Call for Papers: Conference on Double Standards and International Law

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Double standards are ubiquitous within the study and practice of international law. Examples abound as states speak abstractly about the need for accountability and their commitment to international law but in practice act inconsistently, for example, in applying human rights standards, combatting transnational and international crimes, or making and enforcing the rules that govern trade and development. As wars continue to grip parts of Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, many openly question or seek to remake features of the international system, resurrecting old and raising new challenges for global governance and multilateralism. With the United Nations, World Bank and other

multilateral bodies struggling for legitimacy, and globalization increasingly associated with unequal outcomes, authoritarian governments and populist movements around the world have re-asserted their authority inter alia by challenging the legitimacy of the post-Second World War legal order.

This symposium will seek to foster debate about how double standards are expressed within international law and enhance understanding of how evidence of double standards impacts perceptions and practice. It will feature a wide range of papers that show the many ways that claims and evidence of double standards manifest in different forms of international legal argument, as well as time- and area-specific considerations of how double standards operate in different fields of international law, including from Global South(s) and empirical perspectives. This symposium will bring together scholars and practitioners, from various fields of international law and through divergent theoretical and geographical perspectives.

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Read more on the Call for Papers here.

Please submit an abstract, max. 500 words, and a brief bio to David Hughes (*davidm.hughes@utoronto.ca*) and Patryk Labuda (*patryk.labuda@graduateinstitute.ch*) by **7 April 2024**. An outline of your paper, 1500- 2000 words, will be due by **15 June 2024**. Organized by the Berlin Potsdam Research Group on the International Rule of Law: Rise or

Decline? and the Harvard Law School Program on International Law in Armed Conflict, this workshop will allow in-person and virtual attendance. There is a limited budget for travel and accommodation; please specify in your email whether you require funding or intend to present online.

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