



Call for Papers

Workshop and PhD course *The Legitimacy of International Courts and Tribunals* Oslo, November 24-25 2014

PluriCourts – Center of Excellence for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order at the University of Oslo – together with University of Copenhagen Centre of Excellence for International Courts – iCourts – is organizing a workshop and PhD course on the Legitimacy of International Courts and Tribunals in Oslo, 24-25 November 2014.

The post 1989 expansion in number and impact of international courts and tribunals (ICs) has led to increased concern about their ‘legitimacy’. Such concerns take several forms, ranging from complaints about their lack of effectiveness to how they are tools of the powers that be – or that their independence from the states that set them up has come back to haunt their creators. What are we to make of such concerns about the legitimacy of ICs? This combined workshop and PhD course explores, assesses and applies different perspectives and standards of legitimacy: Rule of law standards, Accountability – democratic and otherwise, Output and effects – including human rights, Societal acceptance and compliance, and how these and other legitimacy aspects fit together. The workshop brings such considerations to bear on ICs in four different sectors: *human rights, investment, trade, and international criminal law*.

The workshop/PhD course combines prepared presentations and comments followed by discussions, with presentations of work in progress by advanced PhD students and PostDocs.

We invite for full or draft papers that address the following aspects of legitimacy of ICs: (1) rule of law standards; (2) accountability; (3) output and effects; (4) societal acceptance and compliance; and (5) conceptual issues of legitimacy within the sectors human rights, investment, trade, and international criminal law. Please send your abstract (no more than 500 words) as an attachment to pluricourts@jus.uio.no and insert ‘Submission: The legitimacy of international courts and tribunals’ as the subject line of the message. The deadline for abstracts is 15 September 2014. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out in the beginning of October. Papers are expected to be delivered by 10 November for circulation among participants.

Please note that travel expenses and accommodation costs for presenters will, as a general rule, not be covered by the organizers. However, if you do require support, please contact pluricourts@jus.uio.no.

We look forward to welcoming you in Oslo!

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