5th Regional Colloquium on
Globalization of Law, International Organizations, and International Law
University of Illinois College of Law,
Chicago, Illinois, May 8 – 9, 2015

750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago IL

On May 8-9, 2015, the University of Illinois College of Law will host the fifth annual regional colloquium on Globalization and Law, International Organizations and International Law, co-sponsored by Northwestern University’s Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies IO/IL Working Group and the American Bar Foundation. This event brings together internationally-oriented scholars, both faculty and advanced graduate students from Midwest institutions to discuss current work. The focus is on global and international law.

Day 1: Friday, May 8
Arrival & Light Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM: American Bar Foundation
1:00 PM: Welcome & Introductions, Lesley Wexler

Session 1: 1:15 – 2:45 PM: International Courts and Committees
1:15 PM: The Case for an International Court of Civil Justice, Maya Steinitz (Iowa Law)
Commentator: Felicity Vabulus
1:45 PM: Geopolitical and Cultural Biases in the United Nations Human Rights Committees, Vera Shikhelman (JSD Candidate, University of Chicago Law)
Commentator: Maya Steinitz
Commentator: Ian Hurd

2:45 – 3:00 PM: Coffee Break
Session 2: 3:00- 4:30 Regulating the Global Economy

3:00 PM: Austerity, Debt Overhang, and the Design of International Standards on Sovereign, Corporate and Consumer Debt Restructuring, Susan Block Lieb (Fordham Law)
Commentator: Dhammika Dharmapala
3:30 PM: The Emergence of Private Commercial Rule-Making, Swati Srivastava (Northwestern PhD)
Commentator: Anne Holthoefer (Saint Anselm College)
4:00 PM: Territorial Tax Reforms, Tax Sparing Agreements, and Foreign Direct Investment, Dhammika Dharmapala (University of Chicago Law)
Commentator: Susan Block Lieb

Dinner 6:00 PM, Devon Seafood Grill, 39 E Chicago Avenue
Day 2: Saturday, May 9
8:30 – 9:00 AM, Continental Breakfast, American Bar Foundation

Session 4: 9:00 - 10:30 AM: Application and Enforcement of International Law
9:00 AM: Application of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanities Protections in the Atrocities Prevention Board Lesley Wexler (Illinois Law)
Commentator: Karen Alter
9:30 AM: The Misuse of State Tort Law to address International Human Rights Violations, Nathan Miller (Iowa Law)
Commentator: Lesley Wexler
10:00 AM: From Arbitration to Adjudication, Anne Holthoefer (University of Chicago)
Commentator: Xinyuan Dai

10:30 – 10:45 AM: Coffee Break

Session 5: 10:45 - 12:15 PM: International Law Making: Creation, Design, and Expulsion
10:45 AM: Suspensions from International Governmental Agreements, Felicity Vabulas
Commentator: Terry Halliday
11:15 AM: Tailor-Making International Agreements, Xinyuan Dai (Illinois)
Commentator: Vera Shikhelman
11:45 AM: Plausible Folk Theories, Terry Halliday (ABF)
Commentator: Nathan Miller

Closing Remarks and Lunch 12:15 – 1:00 PM