outer space? This panel will explore some of the challenges and opportunities in promoting a rules-based international order beyond the terrestrial boundaries of Earth, drawing insights from the civilian, commercial, military, and public perspectives. Among the unique perspectives shared, we will hear about attachment and seizure of space assets, cyber security ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Algonquin (Terrace)

04:45 PM - 06:00 PM

The New Supply Chain Trade Policy: Implications for Canada and International Law

Algonquin (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Dan Ciuriak

Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation

Kathleen Claussen

Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Wolfgang Alschner

Professor, University of Ottawa

Moderator: Nicolas Lamp, Queen's University Trade policy is undergoing a fundamental transformation. Trade officials used to focus their efforts on creating a general legal framework for international trade; they remained largely agnostic about who traded what with whom, as long as the trade generated high-paying jobs and prosperity. In the wake of the crises of recent years - from the reemergence of geopolitical competition to the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis - governments have shifted their attention from developing general rules to actively shaping specific supply chains, with the aim of achieving a much broader range of policy objectives, which ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

04:45 PM - 06:00 PM

75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions: Entangled Responsibilities and Imperative to Preserve Humanity in Changing Contexts

Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Lakmini Seneviratne

Head of Legal Department, Regional ICRC Delegation for United States & Canada

Robin Holman

Brigadier General, Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces / Government of Canada

Sophie Rondeau

Director and Legal Advisor, Canadian Red Cross

Valerie Oosterveld

Full Professor, Western University

Moderator: Sophie Rondeau, Canadian Red Cross
The 75th anniversary of the four 1949 Geneva Conventions, which every state in the world has ratified, as well as the 160th anniversary of the very first Geneva Convention of 1864, are taking place at a moment when the principles and interpretations of international humanitarian law are under considerable pressure. Indeed, it is timely to look at the forces at play which seek to disenfranchise those who comply with the law as well as the forces which drive selective application of IHL, as we consider how to better ensure that this crucial branch of international ...

Thursday, Nov 07: Lester B. Pearson (Ninth Floor | 9e étage)

06:30 PM - 08:00 PM

Legal Adviser's Reception | Réception du juriconsulte

125 prom. Sussex Drive

Lester B. Pearson (Ninth Floor | 9e étage)

Social Activities & Breaks | Pauses et activités ...

Join your peers at the Legal Advisers' Reception organised by Global Affairs Canada. Note: Upon arrival at 125 Sussex, Delegates will be escorted to the 9th Floor.

Friday, Nov 08: Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Registration | Inscription

Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Friday, Nov 08: Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

09:00 AM - 09:30 AM

Coffee Service | Service de café

Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Social Activities & Breaks | Pauses et activités ...

Friday, Nov 08: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

09:30 AM - 10:45 AM

International Human Rights Interveners and Legislatures: International Law and Promotion of Diversity and Equality in Domestic Law

This program contains 1 hour and 15 minutes of EDI Professionalism Content.

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Alex Bishop

Special Advisor, National Chief, AFN

Julia Sande

Amnesty International Canada

H. Scott Fairley

Partner, Cambridge LLP

Moderator: Joan Kasozi, Cambridge LLP
The interveners, represented by Amnesty international, who is currently an intervener in the proposed Black Class Action certification motion and motion to strike, would discuss the importance of interveners in ensuring that the courts and lawyers consider international human rights laws and diversity when interpreting legislation. The Black class action tackles issues of biases when hiring in the federal sector and non-promotion of racialized individuals. The legislative side of the panel would engage Canadian legislative implementation, both Federal and Provincial of the UN declaration of the rights of Indigenous People. The panel can speak to how ...

Friday, Nov 08: Algonquin (Terrace)

09:30 AM - 10:45 AM

How Can We Better Promote Canadians and the Canadian Agenda in International Institutions?

Presented by the Canadian Yearbook of International Law

Algonquin (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Colleen Swords

Former Ambassador and Deputy Minister, (Retired) Government of Canada

Kristen Boon

Dean, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (Common Law Section)

Martin Doe

Deputy Secretary-General and Principal Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

Sylvie Tabet

General Counsel and Director of the Trade Law Bureau, Global Affairs Canada

Vladyslav Lanovoy

Assistant Professor, Université Laval

Moderator: Kristen Boon, University of Ottawa
This panel, convened by the Canadian Yearbook of International Law, will showcase expert commentary on Canada's role in international institutions and international courts and tribunals. The discussion will cover topics such as whether Canada should nominate more candidates for positions in international institutions or tribunals and ways in which we can better promote Canadians and the Canadian agenda in international institutions. The conversation, moderated by Editor-in-Chief Kristen Boon, will present both historical perspectives on the topic and an overview of the different paths that lay ahead for Canada.

Friday, Nov 08: Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

09:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Joint Interpretation of Investment Treaties by State Parties: Curbing the Enforcement of International Law through Agreement

Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Marcin Menkes

Professor, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Shotaro Hamamoto

Professor, Kyoto University, Japan

Xu Qian

Dr., Zhejiang University

Moderator/Speaker: Charles-Emmanuel Côté, Université Laval
There is a growing interest for joint interpretations (JIs) of investment treaties by state parties, both in academia and state practice, as well as in Working Group III of UNCITRAL on ISDS reform. "JIs" refer to agreements adopted in a single document by parties to a treaty on the interpretation of its provision. JIs represent a means of enforcement of international law by agreement. Apart from the landmark precedent of the 2001 NAFTA, other examples include the 2017 Canada-Colombia JI, the 2017 India-Bangladesh JI, and the 2024 draft Canada-EU JI. Whether adopted under a special clause, ...

Friday, Nov 08: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Detangling Export Controls and Economic Sanctions: Surprising New Lessons

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Kay Georgi

Partner, ArentFox Schiff LLP

Martha Harrison

Partner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Matthew Kronby

Partner, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Vasken Khabayan

Director, Sanctions Listing and Coordination, Global Affairs Canada

William Pellerin

Partner, International Trade, McMillan LLP

This panel will examine the effect of the imposition of economic sanctions to address international peace and security concerns, gross violations of human rights, and significant foreign corruption. Topics proposed include the legal authorities for the imposition of sanctions; interpretative issues and uncertainties; recourse for listed, named or designated persons and others unwittingly caught by sanctions regimes; and the efficacy of these measures in advancing Canada's national security interests, including enforcement activities.

Friday, Nov 08: Algonquin (Terrace)

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Access to Justice: Human Rights Enforcement in Times of Crisis

Algonquin (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Camille Lefebvre

Judicial Fellow, International Court of Justice

Camille Marquis-Bissonnette

Professeure, Université du Québec en Outaouais

Catherine Savard

DPhil in Law candidate, University of Oxford

Fannie Lafontaine

Professor, Université Laval

Niko Pavlopoulos

Associate Legal Officer, International Court of Justice

Moderator: Fannie Lafontaine, Université Laval Armed conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, forced displacement, and climate change have raised the pressing question of international law's adequacy to respond to gross human rights violations. While much has been said about existing human rights enforcement mechanisms, human rights protection remains purely theoretical in the absence of effective access to justice for victims. This panel will examine the challenges of such access, analysing relevant substantive, procedural and conceptual obstacles in international, regional, and domestic forums. We will critically discuss how courts, including the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Tribunal for the Law of ...

Friday, Nov 08: Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Military Aid and Assistance of other States – Key Issues Under Jus ad Bellum and Jus in Bello

Freiman/Guigues (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

LCdr Amélie Aubut

Deputy Director and Legal Advisor, Directorate of International and Operational Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces

Brian L. Cox

Adjunct professor of law, Cornell Law School

Catherine Gribbin

Senior Legal Advisor, International Humanitarian Law, Canadian Red Cross

Jennifer McKeen

Legal Advisor, Global Affairs Canada

Moderator: LCol. Gary Pattison, Office of the Judge Advocate General The increasing trend of states providing military aid and assistance to others in armed conflict has raised complex international law issues. For example, more than fifty states have recently provided significant military support to Ukraine, highlighting the urgency of addressing these issues. The legal frameworks governing this practice, particularly jus ad bellum and jus in bello, present important and understudied questions regarding the thresholds at which such support constitutes a prohibited use of force or makes a state a party to an armed conflict. Given the consequential nature of these ...

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12:15 PM - 01:15 PM

Lunch | Dîner

Ottawa ABC (1st Floor | 1e étage)

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01:15 PM - 02:00 PM

CCIL AGM | AGA du CCDI

Annual General Meeting | Assemblée générale annuelle

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Dear CCIL members, The 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL) will be held in person in Ottawa during the Annual Conference. Date/Location: Friday, November 8, 2024 from 13:15 to 14:00 ET 111 Sussex Drive Victoria Hall (1st floor) Please mark your calendars and plan to join the AGM in order to help us secure quorum. This will be an opportunity to discuss CCIL activities, review and consider financial statements and approve Board of Directors nominations. The Agenda and related documents have been posted to the App. You must be logged into the App to access the documents. Just click on the ...

Friday, Nov 08: Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

02:00 PM - 03:15 PM

2026 Review of CUSMA: Opportunities and Risks for Canada

Victoria Hall (1st Floor | 1e étage)

Sessions | Séances

Hugh Cheetham

HJC Trade Consulting

Jack Hughes

Business Council of Canada

Meredith Lilly

Professor, Simon Reisman Chair in International Economic Policy, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University

Orlando Pérez

Partner, TMI Abogados

Riyaz Dattu

ArentFox Schiff LLP

Moderator: Riyaz Dattu, ArentFox Schiff LLP The upcoming 2026 review of the Canada-United States-Mexico-Agreement (CUSMA) presents challenges and opportunities for Canada's participation in North American supply chains as well as its competitiveness on international exports. The unconventional and unprecedented renewal provision, set for July 1, 2026, allows any of the three parties (U.S., Mexico, and Canada) to object to the agreement's renewal. If objections arise, it triggers a renegotiation process that could impact the CUSMA's continuity prior to the termination date for the CUSMA currently set for 2036. This panel will explore, among other things, the rationale behind the CUSMA renewal ...

Friday, Nov 08: Algonquin (Terrace)

02:00 PM - 03:15 PM

International Humanitarian Law Enforcement Through Dissemination

Algonquin (Terrace)

Sessions | Séances

Brian L. Cox

Adjunct professor of law, Cornell Law School

Eric Weaver

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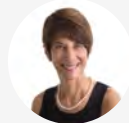
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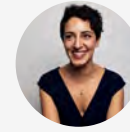
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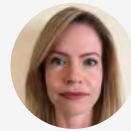
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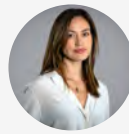
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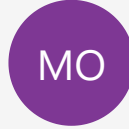
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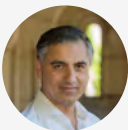
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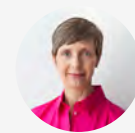
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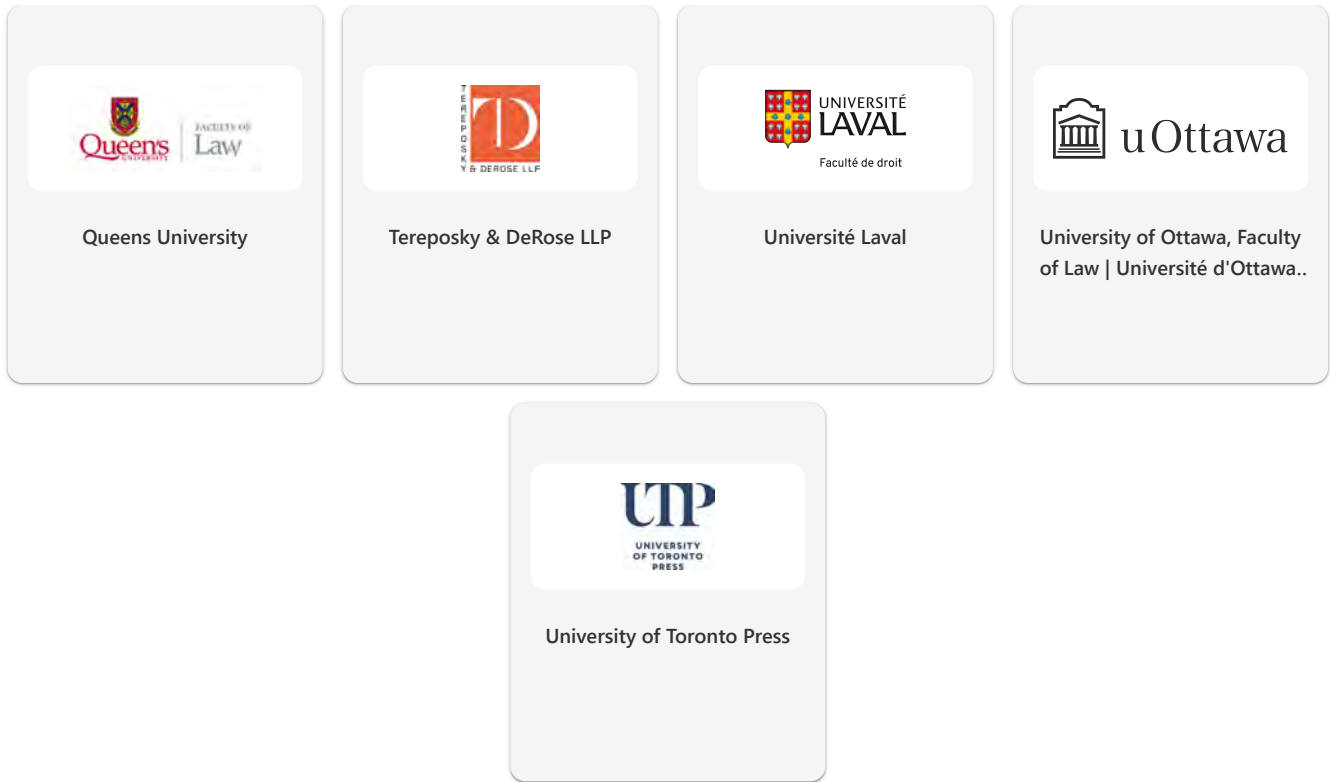
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