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INAUGURAL SESSION



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Global Family Law - International Perspective

OPENING REMARKS:

PROF. DR. VESSELIN POPOVSKI

Faculty Coordinator of Jindal Society of International Law

From 2004 till 2014 worked as Senior Academic Officer at the United Nations University in Tokyo. Prior to that was Senior Legal Expert for the EU project 'Legal Protection of Individual Rights in Russia' (2002-2004), Lecturer at the University of Exeter, UK (1999-2002), PhD student at King's College London (1996-1999), and Bulgarian diplomat (1988-1996) serving in Sofia, New York and London. Member of the Advisory Board of the 'Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies'; and the Editorial Boards of Journal 'International Studies Review' and 'Sustainability Science'. Contributed to two major international initiatives: the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty and its Report 'Responsibility to Protect' (2001), and the Princeton Project on Universal Jurisdiction, producing 'The Princeton Principles of Universal Jurisdiction' (2001).



GUEST SPEAKERS

ANIL MALHOTRA

Anil Malhotra has been a practising Advocate at the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, India since September 1983. He also regularly appears as Counsel in the Supreme Court of India at New Delhi and before other Courts, Commissions, Boards, Tribunals within India. He holds Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws (Professional) degrees from the Punjab University, Chandigarh, India and was enrolled as an Advocate in India in 1983. He attained his LLM degree from the University of London, London in November 1985. As part of his LLM degree programme, he studied comparative family law at the London School of Economics. He has also taught civil procedural laws and matrimonial remedies for six years as a part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India. For over 20 years he has had extensive exposure in handling civil, matrimonial, criminal and overseas litigation on behalf of non-resident Indians residing abroad.



He has represented a large number of overseas clients in Indian courts and has been regularly opining on matters of Indian law in cases arising in related matters in foreign jurisdictions. He has conducted a vast variety of matters in Indian Courts pertaining to interpretation and application of foreign Court Orders regarding divorce decrees, child abduction, custody, maintenance, adoption and property related issues of non-resident Indians. Besides this, he interacts extensively with a worldwide Indian population settled overseas in advising them regularly on all issues of civil, matrimonial and criminal law. Additionally, he handles a successful law practice in India in representing a large number of private, public and government institutions in matters of Constitutional, Administrative and Corporate Laws in Indian Courts, Commissions, Boards and Tribunals in Chandigarh and at New Delhi.



WILLIAM LONGRIGG

William specialises in international divorce, financial relief (including pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements) and private law children cases. A number of his clients are ultra-high net worth individuals and members of high profile aristocratic and international families.

William has advised on divorce cases and pre- and post-nuptial agreements often valued in the hundreds of millions or billions and is regularly working opposite other Band 1 lawyers from the leading firms. William has won several awards over the years for his work and is ranked tier 1 in Chambers, the 'Hall of Fame' in Legal 500 and a is listed as a 'Top Recommended' Family Lawyer in the Spear's 500 2020.

He is the joint author with Sarah Higgins of Family Breakdown and Trusts for Butterworths and he is a past president of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) for which he organised a conference in New Delhi in September 2016. William is extremely well connected through IAFL. One peer says as "William Longrigg has superb judgment and always looks to find a pragmatic solution without rushing into litigation unless that is what is required. His expertise in international disputes is second to none".

COMMENTATOR

Ankit Malhotra: Co-Founder and President of Jindal Society of International Law

Topic - Closing Address

LECTURE - III





RAJA KARTHIKEYA

Topic - Multilateralism & the UN today

Raja Karthikeya is a Political Affairs Officer in the United Nations Secretariat in New York where he works on the Palestine file. He has previously served with UN political missions in Afghanistan and Iraq. His work has included mediation in inter-ethnic and inter-tribal land and water disputes, coalition government formation efforts, and transitional justice cases. He has also worked to raise awareness about the need for climate change adaptation. Prior to the UN, he has worked with international affairs thinktanks and in the Indian IT industry, and has published widely on policy and governance issues.

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Topic - Bilateralism and International Rule Making

LECTURE - III



FRIDAY





Topic - De-Constitutionalisation and Re-constitutionalisation of International Law in Times of Post-Globalism, Populism, and Pandemic

Anne Peters is director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg (Germany), a professor at the universities of Heidelberg, Freie Universität Berlin, and Basel (Switzerland), as well as a L. Bates Lea Global Law professor at the University of Michigan Law School. She was a member of the Venice Commission) (2011-2015), President of the European Society of International Law (2010-2012) and is currently President of the German Society of International Law (DGIR). In 2020 she received a doctor honoris causa from the University of Lausanne. Her current research interests relate to public international law including its history, global animal law, global governance and global constitutionalism, and the status of humans in international law. So far she has taught international law, human rights law, international humanitarian law, the law of international organizations, EU law, comparative constitutional law and constitutional theory, and Swiss constitutional law.

Books (authored and co-edited) include: Animals in International Law, Collected Courses of The Hague Academy of International Law, Recueil des Cours Vol. 410 (Leiden: Brill 2020), 95-544 (Livre de poche forthcoming 2021); Studies in Global Animal Law (Heidelberg: Springer Verlag 2020); Law Applicable to Armed Conflict – Max Planck Trialogues on the Law of Peace and War Vol. 2 (Ziv Bohrer/Janina Dill/Helen Duffy, CUP 2020); Self-Defence against Non-State Actors – Max Planck Trialogues on the Law of Peace and War Vol. 1 (Mary-Ellen O'Connell/Christian Tams/Dire Tladi, 2019) (Series editor, together with Christian Marxsen); The Legal Framework of the OSCE (2019); Global Constitutionalism from European and East Asian Perspectives (2018); Beyond Human Rights (CUP 2016); The Freedom of Peaceful Assembly in Europe (2016); Völkerrecht (4th ed. 2016); Immunities in the Age of Global Constitutionalism (2015); Transparency in International Law (CUP 2013); Oxford Handbook of the History of International Law (OUP 2012, ASIL certificate of merit); Conflict of Interest in Global, Public and Corporate Governance (CUP 2012); Europäische Menschenrechtskonvention (2nd ed. 2012); Elemente einer Theorie der Verfassung Europas (2001); The Constitutionalization of International Law (OUP 2011); Non-state Actors as Standard Setters (CUP 2009); Women, Quotas and Constitutions (Kluwer 1999); Das Gebietsreferendum im Völkerrecht (1995).

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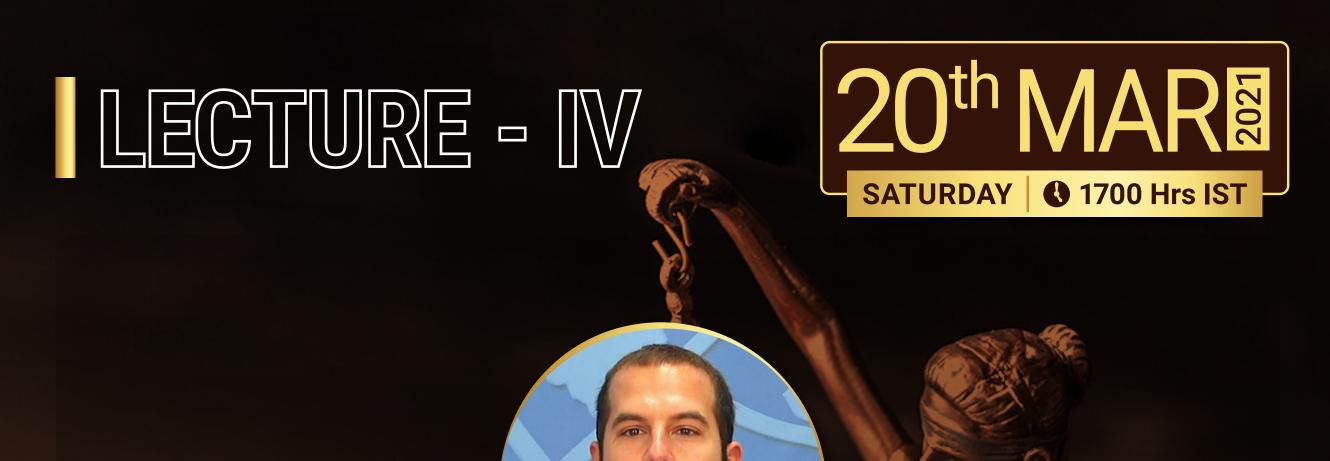
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Topic - International Law in Times of Post-Globalism, Populism, and Pandemic



ANTONIOS TZANAKOPOULOS

Topic - Centralisation and Decentralisation of the International Legal System

Antonios Tzanakopoulos is Associate Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Law and Fellow in Law at St Anne's College. He has taught as a visitor at the Universities of Paris (Paris X – Nanterre), Angers, London (King's College), Athens (National and Kapodistrian), Bern (World Trade Institute), Jerusalem (Hebrew University), at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya, and at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing. He was previously lecturer in international law at University College London and at the University of Glasgow. Antonios has also delivered a special course at the Xiamen Academy of International Law in 2017 and has been invited by the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law to serve as Director of Studies in 2021.

Antonios is a general international lawyer and has published in a number of areas reflecting his varied research interests. His books include Disobeying the Security Council (OUP 2011, re-issued in paperback with a new introduction 2013); The Settlement of International Disputes (Hart 2012, co-edited with CJ Tams); The UN Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property (OUP 2013, edited by R O'Keefe and CJ Tams, ass't ed) and the Research Handbook on the Law of Treaties (Elgar 2014, co-edited with CJ Tams and A Zimmermann, and re-issued in paperback 2016). He has also published in the fields of the law of the sea, international investment law, and others.

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Topic - Global South and International Law

LECTURE - W



FRIDAY

1700 Hrs IST



Topic - International Law Commission- A Catalyst for the Development and Codification of International Law

Nilufer Oral is Turkey's member of the International Law Commission (ILC), Second Vice-Chair of the ILC, and Co-Chair of the ILC Study Group on Sea-Level Rise in relation to International Law. She served as a legal advisor to the Turkish Foreign Ministry on the law of the sea and climate change, and was a member of the Turkish delegation at the International Maritime Organization and in the climate change agreements from 2009 to 2016. Dr Oral is also concurrently appointed Senior Fellow at NUS Law.

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Topic - International Rule Making Order

LECTURE - WI





Topic - International Shipping and Maritime Law

Amitava Majumdar is the Managing Partner of our firm and has over two decades experience in the industry. He was instrumental in setting up Bose & Mitra & Co, Mumbai in the year 2004. The firm, over the past 15 years has grown to become one of India's largest boutique shipping law firms. Mr. Majumdar plays an active role in advising the Government of India on revamping domestic Indian legislation to keep in sync with international conventions and has on numerous occasions represented India as a delegate in Legal Committee Meetings of the IMO. He is part of the Maritime Committee of the Indian Council of Arbitration and a member of the Governing Counsel of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration.

Mr. Majumdar's expertise encapsulates all facets in shipping and trade which inter alia includes contentious and non-contentious/regulatory practice. Additionally he has been involved in a number of wet matters in India including but not limited to the MT Genessa, MV Amber L, MV Prabhu Daya, MSC Chitra – MV Khalija-1 and MV Den Den casualties. He has appeared before Courts all across India and arbitrations in India and abroad. He proffered expert evidence on Indian law and Indian civil procedure before the English High Court in the matter of Ultrabulk A/S v Arun Kumar Jagatramka [2017] EWHC 2792 (Comm) and The Jag Ravi [2011] EWHC 1372 (Comm) in addition to proceedings before the Singaporean Courts.

Prior to his stint at Bose & Mitra, Kolkata, Mr. Majumdar worked at the North of England P&I Club at Newcastle, UK and was a pupil to Mr. Brian Dye. Mr. Majumdar is one of the foremost Indian practitioners in ship sale and purchase transactions and regularly represents Indian shipowners in closings Singapore, London, Hong Kong, Greece, Italy, United States of America, Dubai, Hamburg, Bulgaria, Japan for various types of vessel.

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Faculty Coordinator of
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CONCLUDING REMARKS BY

Tahhira Somal: Core Team Member of Jindal Society of International Law

LECTURE - WII

14th APR WEDNESDAY 1500 Hrs IST



SAURABHI RANGANATHAN

Topic - Decolonization and International Law: Putting the Ocean on the Map

Surabhi Ranganathan is a University Senior Lecturer in International Law, Deputy Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, and a Fellow of King's College, at the University of Cambridge. She is also a fellow of the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG).

Her research on the oceans, the history and politics of international law, treaties, and global governance has been published in leading journals including the European Journal of International Law, the British Yearbook of International Law, the American Journal of International Law and the Journal of the History of International Law; and selected for the peer-reviewed NYU/Nottingham/Melbourne Junior Faculty Forum for International Law and Stanford International Junior Faculty Forum. Ranganathan is also the author of a monograph, Strategically Created Treaty Conflicts and the Politics of International Law (Cambridge University Press), that was featured as an EJIL Editor's Choice for 2015.

Ranganathan was a Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute, Geneva for spring 2020, and has been invited as a Global Professor at NYU School of Law. She is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Center for History and Economics, Harvard (for spring 2021). She is a co-editor of the International Legal Theory Section of the Leiden Journal of International Law, and a notes editor of the Cambridge Law Journal.

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Reflection On - Decolonization and International Law: Putting the Ocean on the Map

LECTURE - WIII





Topic - How to win cases before the International Court of Justice in the 21st Century

Robert G. Volterra is Partner at Volterra Fietta and Visiting Professor of Law at University College London. Professor Volterra advises and represents governments, international organisations and private clients on a wide range of international law issues. He acts as counsel and sits as adjudicator in international disputes around the world, including commercial and investor-State arbitration. In relation to BIT arbitrations, he acts for both investors and governments and he is regularly appointed by both investors and governments to sit as an arbitrator at ICSID, the PCA and other major international arbitration institutions. The global legal directories have ranked Professor Volterra and his practice in the top tier for more than 20 years.

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Topic - International Court of Justice in the 21st Century