



Post-Hegemonic International Law?

Conference Program

University Zürich, 27-29 November 2025

Thursday: 27 November 2025 - Preparation for Discussions

Room: KOL-G-217 - Rämistrasse 71, University Main Building

From 13:00 Registration

Network Session	
14:00-15:00	Introductory Note and Network Session Coordinated by the Organizing Committee

15:00-16:30	Warm Up Roundtable
	What is <i>Post Hegemonic International Law</i> and what does it look like?
Haris Huremagic (Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland)	Making the Implicit Explicit: Nationalism and the Unravelling of the Universal Legal Order
Verena Kahl (University of Hamburg/ Europa- Kolleg Hamburg, Germany)	An Ecofeminist Transformation of the International Legal Order – Potential for a (R)Evolution?
Eduardo Kapapelo (Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa)	Beyond Western Universalism: Epistemic Justice as a Foundation for Post-Hegemonic International Law
Diane Sangara (UCLouvain, Belgium)	From the EU-ECOWAS EPA to the EU-MERCOSUR FTA: Power Dynamics in Asymmetric Free Trade Agreements



16:30-16:45 - Coffee

Workshop International Legal Blogosphere: Post-Hegemonic Publishing?	
16:45 – 18:00	Dr. Raffaella Kunz (University Zürich) Dr. Felix Würkert (Hamburg University) Dr. Kebene Wodajo (ETH Zürich)

Friday: 28 November 2025

Room: KOL-G-217, - Rämistrasse 71, University Main Building

From 08:00 *Registration & Coffee*

Opening Remarks	
08:30 – 09:00	Faculty representative University Zurich

Opening Keynote	
09:00 – 10:00	Prof. Dr. Nico Krisch (Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland)



10:00 – 11:15	Panel 1: Challenges brought by war (Moderator: <i>Raffaella Kunz</i> —Zürich University)
Speaker	Subject
Alessandra Spadaro (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)	Business goes to war, international humanitarian law does not quite follow
Gaia Zoboli (Maastricht University, The Netherlands)	War by Other Means: Reframing Sanctions under International Law
José Manuel Aznar Puyalto, (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)	The Hegemony of the Use of Force. Is There a Legal Right to Retaliate?
Prof. Dr. Sanoj Rajan, (Zhejiang Gongshang University, Hangzhou, China)	Commentary

11:15 – 11:30 (*Coffee*) break

11:30 – 12:45	Panel 2: Environment and Climate Change (Moderator: <i>Felix Würkert</i> —University Mainz)
Speaker	Subject
Mrigank Atri (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)	The Extraction of Norms: Resource Sovereignty, Indigeneity, and the Legal Hegemonies of the Energy Transition Remote presentation
Julián Suárez (University College Cork, Ireland)	Towards a rights of nature approach to uphold the objective dimension of environmental human rights in regional human rights law
Carolin Heinzel (University of Leipzig, Germany)	Precaution as a Post-Hegemonic Principle in International Environmental Law?
Prof. Dr. Sigrid Boysen, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg, Germany	Commentary

12:45-14:00 *Lunch Break, University Canteen (Mensa)*



14:00 – 15:15	Panel 3: Modern Technologies and International Law (<i>Moderator</i> —Kebene Wodajo, ETH Zürich)
Speaker	<i>Subject</i>
Maria Diory Rabajante (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Germany)	Hegemony After Hegemony: Lex Digitalis Sermonis and Norm Contestation in Online Speech Governance
Pierangelo Blandino (University of Lapland, Finland)	Blockchain Networks and the Corporate Leviathan: Rethinking Statehood, Sovereignty, and Custom in Post-Hegemonic International Law
Tobias Pulver (ETH Zürich, Center for Security Studies) and Cristina Frei (University of Zurich), Switzerland	Global AI governance in a post hegemonic international order
Prof. Dr. Barrie Sander (Leiden University, Netherlands)	Commentary

15:15 – 15:30 (*Coffee*) break

15:30 – 16:45	Panel 4: International Trade (<i>Moderator</i> —Sabrina Ferrazzi, University of Verona)
Speaker	<i>Subject</i>
Bénédicte Meille (European University Institute, Italy)	“A la carte” International Law and the periphery: a case study of the World Trade Organization’s Agreement on Trade Facilitation in West Africa
Joaquín Schäfer Rodríguez (Universität Hamburg, Germany)	Participation and accountability: Voices from the IACtHR on the power of multinational corporations
Ha Kieu Phuong Dung (Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Vietnam)	Chips And Shifts: Asean’s Legal Strategy In The Post-Hegemonic Tech Order
Prof. Dr. Francesca Ragno (University of Bologna, Italy)	Commentary

Keynote



16.45-17:45	Prof. Dr. Nadia Mazouz (ETH Zürich, Switzerland)
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19:30 - Official Dinner of the Conference

Saturday: 29 November 2025
Room: HAH-E-11 - Häldeliweg 2, 8044 Zürich

08:00 – 09:15	Panel 5: Migration and Human Rights Law (Moderator—Garima Tiwari, National Law University Delhi)
Speaker	Subject
Luke Eda (University of the West of England, United Kingdom)	The Biopolitical Making and Enforcement of Autocratic Migration Policies of States in the Post-Hegemonic International Law Era: The Case of the UK-Rwanda Asylum Policy and Australia's Pacific Solution
Malgorzata Myl-Chojnacka (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)	Invisible Migration: Legal Challenges in Protecting Deaf Asylum Seekers in Europe
Dikshit Sarma Bhagabati (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)	The Periphery of International Human Rights Law: A Recognition-Based Approach to Dignity and Personhood
Prof. Dr. Vivianne Yen-Ching WENG (National Chengchi University, Taipei City, Taiwan)	Commentary

09:15- – 10:30	Panel 6: History of International Law (Moderator—Anna Diem, Graduate Institute, Geneva)
Speaker	Subject
Artur Simonyan (IOS Regensburg, Germany)	In Search of Peripheral Historiographies of International Law in Post-Soviet Space
Joris van de Riet (Leiden)	Immanuel Kant and Carl Schmitt on War and Hegemony in



University, The Netherlands)	International Law
Marissa Jackson Sow (University of Richmond School of Law)	Taming the Beast: International Law's Persistent Race Problem
Prof. Dr. Monica García-Salmones, (Maastricht University, Netherlands)	Commentary Remote

10:30-10.45 *Coffee Break*

10:45– 11:30	Panel 7: International Criminal Law I (<i>Moderator</i> —Camilo Ramírez Gutierrez, Universidad del Bosque, Colombia)
Speaker	<i>Subject</i>
Arvind Pillai (Leiden University, The Netherlands)	Double Bind of the defense system: A look into (lack of) representation of global south defense counsels
Ahmed Badr (Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark)	Gaza, Nuremberg, and the Limits of Enforcement: Reimagining International Justice through the Gaza Trials
Prof. Dr. Nadine Zurkinden (University Zürich, Switzerland)	Commentary

11:30-12:15	Panel 8: International Criminal Law II (<i>Moderator</i> —Tania Atilano, Zürich University)
Speaker	<i>Subject</i>
Hu Jiamei (Keio University, Japan)	Selective Memory: The Construction and Contestation of Facts in Cultural Heritage Destruction under International Criminal Law
Raphael Oidtmann (Mannheim Law School / Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany)	'Who Owns Justice? Universal Jurisdiction, Selective Accountability, and the Future of International Criminal Law in a Post-Hegemonic Order



Prof. Dr. Ahmed F. Khalifa (Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt)	Commentary
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12:15-13:45 Lunch

Closing Keynote	
14:00 – 15:00	Prof. Dr. Gerry Simpson (London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK)

15:00 – 16:15	Panel 9: Violation of international law, international Courts, and the changing nature of international dispute resolution (<i>Moderator</i> —Paulette Baereswyl, University of Zürich)
Speaker	<i>Subject</i>
Dobrosława Budzianowska (University of Wrocław, Poland)	Authority Without Hegemony: The ICJ's Normative Role in a Multipolar International Legal Order
Alberto Rinaldi (Lund University, Sweden)	From System-Building to Justice-Seeking: The International Court of Justice, Myth-Making and Post-Hegemonic Times
Robin Beglinger (Universität Zürich, Switzerland)	Back to Consent: International Organizations in a Post-Hegemonic Order
Prof. Dr. Nelson Camilo Sánchez León (University of Virginia, USA)	Commentary

16:15 – 16:30 (*Coffee*) break

Award Ceremony: Lorenz-Wielenga-Preis	
17:15 – 17:45	Friends and Family of Lorenz Wielenga and the Academy of European Human Rights Protection, University of Cologne (Germany)

Departure

Map of locations:

