CALL FOR PAPERS

“Power and International Law”
May 4, 2018, American Bar Foundation

This workshop highlights new work that explores the political consequences of international law. Hosted by the Politics of International Law working group at Northwestern University, we invite applications from graduate students, recent PhDs, and postdoctoral fellows to present research on the theme of “Power and International Law.”

This one-day workshop encourages scholarship in history, sociology, legal studies, political science, and related fields in the pursuit of a cross-disciplinary conversation about the history, politics, and practice of international law.

This one-day workshop will be take place at the American Bar Foundation in Chicago. Participants are responsible for their own costs. Applicants should submit a paper title and abstract to sidrahamidi2017@u.northwestern.edu by March 15.

The Politics of International Law working group opens a wide lens on international legalization and its history, politics, and practice. The traditional question on international law is about compliance — when and why do states comply or not? Instead of asking about whether governments follow international law, we ask about how legal regimes are deployed to shape, constrain, and enable political choices and political power. There is an emerging global community of scholars who take this approach but they are disparate and disconnected from each other. Scholars of global international history are often unknown to political scientists working; legal scholars are often unknown to historians; and so on. This group aims to create scholarly institutions to link these scholars together. The Graduate Assistant for the group is Sidra Hamidi (sidrahamidi2017@u.northwestern.edu) and the Faculty Coordinator is Ian Hurd (ianhurd@northwestern.edu).