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HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Political economy and the international laws of violence

Freie Universität Berlin, 28-29 September 2023

Room 1107, Boltzmannstraße 3, 14195 Berlin

Organised by Prof. Heike Krieger, Prof. Naz Modirzadeh, Mr Dustin Lewis, Dr Ntina Tzouvala

Thursday 28 September 2023

9:15am-9:30am Arrival and morning coffee

9:30am-9:40am Welcome and project introduction

9:40am-11:00am Panel 1: The shifting geopolitics of the international laws of violence

Chair and commentator: Dr Kathryn Greenman (University of Technology Sydney)

'Protracted Conflicts and International Law' Prof. Heike Krieger (Freie Universität Berlin)

'ECOWAS' Threatened Intervention in Niger: Defending Democracy or Neocolonialism?' Dr Alexandra Hofer (Utrecht University)

11:00am-11:15am Coffee break

11:15am-12:45pm Panel 2: The institutional lives of conflict

Chair and commentator: Dr Gavin Sullivan (Edinburgh Law School)

'International Humanitarian Law as Another Gateway for the World Bank' Mr Ansgar Münichsdorfer (Freie Universität Berlin)

'International Organisations and the Risk Management of Conflict' Dr Kathryn Greenman (University of Technology Sydney)

12:45pm-1:45pm Lunch break

1:45pm-3:15pm Panel 3: The law and political economy of artificial intelligence

Chair and commentator: Prof. Helen M. Kinsella (University of Minnesota)

'Algorithmic Security, informational capitalism and the countering of "terrorism" and "violent extremism" online' Dr Gavin Sullivan (Edinburgh Law School)

'Decrypting Artificial Intelligence in War: An Approach from International Law and Political Economy' Mr Dustin A. Lewis (Harvard Law School)

3:15pm-3:30pm Coffee break

3:30pm-5:00pm Panel 4: Conceptualising Violence for International Law

Chair and commentator: Prof. Heike Krieger (Freie Universität Berlin)

‘Natural Law as Antidote to the Political Economy of Violence’ Prof. Mary Ellen O’Connell
(University of Notre Dame Law School)

‘Economic Coercion at an Interregnum’ Dr Jessica Whyte (University of New South Wales)

6:30pm: Dinner in Berlin, BRLO Brwhouse, Schöneberger Straße 16, 10963 Berlin

Friday 29 September 2023

10:00am-10:15am Arrival and morning coffee

10:15am-12:15pm Panel 5: The international violence of capital and property

Chair and commentator: Dr Jessica Whyte (University of New South Wales)

‘Cold Comfort—the Modoc Trials and the U.S War on Terror’ Prof. Helen M. Kinsella (University of Minnesota)

‘Can the Hague Tame the City? Corporate Harm and International Criminal Law’ Ms Anastasiya Kotova (Lund University)

‘Aggression, Capitalism, and International Law: Missed Opportunities or Structural Restraints?’
Dr Ntina Tzouvala (Australian National University)

12:15pm-1:15pm Lunch break

1:15pm-2:45pm Panel 6: Law, war, money

Chair and commentator: Dr Ntina Tzouvala (Australian National University)

‘Endless War’s Financial Empire’ Prof. Asli Bâli (Yale Law School)

‘On the Relationship between Debt and Militarism’ Prof. Zohra Ahmed (School of Law,
University of Georgia)

2:45pm-3:00 pm Coffee break

3:00 pm-4:00pm Concluding remarks and discussion about next steps.