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50 Years of Commitment to International Law

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A MESSAGE FROM DEAN ROGER FAIRFAX



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AUWCL's commitment to international programs remains as strong today as ever. Our faculty are at the forefront in addressing global legal issues ranging from international humanitarian law to digital asset law. We continue to expand and adapt our international law curriculum and provide opportunities for our students, including through our innovative summer abroad programs and over 15 semester abroad programs and 5 international dual degree programs. We also proudly host the prestigious Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program (A Fulbright program). We continue to adapt and expand our curriculum to address the changing landscape. I am proud to lead a law school with such meaningful global impact.

Roger A. Fairfax, Jr.
Dean and Professor of Law

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

For over fifty years, AUWCL has been committed to advancing international law and promoting a tradition of global justice. In an era marked by both the obstacles of political division and the opportunities for digital connection, AUWCL stands at the forefront of transformative legal scholarship. Our faculty continue to collaborate with the world's leading organizations to shape international law. At AUWCL, our programs serve as incubators for innovative research, scholarship and public discourse in diverse new areas such as trade and gender, digital asset, cybersecurity and international law, amongst others.

We look forward to welcoming you to our state-of-the-art campus. Together we hope to build a better world.

Warm regards,

Padideh Ala'i
Professor of Law
Director of International and Comparative Legal Studies



29

International faculty

101

Students representing

41

Countries

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US News & World Report

A+

In international law prelaw
magazine

50+

Faculty publications

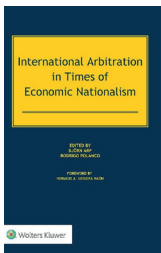
SCHOLARSHIP



Researching the European Court of Justice: Methodological Shifts and Law's Embeddedness

Fernanda Nicola, Mikael Rask Madsen, and Antoine Vauchez, Cambridge University Press (2022)

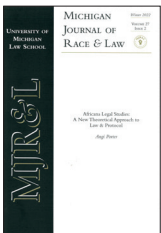
Introducing a new generation of scholars from law, history, sociology, political science and linguistics, the book provides a set of novel interdisciplinary research strategies and empirical materials for the study of the European Court of Justice. Moving beyond mainstream legal scholarship and the established 'grand narratives' of legal integration, the volume provides a more historically-informed and sociologically-grounded account of the EU law's uneven embeddedness in Europe's economies and societies.



International Arbitration in Times of Economic Nationalism

Björn Arp and Rodrigo Polanco, Kluwer Law International (2022)

A contemporaneous analysis on how government policies affect commercial and investment arbitration. The book explores the root causes and emerging legal trends behind the increasing skepticism about the benefits of international economic law and international cooperation.



Africana Legal Studies: A New Theoretical Approach to Law & Protocol

Angi Porter, in Michigan Journal of Race & Law (2022)

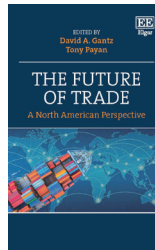
The legal systems of Africans, rooted in their cultural beliefs, were carried to the Western Hemisphere during slavery. However, legal studies often overlook the profound influence of African history and culture in this context. To bridge this gap, Professor Porter proposes "Africana Legal Studies," drawing from Africana Studies' methodologies. This approach recognizes two governance systems: Western Law and Africana "Protocol," referring to the governance and social rules of African communities. By focusing on a case study of the Bamana people from the Senegambia region, we can understand the Protocol they brought to colonial Louisiana under French enslavement. Exploring this through Africana Legal Studies may reveal insights and inspire solutions for contemporary legal challenges.



Un Puesto de Lucha: Los derechos humanos en evolución

Juan E. Méndez and Marjory Wentworth, Fondo de Cultura Económica (2021)

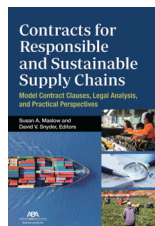
The work presents some of the major issues regarding human rights violations faced by various states during the second half of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st. These include arbitrary detentions, enforced disappearances, torture, migration, genocide, and the subsequent justice processes. Written based on the life and experiences of international human rights activist Juan E. Méndez, each chapter individually addresses these issues and contains short narratives detailing the events of the violations, tortures, the involvement of international organizations, and the pursuit of justice.



"WTO as a Forum for Regulatory Cooperation, Transparency and Open Plurilateral Agreements"

Padideh Ala'i, in The Future of Trade: A North American Perspective, Edward Elgar Publishing (2023)

Professor Ala'i analyzes the role of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in rulemaking and dispute settlement. The chapter argues that the focus of near-term WTO reform should be on the role of the WTO in the promotion of regulatory transparency, as a forum for regulatory cooperation and, when feasible, rulemaking. These are important roles for the protection and promotion of international rule of law and no other international organization is adequately equipped to fulfill it.



Contracts for Responsible and Sustainable Supply Chains: Model Contract Clauses, Legal Analysis, and Practical Perspectives

David V. Snyder and Susan A. Maslow, American Bar Association (2023)

This comprehensive guide contains model contract clauses (MCCs) that companies and their counsel can use to implement balanced, responsible, and sustainable corporate policies to protect human rights and the environment. The guide provides legal analysis from practicing lawyers and prominent scholars and includes extensive explanatory materials to help adapt and implement the MCCs.

GLOBAL IMPACT

THE WENGER ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

On April 5, 2023, U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai delivered the Wenger Lecture on International Trade, sponsored by the Henry E. & Consuelo S. Wenger Foundation. Ambassador Tai discussed the Biden Administration's worker-centered trade policy and the importance of trade in promoting fair and sustainable growth, with a focus on addressing global challenges such as climate change and economic inequality. She highlighted the need for international collaboration to tackle issues such as intellectual property rights and labor standards. The lecture emphasized that trade should work for the common good and help to forge a sustainable future for all.



AUWCL EMBARKING ON COPYRIGHT REFORM GLOBALLY

Over the past three years, the AUWCL Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP) has been instrumental in advocating for evidence-based copyright reform, emphasizing the expansion of “open” research exceptions. Through the Project on the Right to Research, PIJIP has collaborated with top academics and shaped copyright agendas both in WIPO and various domestic spheres. Significant achievements include the adoption of a new agenda on limitations and exceptions in WIPO, influencing the Broadcast Treaty, and promoting open research exceptions in 16 countries. The Project has elevated research discourse and increased academic engagement, marking a profound impact on global research perspectives and policy-making.

40 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Founded in 1982, the AUWCL International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) is one of the oldest LL.M. and international law programs in the US, having trained more than 4,500 lawyers from 60+ countries.

Marking its 40th Anniversary, AUWCL hosted a conference with 300+ attendees discussing topics such as the “*Future of Business - ESG and Beyond*,” “*International Organizations in Times of Crisis*,” and “*Assessing International Justice: Ukraine and Beyond*.” As part of the celebration, Ricardo Ramírez-Hernández, a 1994 graduate and former World Trade Organization Appellate Body Member and Chairperson, delivered the Wenger Lecture on International Trade, titled “*The Future of International Trade: Time to Change the Template?*”



25TH ANNUAL GROTIUS LECTURE

The Grotius Lecture marked 25 years of collaboration between AUWCL and the American Society of International Law. Professor Kim Lane Scheppele, an expert in law and politics, delivered the lecture, discussing how democracy and international law have evolved, noting a shift from optimism in the ‘90s to a contemporary decline in democratic values. She highlighted international law’s efforts to counter autocratic manipulation of democratic institutions, especially in protecting judicial independence and constitutional order.

Justice Manuel José Cepeda Espinosa, the former Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Colombia, emphasized the Inter-American Court of Human Rights’ role in countering tyranny in Latin America. He underscored the court’s stance against amnesty laws, support for media freedom and freedom of speech, and the protection of judicial autonomy. Cepeda also discussed the “Constitutional Bloc” theory in many Latin American states, where international human rights treaties hold equal weight with domestic constitutions, further solidifying international law’s role in upholding democracy and human rights.



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INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM CELEBRATES
40 YEARS OF INNOVATIVE LEGAL EDUCATION | 1982-2022

REIMAGINING TRADE: SHIFTS IN PARADIGMS

At the 2023 biannual Global Conference of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) in Bogotá on July 13, 2023, Professor Padideh Ala'i delivered the Robert Hudec Lecture titled, "Reimagining Trade: Shifts in Paradigms." Reflecting on the historical dynamics between the United States and China, Professor Ala'i highlighted America's foundational affinity for free trade despite recurrent protectionist tendencies from figures like Jefferson, Hoover, and Trump. Drawing parallels between the past and the present, she delved into China's historical tribute system, and President Xi's reliance on legalist philosophy. Professor Ala'i shed light on the complex contemporary global trade landscape and its historical underpinnings, urging a reconsideration of established trade paradigms.



RECENT IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL LAW



In 2022-2023 AUWCL Professor and Dean Emeritus Claudio Grossman, a current member of the International Law Commission (ILC), was appointed Special Rapporteur on the critical topic of "Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction." In addition, Professor Grossman engaged in a special session of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS), addressing the far-reaching consequences of sea level rise and its legal implications. Professor Grossman's influence also extends to his role as Vice-President of the Committee of Admissibility for Chile's new constitution.



On December 9, 2022, Professor Jonathan Rusch delivered a keynote address and served as a panelist on the relationship between transnational organized crime and corruption at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's South American regional conference in Bogotá, Colombia.



On February 23, 2023, Professor Paul Williams organized and co-moderated a roundtable discussion with Former Ambassadors to the United Nations Human Rights Council to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He also organized the lecture by the Center for Civil Liberties, recipient of Nobel Peace Prize, on the relationship between international humanitarian law and lethal autonomous weapons within the context of the conflict in Ukraine as well as future wars.



On December 15, 2022, the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court delivered its judgment in the case of Prosecutor v. Ongwen, upholding its historic conviction of forced pregnancy as a war crime and a crime against humanity. The Court affirmed the analysis in an Amicus Curiae Brief submitted in late 2021 by Professor Susana SáCouto and five other experts, which argues that forced pregnancy is a form of reproductive violence and an attack on reproductive integrity.



On March 7, 2023, Professor Juan Mendez submitted an Amicus Curiae Brief to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the case of Beatriz v. El Salvador. Also, on March 22, UNESCO invited him to speak at the III World Forum on Human Rights in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



On February 23, 2023, Professor Claudia Martin spoke on a panel entitled Equal and Inclusive Representation of Women in Decision-Making Systems: CEDAW's next General Recommendation, at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.



Professor Rebecca Hamilton spoke extensively about United States' New Position on an Aggression Tribunal for Ukraine and ICC's arrest warrant against Putin.

AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

Professor Renata Vargas Amaral was appointed Secretary for International Affairs and Development in Brazil where she leads this strategic Secretariat under the Ministry of Planning and Budget. During her tenure at AUWCL, she co-directed and taught in the Summer Institute on WTO & U.S. Trade Law and Policy. She served as a visiting scholar from 2018-2023 and

continues to inspire through her course on Trade & Gender.

Professor Robert Goldman was appointed to the newly formed International Advisory Council of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel.

Professor Horacio A. Grigera Naon was recognized as the most active arbitrator in Latin America in 2022.

Professor Rebecca Hamilton has been honored with a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. For the 2023-2024 academic year, she will conduct research and teach at the Islands and Small States Institute (ISSI) at the University of Malta Law School.



HUBERT HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (A FULBRIGHT PROGRAM) AT AUWCL.

Since 2002, AUWCL has hosted the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program. The Humphrey Program is a Fulbright Exchange activity sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Fellowships are awarded to mid-career professionals through a competitive selection process, providing them with a year-long opportunity for academic enrichment and professional development at prestigious institutions across the United States. Currently, AUWCL is the only law school that hosts Humphrey Fellows.

WCL ABROAD SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAMS

After a pandemic-related hiatus, AUWCL successfully relaunched its summer abroad programs in key European hubs including London, Brussels, Geneva, and The Hague. These programs, in collaboration with prominent international bodies such as WTO, WIPO, ILC, U.N. agencies, and the T.M.C.

Asser Institute, offered an immersive exploration of contemporary international legal issues. Participants delved into diverse topics such as transnational business and regulation, international trade and intellectual property, human rights, international criminal justice, and the work of the International Law Commission. They interacted closely with experts in the field, gained insights from prestigious firms, and expanded their professional global networks.



SEMESTER EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Spanning four continents, AUWCL Abroad offers over 15 semester abroad programs and 5 international dual degree programs that provide the next generation of lawyers with a variety of cultural experiences, diverse legal settings, and international law focus areas. Students have opportunities to gain work experience abroad, develop foreign language skills, grow their international networks, and broaden their understanding of how to interact with global and transnational actors.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMANITARIAN LAW

Established in 1990, the Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law underscores AUWCL's enduring commitment to international human rights and the rule of law. For more than three decades, the Center has shaped norms, aided faculty, human rights experts, and students, contributing significantly to resolving prominent human rights issues. Currently, the Center delves into the relationship between public finance and human rights, strategically advocates in high-impact cases within the Inter-American system, and emphasizes the nexus between human rights and climate change, alongside the implications of toxic substances.

CENTER ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Established in 2004 and directed by Professor Horacio A. Grigera Naón, the Center on International Commercial Arbitration hosts a three-week summer institute in Washington, DC, and two moot arbitration competitions in English and Spanish. The Center offers five online certificate programs specializing in commercial and investment arbitration. In July 2023, the Center partnered with the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission for a hybrid practical seminar for 40+ arbitrators and counsel across Latin America. The Center conducts cutting-edge research on institutional arbitration rules, legislation, and international regulatory initiatives. For more than 18 years, it has positioned AUWCL as a leading institution in commercial and investment arbitration, drawing students from various legal backgrounds.

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law prioritizes practical approaches to these fields, offering multilingual programs like the prestigious LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the Summer Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. These initiatives foster global connections among human rights organizations, practitioners, and educators, offering students unparalleled experiential learning opportunities.

TRADE, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Since 2014, the Trade, Investment and Development Program (TID) at AUWCL has invited exceptional practitioners and trade experts to both teach and conduct research. TID oversees the trade law curriculum, the LL.M. program in International Business and Trade Law, and hands-on opportunities for students, including the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on WTO Law. Emphasizing the interdisciplinary nature of trade, TID highlights its connections with labor, the environment, gender, and intellectual property annually. Headed by Professor Padideh Ala'i, the program hosts the Symposium on International Trade with the Embassy of Brazil and the Wenger Lecture in International Trade.

TECH, LAW & SECURITY PROGRAM

The Tech, Law & Security Program (TLS) unites leading experts in three critical areas—Content Regulation in the Digital Age, Privacy, Transparency, and Security, and Cyber and Information Conflict. Their work prioritizes emerging technologies, fundamental rights protection, and engagement across public, private, and international domains. In 2022 and 2023, TLS concentrated on groundbreaking research covering cross-border data flows, regulation, and surveillance. They delved into comprehensive content moderation throughout the digital information landscape and explored the effects of end-to-end encryption on combating online child sexual abuse. The program hosted prominent speakers through its At-the-Intersection speaker series, continued its “TechTalks” for the AU community, and organized the “Cyber in War: Lessons from the Russia-Ukraine Conflict” symposium, fostering meaningful discourse on international law.

BUSINESS LAW PROGRAM

Led by Director David Snyder and Associate Director Gerard Comizio, the Business Law Program is a leading hub for business law education and research. The Program takes a proactive stance on the role of business lawyers in addressing sustainability and human rights within global supply chains. Professor Snyder leads a working group and a task force in the American Bar Association and is a principal author of model contracts. He also co-chairs a parallel European Working Group, meeting regularly with prominent legal professionals, regulators, legislators, and scholars from numerous EU countries. The Program is launching a Digital Asset Law Project.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

For more than 25 years, guided by AUWCL Professor Susana SáCouto, the War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) has served as a critical resource for international tribunals and organizations promoting accountability for atrocity crimes worldwide. Over the last 15 years, the Office has developed significant expertise and global recognition in gender and international criminal law (ICL).

THE PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property at AUWCL is a renowned academic and research hub for intellectual property and information law. Its accomplished faculty covers all major aspects of the field, including Copyright, Patent, Trademark, Trade Secret, Cyberlaw, and international IP. PIJIP serves as a significant incubator of research and public discourse on public interest in global intellectual property policymaking. AUWCL boasts one of the oldest intellectual property programs in the world, with origins dating back to 1910.

OUR WORLD-RENOWNED FACULTY

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Rebecca Hamilton, *Associate Professor of Law*

Diane Orentlicher, *Professor of Law; former Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State*

Paul Williams, *Rebecca I. Grazier Professor of Law and International Relations; Founder of the Public International Law and Policy Group (PILPG)*

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

Padideh Ala'i, *Professor of Law; Director of International and Comparative Legal Studies*

Susan Franck, *Professor of Law International Arbitration and Business Law*

Gerard Comizio, *Adjunct Professor; Associate Director of the Business Law Program*

Horacio Grigera Naón, *Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence; Director of the Center on International Commercial Arbitration*

David Snyder, *Professor of Law; Director of the Business Law Program*

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Robert Goldman, *Professor of Law and Louis C. James Scholar*

Claudio Grossman, *Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus; Member of the U.N. International Law Commission; Associate Member of the Institut de Droit International*

Claudia Martin, *Professorial Lecturer-in-Residence; Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law*

Juan Méndez, *Professor of Human Rights Law in Residence; former U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture*

Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón, *Professorial Lecturer in-Residence; Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; former Member of the U.N. Committee against Torture*

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

Susana Sácouto, *Professorial Lecturer-in-Residence; Director of the War Crimes Research Office*

GENDER AND THE LAW

Janie Chuang, *Professor of Law*

IMMIGRATION LAW

Jayesh Rathod, *Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Experiential Education*

Anita Sinha, *Associate Professor of Law; Director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic*

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

David Hunter, *Professor of Law; Member of the Strategic Advisors Group for the International Finance Corporation's Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman (the World Bank Group)*

William Snape, *Practitioner-in-Residence; Assistant Dean of Adjunct Faculty Affairs; Senior Counsel of the Center for Biological Diversity*

TECHNOLOGY, LAW, AND SECURITY

Kenneth Anderson, *Professor of Law*

Gary Corn, *Director of the Tech, Law, and Security Program*

Ya'ara Barnoon, *Associate Program Director of the Tech, Law, and Security Program*

Alex Joel, *Scholar-in-Residence and Adjunct Professor; Senior Officer with the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence*

EUROPEAN UNION AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Fernanda Nicola, *Professor of Law; Director of the International Organizations, Law and Development*

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Michael Carroll, *Professor of Law; Faculty Director of the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property*

Christine Haight Farley, *Professor of Law; Faculty Director of the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property*

Sean Flynn, *Professorial Lecturer-in-Residence; Director of the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property*

HEALTH LAW AND POLICY

Maya Manian, *Professor of Law; Faculty Director of the Health Law and Policy Program*

AFRICANA LEGAL STUDIES

Angi Porter, *Assistant Professor of Law*

LIST OF PROGRAMS

- Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Brazil-U.S. Legal and Judicial Studies Program
- Business Law Program
- Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Center on International Commercial Arbitration
- Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program
- Immigrant Justice Clinic
- International Human Rights Law Clinic
- International JD Dual Degree Programs
- International Legal Studies Program
- International Organizations, Law and Development Program
- International Visiting Scholars Program
- Impact Litigation Project
- Kovler Project Against Torture
- Legal English Program
- Program on Environmental and Energy Law
- Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property
- Program on International Communications Regulation and Policy
- Semester Exchange and Summer Abroad Programs
- Spanish for Lawyers Program
- Tech, Law, and Security Program
- Trade, Investment, and Development Program
- U.S. and International Anti-Corruption Law Program
- War Crimes Research Office
- Women and the Law Program



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