**PRACTICAL INFORMATION:**

- Abstracts (including author cv) should be submitted electronically to nil-conference@jus.uio.no no later than 15 November 2006. Accepted papers should be submitted by 1 February and not exceed 8 500 words. (incl. footnotes).

- Final registration date for participation: 15 February 2007. Please register at: http://www.jus.uio.no/forskning/grupper/intrel/nil-conference/ (includes e-pay solution; accepts MasterCard and Visa)

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The current discourse of international law is certainly acquainted with the enormity of challenges posed by rapid restructuring of domestic and international governance to conventional outlooks, theories and practices of international law. Indeed, today’s research forefront thrives on studies that encapsulate, analyse and discuss the shift from a world made up by sovereign nation-states to today’s inter-, supra- and transnational arrangements.

This is not to say that the academic debate is over. Even ‘new’ international law relates to fundamental theoretical schemes that were central to traditional conceptions of international law. Contemporary research must take into account concepts such as the status and shape of sovereignty, prospects for democracy and the rule of law, the stability of prevalent dichotomies such as international/domestic and private/public domains and the functionality and efficacy of international norms and institutions.

Interaction between legal practitioners, theorists and academics in various are promising in this regard. What may traditional legal discourse benefit from, say, theories of multi-level governance? Would not the development of theoretical models encapsulating new international law profit from the empiricism of doctrinal legal studies? Such exchanges may develop increased academic sensitivity and comprehension of the complexities of contemporary decision-making structures and spheres of law.

You are invited to a week-end conference in Oslo, Norway, where international law scholars will join experts in international relations, political theory and other disciplines engaged in the study of complex relations transcending national jurisdiction. Distinguished scholars will present their views in key-note lectures and comment on papers submitted. This will be a fine chance for a new generation of scholars engaged in the current international legal discourse to meet, discuss and broaden their theoretical and empirical horizons.

We particularly encourage younger scholars to submit and present papers. We welcome research papers addressing new international law and its implications for theoretical schemes central to international legal discourse, theories of international relations and political theory, including but not limited to:

- the legitimacy of international law
- democracy
- the rule of law
- sovereignty
- interaction between international law and international relations
- compliance with international legal norms

We also welcome papers addressing the new international law in specific fields of regulation, including but not limited to:

- international trade
- investment protection
- environmental protection
- international criminal law
- human rights
- law and development
- international peace and security.

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- Christine Chinkin, London School of Economics and Political Science, London
- Matthew Craven, School of Oriental and African Studies, London
- Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Queen Mary, University of London, London
- Andreas Follesdal, University of Oslo, Oslo
- Christian Joerges, European University Institute, Florence
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