

Karen J. Alter

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

International Relations, International Law, Global Capitalism & Law, Ethics in International Affairs

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Northwestern University

Board of Lady Managers of the Colombia Exposition Chair, 2018-2021
Founding Co-director Global Capitalism and Law Research Group, 2016-
Professor of Political Science and Law, 2011-
Professor of Political Science, 2010-
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2003- 2010
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2000-2003

University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law

Permanent Visiting Professor, [iCourts Danish National Resource Council Center of Excellence](#), 2012-

Smith College

Assistant Professor of Government, 1996-2000

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Teaching Assistant & Research Assistant 1991-1993

Harvard University

Center for European Studies Graduate Affiliate, 1992-1996
Teaching Assistant, 1992-1993

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. in Political Science, 1996

Cornell University B.A. Magna Cum Laude, with distinction in all subjects, 1988

HONORS AND AWARDS

Board of Lady Managers of the Columbia Exposition Chair, Northwestern University, 2018-2021

Certificate of Merit for a Preeminent Contribution to Creative Scholarship, American Society of International Law, 2015 (For THE NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW)

Best Book, ILAW Section of the International Studies Association, 2014 (For THE NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW)

Honorable Mention, Chadwick F. Alger Prize for the best book published on the subject of international organization and multilateralism. International Studies Association, 2014 (For THE NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW)

American Academy Berlin Prize, 2012

John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 2011

Honorable Mention, Best Contribution to the European Journal of International Relations, 2007-2009 (for *Agent or Trustee: International Courts in their Political Context*, *European Journal of International Relations*, 14 (1): 33-63, 2008)

Best Paper, European Communities Studies Association Conference 1999: Who are the Masters of the Treaty?: European Governments and the European Court of Justice (published in *International Organization*, 52 (1): 125-152, 1998)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Undergraduate Research Program Baker Grant, Northwestern University 2020
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Buffett Institute Fellow, Northwestern University 2016-2020
Weinberg College W Innovator Grant, Northwestern University, 2017
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, "Big Ideas Grant" for the Research group on Global Capitalism & Law, 2015-2019
International Organization (the journal) workshop grant, 2014
American Political Science Association, Centennial Grant Supplemental Research Support, 2014
Northwestern University Public Voices Fellowship- the Op-Ed Project, 2013
Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin, 2012
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 2011
Dispute Resolution Research Center Conference and Research Grant, 2011
Northwestern University, University Research Grant, 2010, 2006, 2004
Center for the Americas at Vanderbilt University, Incubator Grant 2007
Northwestern Institute on Complex Organizations, Workshop Grant 2006-2007
Dispute Resolution Research Center Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2005, 2007
George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation Fellowship 2004
Emile Noel Fellowship, Harvard Law School 2000-2001
German Marshall Fund of the United States, Advanced Research Fellowship 2000-2001
Smith College Jean Picker Fellowship, 1998-1999
Smith Summer Research Grant 1997, 1998
Program for the Study of Germany and Europe Center for European Studies, Harvard University.
Dissertation Writing Grant 1995-1996, Research Fellowship 1994
Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Research Fellowship, 1995
Bourse Chateaubriand Scientifique, 1994
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Stipendium 1993
European Community Studies Association Dissertation Fellowship, 1992
MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Exploration Grant 1992
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Graduate Fellowship 1989-1991
Mellon Foundation Team Research Grant, 1988
Ford Foundation, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Research Grant 1987

VISITING POSITIONS

American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Visiting Fellow, 2004, 2008-2009, 2017-2018
Northwestern Law School, 2004, 2011, 2013
American Academy in Berlin, Bosch Public Policy Fellow, 2012
Institute d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), France, 1998, 2010
Universität Bremen, Germany, 2004

Seikei University, Japan, December, 2003

Harvard Law School, Emile Noël Fellow, 2000-2001

Harvard University, European Union Center Visiting Fellow, 2000-2001

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Edited Collections, and Monographs

[INTERNATIONAL COURT AUTHORITY](#)

(edited with Laurence R. Helfer & Mikael R. Madsen), Oxford University Press (Simultaneous hardback and paperback, 2018). Authored chapters include:

- International Court Authority in a Complex World (with Helfer & Madsen)
- How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts (with Helfer & Madsen)
- The Andean Tribunal of Justice: From Washington Consensus to Regional Crisis (with Helfer)
- International Court Authority in Question: Introduction to Part III (with Helfer & Madsen)
- Conclusion: Context, Authority, Power (with Helfer & Madsen)

[TRANSPLANTING INTERNATIONAL COURTS: THE LAW AND POLITICS OF THE ANDEAN TRIBUNAL OF JUSTICE](#)

(with Laurence R. Helfer) Oxford University Press (Hardback: 2017; Paperback: 2019)

[NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW: COURTS, POLITICS, RIGHTS](#)

Princeton University Press (Simultaneous hardback and paperback, 2014)

- Certificate of Merit for a Preeminent Contribution to Creative Scholarship, American Society of International Law
- Best Book Award, ILaw Section of the International Studies Association
- Honorable Mention, Chadwick Alger Prize for the Best Book on Multilateralism

[OXFORD HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL ADJUDICATION](#)

(edited with Cesare Romano & Yuval Shany), Oxford University Press (Hardback 2014; Paperback, 2016; Chinese translation 2020; 2nd edition 2021). Authored chapters include:

- Mapping International Courts and Tribunals, the Issues and Players (with Romano and Shany)
- Contemporary International Adjudicators: Evolution and Multiplication
- Graphic Visualizations; Illustrations: A Reader's Guide (with Romano and Francesco Sebreghondi)

[THE EUROPEAN COURT'S POLITICAL POWER: ESSAYS ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE ON EUROPEAN POLITICS](#)

Oxford University Press (Hardcover, 2009; Paperback 2011)

[ESTABLISHING THE SUPREMACY OF EUROPEAN LAW: THE MAKING OF AN INTERNATIONAL RULE OF LAW IN EUROPE](#)

Oxford University Press (Hardcover 2001; Paperback 2003; Translated into Albanian, 2012)

Special Editions of Journals (convener and editor)

The Politics of Backlash in Comparison, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 22, forthcoming November 2020 (with Michael Zürn)

[Judicializing International Relations](#), thematic section in *International Studies Quarterly* 63(3) 2019 (with Emilie Haftner-Burton and Laurence R. Helfer), 2019

[The Variable Authority of International Courts](#), Special Editors. *Law and Contemporary Problems* 79 (1) 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Mikael Rask Madsen)

[Symposium on the Politics of International Regime Complexity](#), *Perspective on Politics* 7 (1) 2009
(with Sophie Meunier)

Journal Articles (*= peer reviewed)

- *[Gender and Status in American Political Science: Who determines whether a scholar is noteworthy?](#), *Perspective on Politics*, forthcoming 2020 (with Jean Clipperton, and Emily Shraudenbach, Laura Rozier)
- *[Comprehending Global Governance: International Regime Complexity v. Global Constitutionalism](#), *Global Constitutionalism* 9 (2) 413-423. 2020.
- * [Conceptualizing Backlash Politics](#), *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 20, forthcoming 2020 (with Michael Zürn)
- *[Theorizing Backlash Politics, Conclusion to a special issue on backlash politics in comparison](#), *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 20, forthcoming 2020 (with Michael Zürn)
- *[Visions of International Law: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective](#), Invited biennial lecture published in *Leiden Journal of International Law* (forthcoming)
- *[The Empire of International Law?](#) (review essay) *American Journal of International Law*, 113 (1): 183-199, 2019
- *[Theorizing the Judicialization of International Relations](#), *International Studies Quarterly*, 63(3): 449-463, 2019 (with Emilie Haftner-Burton and Laurence R. Helfer)
- *[Law in Action: Human Rights, Conflict Resolution and National Identity](#), a review essay in *Perspective on Politics*, 16 (2): 460-64, 2018
- *[The Rise of International Regime Complexity](#), *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, 14: 329-349, 2018 (with Kal Raustalia)
- *[Backlash against International Courts in West, East, and Southern Africa](#), *European Journal of International Law*, 27 (2): 293–328, 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and James Thuo Gathii)
 - [\(EJIL Talk Symposium, 2016\)](#).
 - Reprinted in [THE PERFORMANCE OF AFRICA'S INTERNATIONAL COURTS: USING INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FOR POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL CHANGE](#), James Thuo Gathii ed, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020)
- *[How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts](#) *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 79 (1): 1-38, 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Mikael R. Madsen)
- *[A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States](#), *American Journal of International Law*, 107 (4): 737-779, 2013 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Jacqueline McAllister) ([Opinio Juris-AJIL Symposium](#), 2014)
- *[Legitimacy and Lawmaking: A Tale of Three International Courts](#), *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*, 14 (2): 479- 502, 2013 (with Laurence Helfer)
- *[Transplanting the European Court of Justice: Findings from the Experience of the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#), *American Journal of Comparative Law*, 60 (6): 709-744, 2012 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Osvaldo Saldias)
- *[The Global Spread of European Style International Courts](#), *West European Politics*, 35 (1): 135-154, 2012
- *[The Evolving International Judiciary](#), *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, 7: 387-415, 2011
- [Tipping the Balance: International Courts and the Construction of International and Domestic Politics](#), *Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies*, (13): 1-22, 2011

- Featured in the Cambridge Yearbook's special [20th Anniversary Edition](#)
- * [Legal Integration in the Andes: Lawmaking by the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#), *European Law Journal*, 17 (5) 701-15, 2011 (with Laurence R. Helfer)
- * [Nature or Nurture: Judicial Lawmaking in the European Court of Justice and the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#), *International Organization*, 64 (4): 563-92, 2010 (with Laurence Helfer)
- [The European Court's Political Power Across Time and Space](#) (translated into Romanian) 5 *Revista Romana de Drept European*, 2010
- * [Islands of Effective International Adjudication: Constructing an Intellectual Property Rule of Law in the Andean Community](#) *American Journal of International Law*, 103 (1): 1-43, 2009 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Maria Florencia Guerzovich), Reprinted in 6 ANUARIO ANDINO DE DERECHOS INTELECTUALES (2010)
 - Presented and discussed in Greece, Argentina, and the Hague, in meetings organized by and for international judges
- * [The Politics of International Regime Complexity](#), *Perspective on Politics*, 7 (1): 13-24, 2009 (with Sophie Meunier)
 - Top ten most downloaded and cited articles in *Perspective on Politics*
- [The Andean Tribunal of Justice and its Interlocutors: Understanding the Preliminary Ruling Reference Patterns in the Andean Community](#), *Journal of International Law and Politics*, 41 (4): 871-929, 2009 (with Laurence R. Helfer)
- * [Agent or Trustee: International Courts in their Political Context](#), *European Journal of International Relations*, 14 (1): 33-63, 2008
 - Honorable Mention, Best Contribution to the *European Journal of International Relations*, 2007-2009
- * [Delegating to International Courts: Self-Binding vs. Other-Binding Delegation](#), *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 71 (1) 37-76, 2008
- * [Nested and Competing Regimes in the Transatlantic Banana Trade Dispute](#), *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30 (3): 362-368, 2006 (with Sophie Meunier)
- * [Private Litigants and the New International Courts](#), *Comparative Political Studies* 35 (1): 22-49, 2006
- Unilateralism and Multilateralism in American Foreign Policy*, *Northwestern Journal of International Affairs* 6, 2004
- * [Resolving or Exacerbating Disputes? The WTO's New Dispute Resolution System](#), *International Affairs*, 79 (4): 783-800, 2003
- [Do International Courts Enhance Compliance with International Law?](#), *Review of Asian and Pacific Studies*, 25: 51-78, 2003
- * [Law, Political Science and European Union Legal Studies: An interdisciplinary project?](#), *European Union Politics*, 3 (1): 113-123, 2002 (responses by Renaud Dehousse and Georg Vanberg)
- * [The European Legal System and Domestic Policy: Spillover or Backlash?](#), *International Organization*, 54 (3):489-518, 2000
 - Reprinted in Judith Goldstein, Miles Kahler, Robert Keohane, and Anne-Marie Slaughter eds *LEGALIZATION IN WORLD POLITICS* MIT Press, 2001
- * [Explaining Variation in the Use of European Litigation Strategies: EC law and UK Gender Equality Policy](#), *Comparative Political Studies*, 33 (4): 316-46, 2000 (with Jeannette Vargas)

*[*Who are the Masters of the Treaty?: European Governments and the European Court of Justice*](#), *International Organization*, 52 (1): 125-152, 1998

- Winner of the Best Paper Presented at the European Communities Studies Association Conference 1999
- Reprinted in *INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION READER*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001 (Lisa Martin and Beth Simmons eds.)

*[*The European Court's Political Power*](#), *West European Politics*, 19 (3):458-487, 1996

*[*Judicial Politics in the European Community: European Integration and the Pathbreaking Cassis de Dijon decision*](#), *Comparative Political Studies*, 24 (4): 535-561, 1994 (with Sophie Meunier-Aitsahalia)

- Reprinted in *THE EUROPEAN UNION: VOLUME II*, 397-424, *International Library of Politics and Comparative Government*, Dartmouth Press, 1997 (Neil Nugent ed.)

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Contracting v. Multilaterallism in Global Economic Governance: Before, During and After the WTO, Manfred Elsig, Rodrigo Polanco & Peter van den Bossche (eds) *International Economic Dispute Settlement: Demise or Transformation?* World Trade Forum Series, Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming, [on SSRN](#).

Big Decisions in European Legal and Economic Integration: What Have We Learned? in *CASSIS DE DIJON 40 YEARS ON*, Hart (Albertina Albors-Llorens, Catherine Barnard and Brigitte Leucht eds, 2020), on [SSRN](#).

[*Critical Junctures and the Future of International Courts in a Post-Liberal World Order*](#) In *THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS: REGIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL CHALLENGES*, Routledge, 8-33 (Avidan Kent, Nikos Skoutaris & Jamie Trinidad eds., 2019)

[*The Future of International Law*](#) in *THE NEW GLOBAL AGENDA*, Rowman & Littlefield, 25-42 (Diana Ayton-Shenker ed., 2018), [on SSRN](#)

[*National Perspectives on International Constitutional Review: Diverging Optics*](#) In *COMPARATIVE JUDICIAL REVIEW*, Edward Elgar, 244-271 (Erin Delaney and Rosalind Dixon eds., 2018), [on SSRN](#)

[*The Evolution of International Law and Courts*](#) In [THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONALISM](#), Oxford University Press: 590-610 (Orfeo Fioretos, Tullia G. Falletti and Adam Scheingate eds., 2016), [on SSRN](#)

- Reprinted in *INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS IN TIME*, Oxford University Press, 251-274 (Orfeo Fioretos ed., 2017)

Too Much Power for the Judges? Understanding the European Court's Political Power in *KEY CONTROVERSIES IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION*, Palgrave Macmillan, Chapter 5 (with a response by Jeremy Rabkin) (Zimmerman, Hubert and Dür, Andreas eds. 2012; 2nd edition with Daniel Keleman, 2016; 3rd edition with Daniel Kelemen, 2020)

[*Regional Dispute Settlement*](#) (with Liesbet Hooghe) In *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE REGIONALISM*, Oxford University Press, 538-558 (Tanja A. Börzel/Thomas Risse eds., 2016), [on SSRN](#)

[*The Influence of the Andean Intellectual Property Regime on Access to Medicines in Latin America*](#) (with Laurence Helfer) in *BALANCING WEALTH AND HEALTH: GLOBAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND THE BATTLE OVER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN LATIN AMERICA*, 247-262 (Rochelle Dreyfuss & César Rodríguez-Garavito eds., 2014), [on SSRN](#)

On Law And Policy in the European Court of Justice: An American Perspective In EUROPE: THE NEW LEGAL REALISM, Djøf Publishing 2011 (Koch, Henning et al eds., 2011)

[Judicialization of International Relations](#) in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, Sage Publications, (Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser and Leonardo Morlino eds., 2011)

[The European Court and Legal Integration: An Exceptional Story or Harbinger of the Future?](#) In THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF LAW AND POLITICS Oxford University Press, 209-228 (Keith Whittington, Daniel Keleman, Greg Caldiera eds., 2008)

Designing International Legal Mechanisms to Help Enforce Trade Agreements In INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES TO REGIONALISM, (In Japanese, Kazuya Hirobe ed., 2008)

[The Theory and Reality of the European Coal and Steel Community](#) (with David Steinberg). In MAKING HISTORY: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF ROME, Oxford University Press, 89-104 (Sophie Meunier and Kathleen McNamara eds., 2007)

[Delegation to International Courts and the Limits of Recontracting Political Power](#) In DELEGATION UNDER ANARCHY: STATES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRINCIPAL-AGENT THEORY, Cambridge University Press, 312-338 (Darren Hawkins, Daniel Neilson, Michael J. Tierney, and David A. Lake eds., 2006)

The European Court of Justice and European Law In EUROPE TODAY, Rowman and Littlefield, (Ronald Tiersky ed. 1999; 2nd ed., 2004)

The European Court of Justice In ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, 191-194, Lynne Rienner Publishers, (Desmond Dinan ed., 1998)

[Explaining National Court Acceptance of European Court Jurisprudence: A Critical Evaluation of Theories of Legal Integration.](#) In THE EUROPEAN COURTS AND NATIONAL COURTS, Hart Publishing 225-250, (Anne-Marie Slaughter, Alec Stone-Sweet and Joseph Weiler eds., 1998)

In Progress:

Ruling the Global Economy: Why is Money so Different from Trade? Book project with article spin-offs (with Stephen C. Nelson)

Adjudicating Megapolitics, interdisciplinary collaborative project (co-director Mikael Rask Madsen)

Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best: The Example of Reforming the World Trade Organization, article under review (with Cristina Lafont). [On SSRN.](#)

Empire's Global Economic Law, invited lead-article for I•Con (in progress)

Contracting v. Multilaterallism in Global Economic Governance, article (with Tim Meyer) (in progress).

The ICJ In Comparison: Understanding the ICJ's Limited Influence. Melbourne Journal of International Law (in progress). [On SSRN](#)

Gender and the Projection of Digital Status: A continuation of the study "Gender and Status in American Political Science: Who Determines Whether a Scholar is Noteworthy"

When and How to Legally Challenge Economic Globalization: A Comment on the German Constitutional Court's False Promise, for an i•Con special forum on the German Constitutional Court's Weiss decision

Book Reviews

- ISLAMIC LAW AND INTERNATIONAL LAW: PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES Emilia Justyna Powell, Oxford University Press. In *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions*. Shorter form published in [Journal of Peace Research](#).
- IN PLACE OF INTERSTATE RETALIATION: THE EUROPEAN UNION'S REJECTION OF WTO-STYLE TRADE SANCTIONS, William Phelen, Oxford University Press. In *Review of International Organizations* 11(1): 145-149, 2016
- EUROLEGALISM: THE TRANSFORMATION OF LAW AND REGULATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, Daniel R. Kelemen, Harvard University Press. In *Common Market Law Review* 49 (1): 417-9, 2012
- THE SWORD AND THE SHEILD: THE UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS, Cesare P.R. Romano ed. In *Perspectives on Politics* 9 (4): 978-80, 2011
- THE EUROPEAN COURT AND CIVIL SOCIETY: LITIGATION, MOBILIZATION AND GOVERNANCE, Rachel A. Cichowski, Cambridge University Press. In *Perspectives on Politics*, 8 (2): 698-9, 2010
- TRADING VOICES : THE EUROPEAN UNION IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS, Sophie Meunier, Princeton University Press. In *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (4): 813-4, 2006
- LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN POSTNATIONAL EUROPE: COMPLIANCE BEYOND THE NATION STATE, Michael Zürn and Christain Joerges eds Cambridge University Press 2004. In *Modern Law Review*, 30 (5): 767-771, 2005
- THE RULES OF FEDERALISM, R. Daniel Kelemen, Harvard University Press. *European Union Studies Association Review*, 17 (3): 16-17, 2004
- THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE SUPRANATIONAL PARTY SYSTEM, Amie Kreppel, Cambridge University Press. In *Comparative Political Studies*. 37 (1): 121-124, 2004
- THE MANY FACES OF DIFFERENTIATION IN EU LAW, Bruno De Witte, Dominik Hanf and Ellen Vos eds Intersentia Press, 2001. In *European Union Studies Association Review Section*, 15 (3), 2002

Op-Eds

- [Is it a Dance or is it Chicken?: The German Constitutional Court's European Central Bank Ruling](#) VerfassungsBlog, May 13, 2020
- [Time for a World Trade Organization 2.0](#) Wall Street Journal, September 15, 2019
- [Trump's tariffs aren't the biggest trade problem. Will China step in to protect the WTO?](#) The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, June 18, 2018
- [Disentangling Ethics and the Law: What's legal isn't necessarily ethical](#) National Law Review, February 28, 2018
- [The Future of International Law in an Age of Trump](#), The Berlin Journal (Fall) 2017
- [Ein Jahr nach der Wahl Die USA gefährden die Zukunft des internationalen Rechts](#) Tagesspiegel Causa November 8, 2017
- [The Least Bad Option in Syria: The U.S. has to swallow some bitter pills, because letting the civil war drag on is even worse](#) US News and World Reports, November 5, 2015
- [The Trials and Tribulations of Prosecuting Heads of State: The ICC and Kenyatta](#) The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, December 19, 2014
- [Will America's Failed Domestic Policy Spur a New Cold War?](#) The Huffington Post, May 13, 2014
- [Four Well Intentioned International Law Ideas Doomed to Fail](#) OZY, May 20, 2014

[Let Nations, Not the World, Prosecute Corruption](#) (with Juliet Sorensen) *US News and World Report*, April 30, 2014

[International Law's Legacy vs. The Cases of Ukraine and Syria](#) *The Huffington Post*, March 27, 2014

[The Only Way to Counter Russia: Invoking international law is the best way to respond to Russia's action in the Ukraine](#) *US News and World Report*, March 12, 2014

[German high court challenges the European Central Bank pledge to defend the Euro](#) *The Global Post* March 6, 2014

[Has Putin Broken International Law?](#) *CNN Opinion*, March 5, 2014.

[Beyond the Bubbles: Sodagate reminds us Good v. Evil not always so clear](#) *The Huffington Post*, February 7, 2014

[International Law and Chemical Weapons: Conservative arguments of substance](#) *The Huffington Post*, November 15, 2013

[Is Groupthink Driving Us Towards War](#) *The Boston Globe*, September 16, 2002

[Iraq: Who Lied? The high cost of lying about war](#) *The Chicago Tribune*, June 29, 2003

Other Publications (On-Line Forums, Newsletters, Conference Proceedings)

[Introduction to the Symposium on Kristina Dauqirdas's Reputation as a Disciplinarian of International Organizations](#) *AJIL Unbound Symposium*, 113: 218-222, 2019

[Is the Era of the Internationalists Over? A comment on Hathaway and Shapiro's The Internationalists](#) *International History and Politics Newsletter* 4 (2): 3-7, 2019

[Whose Rule of Law is it?](#) *Law and Social Inquiry Forum* 2, discussing of Mila Versteeg and Tom Ginsburg's article "Measuring the Rule of Law: A Comparison of Indicators" *Law and Social Inquiry* 42, 2017

[Is International Law's Thin Line of Justice Too Thin?](#) Symposium discussion of Steven Ratner's *The Thin Justice of International Law* (Oxford University Press, 2015) at [James Stewart's Blog](#), 2016

[Has Active Citation been a Boon for Replication? Lessons from Law Review Publishing](#), *International History and Politics Newsletter* 1 (2): 10-13, 2016

[Symposium: New Directions in Comparative Public Law](#), *Law and Courts Newsletter of APSA* 22 (3): 43-5, 2012

[The Judiciary's New Robes: The Evolution of International Court Power](#), *The Berlin Journal* 21 (Fall): 39-45, 2011

[Jurist Social Movements in Europe](#), *European Union Studies Association Review* 20 (4): 6-11 2007

[International Courts are not Agents! The Perils of the Principal-Agent Approach to thinking about the Independence of International Courts](#), *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law 2005 Conference*. 99: 138-141, 2005

[Do the Lessons of EU Legal Integration "Travel"](#), *European Community Studies Association Review*, 13 (1): 3-4, 2000

TEACHING AND GRADUATE TRAINING

Political Science Graduate Courses

International Relations and International Law
International Organizations

International Relations Theory
Global Capitalism and Law

Political Science and International Studies Undergraduate Courses

The Politics of International Law
International Organizations and National Policy
Ethics in International Affairs
Political Science Honors Seminar

Law School Courses

International Courts and Tribunals
International Law and International Relations

Sage Politics and International Relations Video Collection

[International Law Making a Difference](#)

[International Law and International Relations: The Gap Between Hopes and Reality](#)

[International Law and International Relations](#)

ICourts Summer School for Phd Students

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Teaching on Generations of Research: You can advance but not go backwards

Co-authorship with students

[*Gender and Status in American Political Science: Who determines whether a scholar is noteworthy?*](#)

Forthcoming at *Perspective on Politics* (with Jean Clipperton, and Emily Shraudenbach, Laura Rozier)

[*A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic*](#)

[*Community of West African States*](#) *American Journal of International Law* 107 (4): 737-779, 2013
(with Laurence R. Helfer and Jacqueline McAllister)

[*Transplanting the European Court of Justice: Findings from the Experience of the Andean Tribunal of*](#)

[*Justice*](#) *American Journal of Comparative Law* 60 (6): 709-744, 2012 (with Laurence R. Helfer and

Oswaldo Saldias)

[*Islands of Effective International Adjudication: Constructing an Intellectual Property Rule of Law in the*](#)

[*Andean Community*](#) *American Journal of International Law* 103 (1): 1-43, 2009 (with Laurence R.

Helfer and Maria Florencia Guerzovich)

[*The Theory and Reality of the European Coal and Steel Community*](#)

(with David Steinberg). In *MAKING HISTORY: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF ROME*. Oxford University Press (Sophie Meunier and Kathleen McNamara eds. 2007)

[*Explaining Variation in the Use of European Litigation Strategies: EC law and UK Gender Equality Policy*](#)

Comparative Political Studies, 33 (4): 316-46, 2000 (with Jeannette Vargas)

Dissertation Committees

Lena Trabucco (Chair)
Ayodeji Perrin (Chair)
Chris Dinkel (co-Chair)
Bo Won Kim (Chair)

Completed Continued

Salvatore Caserta, iCourts Assistant Professor
Ari Shaw (Chair), UCLA, Williams Institute
Alisa Kaplan (Chair), Action for a Better Tomorrow
Maria Guerzovich (Chair), Global Partnership for Social Accountability
Erin Kimball Damman, University of Idaho

Completed

Joshua Freedman, Oberlin College

Jacqueline McAllister (Chair), Kenyon College

Ji Li (Chair), UC Irvine Law School

Helen Callaghan, European University Institute

Kimberley Sims

Oswaldo Saldias, Humboldt Universitat, Berlin

Nicole Richardt, University of Utah

Barbara Murphy

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

iCourts Center of Excellence, University of Copenhagen School of Law, 2012-

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (by courtesy), 2011-

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member 2000-2005, Life Member 2007-

American Political Science Association, 1990-

American Society of International Law, 1999-

European Society of International Law, 2016-

SERVICE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Co-Founder and Co-Director: [Research Group on Global Capitalism and Law](#), 2015-

Organization of Women Faculty, interim co-chair 2015-2016; co-chair 2016-

Faculty Senate, Representative from the Department of Political Science, 2011, 2020-2023

Provost's Advisory Committee on Women Faculty, 2016-

Weinberg College Tenure and Promotions Committee, 2017-2021

ChangeMakers, 2015-2016

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2015-2017

International Relations Field Head, Department of Political Science 2003-2005, 2014-2015, 2020-2021

Organization of Women Faculty, Pay Equity Study Chair, 2013-2014

Director of the Honors Program, Department of Political Science, 2005-2006, 2014-2015

Undergraduate Research Grant Committee, 2014-2015

Legal Studies Advisory Board, 2007-2016

Leopold Lecture Committee, 2006-2015

Co-Founder and Co-Convenor International Law and International Organization Working Group, Buffett Institute 2004- 2016

International Studies Advisory Board, 2003-2011

Director of International Studies, 2006-2008

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2006-2007

Co-Chair- International Studies Reform Committee, 2005-2006

Steering Committee, Carnegie Foundation Program on Ethics in International Affairs, 2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Boards and Editor Positions

Journal of International Dispute Settlement, General Editor 2020-2023

American Journal of International Law, 2015-2019, 2019-2023

Journal of International Dispute Settlement, 2016-2018

International Studies Review, 2015-2019, 2019-2020

International Organization, 2012-2014, 2015-2017

Law and Social Inquiry, 2009-2012, 2014-2016

European Union Politics, 2000-2010

American Academy of Berlin

Chair of Selection Committee 2019-2021

Selection committee for the Berlin Prize, 2016-2019

Application Reviewer, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

American Political Science Association

International History and Politics Section, Vice Chair, 2014-2016; Chair 2016-2018

Award Committee: Robert Jervis and Paul Schroeder Best Book in International History and Politics, 2013

Committee on Founding a Journal, Law and Courts Section, 2009-2010

Midwest APSA Conference Planning Committee: International and Comparative Law Section, 2010

Award Committee: Luebbert Best Book in Comparative Politics (Chair), 2007

Award Committee: Best Book, Dissertation, and Paper in West European Politics, 2003

Award Committee: Gabriel Almond Prize, the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, 2000

American Society of International Law

Executive Committee, 2015-2017

American Journal of International Law, Editorial Board, 2015-2019, 2019-2023

Certificate of Merit Book Awards Committee, 2016, 2018

Research Forum 2014, Co-Chair (with Katarina Linos)

Council of Europe

Conference Committee, 2006

European Society of International Law

Program Committee for the Annual Meeting, 2015

International Studies Association

International Organization Section, Executive Committee 2013-2016,

Nominations committee (chair) 2014

ISA Committee on Appointments, 2010-2012

European Community Studies Association

Executive Committee, June 2001-2005

Secretary, June 2003-2005

Conference Program Committee, 2002-2003

Award Committee: Best Dissertation on the European Union, 1999, 2002

Award Committee: Best Book on a European Union Topic, 2005

Advisory Boards

PluriCourts: Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order (Chair)

Centre of Excellence at the Faculty of Law of the University of Oslo. 2013-2016

Toward a New History of European Public Law, Saxo-Institute. University of Copenhagen. 2013-2015.

Program Reviews

University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Department of Political Science Program Review, 2016

Northwestern University, Psychology Department Program Review, 2015

Brigham Young University, Kennedy Center Program Review, 2009

Book Manuscript Reviewer

Oxford University Press, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020

Cambridge University Press 2007, 2010, 2011, 2014 2017, 2018, 2020

University of Chicago Press, 2008, 2009

Rowman and Littlefield Press, 2003

Princeton University Press, 2006, 2019

University Press of New England, 2006

Lynne Reinner, 2019

Routledge Press. 2005, 2002
Sage Press 2003

Research Proposal Review

National Science Foundation, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
European Science Foundation, 2005

Journal Reviewer (10-20 per year)

American Political Science Review, International Organization, American Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, European Union Politics, Comparative Political Studies, World Politics, International Theory, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Review of International Organizations, Review of International Political Economy, Journal on Law and Courts, International Political Science Review, Journal of Public Policy, European Journal of International Relations, Journal of Common Market Studies, Comparative European Politics, Political Science Research Quarterly, Government and Opposition, Journal of European Public Policy, Law and Society, Publius, Études International, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, British Journal of Politics, Law and Social Inquiry, Journal of Dispute Resolution, European Journal of International Law, American Journal of International Law, African Journal of International and Comparative Law

RECENT INVITED SCHOLARLY TALKS, POLITICAL SCIENCE

October, 2020	Princeton University International Relations Speaker Series Ruling the Global Economy: Why is Money so Different from Trade?
February 2020	Contestations of the Liberal Script, Opening Conference Theorizing Liberalization: Plenary Roundtable
October, 2019	World Trade Forum, University of Bern Plenary on the Future of International Economic Dispute Resolution International Economic Governance and Dispute Resolution: Contractual v. rule of law approaches
October, 2019	Keynote Address: Danish EU Studies-ECSA Conference, Aarhus University Europe and the Rule of Law
March, 2019	Globus, University of Oslo (Philosophy) Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best
February, 2019	University of Chicago, International Relations Series Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best
January, 2019	European University Institute, Florence, Robert Schuman Center Ruling the Global Economy: Why is Money so Different from Trade?
September, 2018	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Divergent Legalization in Economic Governance: Why is Money so Different from Trade?
September, 2018	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting The Rise of International Regime Complexity
June, 2018	Frei University Berlin Transformative Power of Europe Revisited, Roundtable
February, 2018	University of Pennsylvania, International Relations Series, Brown Center

Divergent Legalization in Global Economic Governance

October, 2017 American Academy of Berlin, Foreign Policy Forum
The Future of International Law in the Age of Trump

September, 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
The Contested Authority of International Law

May, 2017 Universität Frankfurt, Project on Rule and Authority in the International System
The Contested Authority of International Law

September 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
The Law and Politics of the Andean Tribunal of Justice

September 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Regional Dispute Settlement

September 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
The Judicialization of International Relations

March 2016 Georgetown University, GUITARS series
The Judicialization of International Relations

February 2015 University of California at Los Angeles, International Relations and International Law
Speaker Series
Transplanting International Courts: Politics of Andean Tribunal of Justice

November 2015 Keynote Address: Global Governance Program at the European University Institute
The Challenge for Regional Courts

November 2014 Stanford University, International Relations Speaker Series
Backlash against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa

September 2014 Tufts University
The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights

August 2014 American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting
Backlash against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa

May 2014 Oxford University Centre for International Studies
The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights

May 2014 School of International and Oriental Studies (SOAS), University of London
The New Terrain of International Law

February 2014 University of Iowa Bose Speaker Series
The New Terrain of International Law

February 2014 Rutgers University
The New Terrain of International Law

February 2014 Notre Dame Kroc Institute
The New Terrain of International Law

May 2013 Regional Colloquium on Globalization of Law, University of Wisconsin, Madison
International Courts and Democratic Politics

April 2013 ERC Project: Causes and Consequences of Multilevel Governance, Workshop at UNC
The Design of International Institutions Theory Meets Data

April 2013 International Studies Association conference, San Francisco
Presidential Roundtable: The Global Diffusion of Human Rights

	Theme Roundtable: The Diffusion of Regional Orders: Comparative Regionalism The Politics of International Legal Institutions
February 2013	University of Chicago, International Relations Program The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
February 2013	Cornell International Relations and International Law Seminar The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
September 2012	National Science Foundation Workshop on Law and Courts, Bainbridge WA Roundtable on Law and Courts in the International Realm
August 2012	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Critical Junctures and the Global Spread of International Courts
August 2012	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States: Building a Human Rights Rule of Law in Africa? (with Larry Helfer)
May 2012	The American Academy Berlin The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
February 2012	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States (with Larry Helfer)
January 2012	Program on African Studies at Northwestern University New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States (with Larry Helfer)

RECENT INVITED SCHOLARLY TALKS, LAW

May 2020	Melbourne Law School, The International Court of Justice in Comparison
June, 2020	Key Note Adress, Pluricourts, University of Oslo School of Law (<i>delayed due to Corona Virus</i>) The Politics of Backlash and the Legitimacy of International Courts
January, 2020	University of Georgia International Law Series International Economic Governance and Dispute Resolution: Contractual v. rule of law approaches
November, 2019	Center for International Dispute Settlement, Geneva (via videolink) Plenary public event: Can we save the WTO Appellate Body (and Dispute Settlement) from a shipwreck, and how?
September, 2019	Carribbean Court of Justice Academy of Law Invited to address and advise on a manual to enhance preliminary ruling references by national judges
May, 2019	Keynote Address: Amsterdam Center for International Law The Future of International Law in an Age of Nationalist Populism
May, 2019	Keynote Address: Leiden Journal of International Law Lecture Visions of International Law: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective
March, 2019	University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best
January, 2019	Keynote Address, European University Institute, Executive Training Institute

The Future of International Courts in a Post-Liberal World Order

November, 2018 Edinburgh/Hamburg Seminar on International Legitimacy
Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best

November, 2018 American Society of International Law Research Forum, Los Angeles
Divergent Legalization in Economic Governance: Why is money so different from trade?

May, 2018 University of International Business and Economics, Beijing China
The Past, Present and Future of the WTO

May, 2018 China Talks: Hong Kong, Fudan, Shanghai Jiao Tong, Tsinghua, Renmin & Peking Law Schools
The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights

March, 2108 Graduate Institute of Geneva, Center for Trade and Economic Integration
Divergent Legalization in Global Economic Governance

May, 2017 iCourts Center of Excellence, Copenhagen
Transplanting International Courts: The Law and Politics of the Andean Tribunal of Justice

October 2017 Frei Universitat Berlin, Program on Human Rights Under Pressure: Ethics, Law, Politics
The Contested Authority of International Law

October, 2017 Duke Law School
Transplanting International Courts: Law and Politics of the Andean Tribunal of Justice

September, 2017 Keynote Address: Governance, Legality and Political Morality Beyond the State, Ontario
Legal Philosophy Conference
Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best (with Cristina Lafont)

July, 2017 *I•Con* Conference, Copenhagen
The Contested Authority of International Law

July, 2017 Keynote Address: The Future of International Courts, Norwich University of East Anglia
Prospects for International Courts in a Time of Nationalist-Populism

November 2016 Law, Economics and Politics Colloquium, Duke Law School
Divergent Legalization in Global Economic Governance: Why Is Money So Different than
Trade?

February 2016 Arizona State School of Law
The Authority of International Courts

December 2015 European University Institute: International Law Seminar Series
The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights

April 2015 American Society of International Law Annual Meeting
Roundtable on The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights

February 2015 University of California at Los Angeles School of Law
The New Terrain of International Law

January 2015 The American Bar Foundation
How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts

November 2014 American Society of International Law Research Forum:
Backlash against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa

June 2014 Pluricourts, University of Oslo
The New Terrain of International Law and its implications for Democratic Politics

April, 2014	Duke Law School The New Terrain of International Law
March 2014	iCourts Center of Excellence, University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law The New Terrain of International Law: International Courts and Democratic Politics
May 2015	Pluricourts Annual Meeting, Oslo Norway How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts
April 2015	Yale Law School Backlash against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa
March 2013	Duke Law School Roundtable on the Legitimacy of International Courts Legitimacy and Lawmaking: A Tale of Three International Courts
February 2014	Princeton University, Program on Law and Public Affairs International Courts and Democratic Politics
November 2012	NYU Law Human Rights Seminar A New Human Rights Court for Africa: The ECOWAS Community Court of Justice
September 2012	iCourts Workshop on New Research on International Courts International Courts and Democratic Politics
August 2012	National University of Singapore and New York University School of Law International Dispute Settlement Bodies (with Larry R. Helfer, Franz Mayer, and Petros Mavroides)
June 2012	Literaturhaus Stuttgart- Head to Head Dialogues Promoting Respect for Human Rights in Europe and Africa: A Conversation with Justice Angelika Nußberger of the European Court of Human Rights
May 2012	Multirights Annual Conference, University of Oslo Transforming Politics through Delegation to Courts

SELECT TELEVISION APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS AND PRESENTATIONS TO CIVIC GROUPS

[On redundancy, regime complexity and universality in international law](#), Interview at the Amsterdam Center for International Law, June 12, 2019

Do ethical considerations matter in international relations, Unitarian Church of Wilmette, April 20, 2019

[Global Affairs Takes Center Stage](#), Chicago Tonight, April 6, 2017

[Trump's Russia Reset](#), Chicago Tonight, January 9 2017

[Joseph Weiler interviews Karen J. Alter on the politics of backlash](#), EJIL Live! Interview August 3, 2016

The Use of Force in International Politics: Legal and Ethical Perspectives

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, October 20, 2016

International Courts and Territorial Disputes

Ethical Humanists, Chicago, May 2014

International Law: Syria & Iran

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, November 2013

International Courts in the World Today

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, May 2013 (with Professor Juliet Sorenson)

The United States Constitution and International Law

Chicago Bar Association June Civil Rights and Constitutional Law Committee, May 2013 (with Professor Stephan Calebresi)

CNN Live- Interview about Putin's Annexation of the Crimea, March 6, 2014

Should We Stay or Should We Go Now? A debate on US Foreign Policy in Iraq

Chicago Council on Foreign Relations series "GoAT- Globally Occupying The Attention Of Chicago's Untapped Audience" Schuba's Tavern, June 2004

The US and its International Commitments

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, October 2003

Unilateralism and Multilateralism in American Foreign Policy

Women of Wisdom Invited Speaker, Loyola Academy. October 2003

Unilateralism and Multilateralism in American Foreign Policy

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, November 2002

LANGUAGES

Fluent French, Italian and German; Conversant Spanish