


2025 Cutler Fellows Program

International Law: Comparative Voices and Viewpoints

 IN-PERSON PROGRAM

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WASHINGTON, DC

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In our fast-moving, interconnected world, the rules-based international order and accountable judicial systems are critical to peace and progress. Between emerging debates over human rights, climate change, and global economic challenges, questions of international law are central to upholding peace and prosperity in the 21st century.

About The Cutler Center: The **Lloyd N. Cutler Center for the Rule of Law** was established in 2010 to honor the legacy of long-serving Chairman of the Salzburg Global Board and Legal Advisor to President Carter and President Clinton, Lloyd N. Cutler. Today the Cutler Center hosts the annual Cutler Lecture and the Salzburg Cutler Fellows Program in Washington, DC, and programs on the Rule of Law in Salzburg.

About Salzburg Global: Salzburg Global Seminar is an independent non-profit organization founded in 1947 with a mission to challenge current and future leaders to shape a better world. For 77 years we have gathered open-minded leaders for breakthrough conversations, seeking to overcome barriers and open up a world of better possibilities.

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Launched in 2012, the Cutler Fellows Program honors the late DC “super-lawyer” and Salzburg Global Board Chairman Lloyd N. Cutler’s commitment to strengthening the international rules-based order through leadership development. The program identifies and empowers outstanding talents to tackle cutting edge issues in international law, fosters leadership skills, and builds lasting collaborative networks within the legal and public service sectors.

OVERVIEW

In an era marked by shifting geopolitical dynamics, climate change, and technological advancements, the global legal landscape faces unprecedented challenges. The rise of authoritarianism, erosion of democratic norms, and the ensuing humanitarian crises demand innovative legal solutions, strengthened mechanism of enforcement and compliance, and a new generation of leaders equipped to navigate these complex issues. Within this context, the 12th annual Salzburg Cutler Fellows Program will convene in Washington, DC to dissect and explore this critical moment for international law and the rule of law.

This year’s theme, “International Law: Comparative Voices and Viewpoints,” reflects the urgent need for diverse perspectives in addressing global challenges. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, it is crucial to foster dialogue and understanding across different legal traditions and cultural contexts, particularly those that have been under-represented in a traditionally Euro-centric international legal discourse. The Salzburg Global Cutler Fellows Program aims to cultivate this diversity of thought by



bringing together 56 exceptional law students from leading institutions across the United States, many with prior legal training and experience in other jurisdictions as well as a group of mentors and speakers from a range of national, institutional, and policy settings.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The two-day intensive session uses a mix of pedagogical approaches to build expertise and maximize ways in which every participant can share and learn.

Ahead of the intensive and highly interactive two-day program, Fellows present pre-prepared legal abstracts to their peers and top law faculty representatives from participating schools. The meeting itself combines plenary discussion and small thematic working groups, in which each Fellow receives feedback and guidance on how to strengthen the legal arguments in their papers and find publishing opportunities. Fellows also hear about and discuss traditional and non-traditional career paths in international law with experts and practitioners. The meeting will adhere to the Chatham House Rule, in order to allow for candid and open exchange of ideas.

The program encompasses the Lloyd N. Cutler Lecture featuring a distinguished speaker on international legal issues and the rule of law. Former Cutler lecturers included Eric Schmidt (former CEO and chairman of Google), Justice Richard J. Goldstone (Former Chief Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda), Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, the eminent Russia-expert Dr. Fiona Hill, and Hugh Verrier (Former Chair of White and Case LLP).



PARTICIPANT PROFILE

The program accepts up to 56 law student Fellows at the 2L, 3L, and LLM levels. Four students are selected by each of the 14 participating law schools: Berkeley, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Michigan, New York University, Northwestern, Penn, Stanford, Virginia, and Yale. Students' areas of interest should include international human rights and humanitarian law; international and national security law; international environmental and climate law and policy; international courts and tribunals; international finance, investment, monetary and trade law; or the foreign relations law of various domestic legal systems.

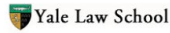
APPLICATION

Application processes for this program are conducted through our 14 partner law schools and may vary from school to school.





PARTNER SCHOOLS



DUKE LAW

Program Goals

- Build a network of rising leaders working on issues of human rights and humanitarian law, international economic and trade law, international climate and environmental law and associated international institutions.
- Convene top voices to mentor the next generation of lawyers in public and private international law.
- Deepen knowledge and shift future legal and policy conversations around key international legal challenges, ranging from the use of force to the protection of individual liberties, the coherence of the international economic order to the future of the global environment.
- Facilitate and advice top law students as they prepare and refine academic papers on contemporary issues in international law for publication and policy impact.

Key Questions

- How do different countries use international law and institutions to address universal problems in ways that draw on multiple viewpoints and voices?
- How can international law and legal systems shape a more just society across borders?
- Where are the greatest needs for growth, expertise, and resources within the international law and public service sectors?
- How can law students prepare to tackle the key challenges that lie ahead for the international legal system and the rule of law more generally?
- How can young lawyers interested in international law and public service navigate their early career to reach their professional and personal goals?