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The start of the second decade of the twenty-first century is witnessing a confluence of events affecting international economic law that calls for re-evaluation. The international context has radically changed. Most analysts contend that we are shifting toward a multi-polar world in light of economic transformations in China, India, Brazil, and other developing and transitional countries. This is coupled with economic stagnation in the United States and Europe, which are beset by a financial crisis while being simultaneously embroiled in foreign wars and other issues of national security.

These developments have arguably complicated international economic governance, yet other factors – such as the current financial crisis – press consideration of new forms of international economic governance, such as the G-20. Global economic interdependence, exemplified by global production and supply chains, calls for sustained attention to international economic law and institutions.

These factors lead to a set of critical questions including: what is the role of international economic law institutions; is reform needed for the Bretton Woods institutions and what is the role of the international monetary system given the fall-out of the financial crisis; how can and should international economic reforms affect domestic policy space and development objectives; how can and should we address issues at the intersection of trade, science and the environment; what is the future of international investment law?

These are only some of the questions to be tackled by the conference speakers, who include scholars, practitioners, government officials, and representatives from international organizations at the leading edge of law, politics, economics, and public policy from around the world, offering diverse perspectives on a broad range of contemporary issues and problems in the politics of international economic law.
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18 November 2010:

16:00-17:00:  Registration (Outside Room 25 Law School)

17:00-17:15:  Welcome and Opening (Room 25)

- Gregory Shaffer – Melvin C. Steen Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School
- Susan Franck – Associate Professor, Washington & Lee University and Visiting Associate Professor, Vanderbilt University Law School
- Chris Luehr and Jonathan Moler, Co-Editors-in-Chief, Minnesota Journal of International Law
- Dean David Wippman – Dean and William S. Pattee Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School


- Beth Simmons – Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Department of Government

18:30-20:30:  Reception and dinner at the University of Minnesota Campus Club (East Bank)
19 November 2010:

8:00-8:45: Registration (continued) and Continental Breakfast (Outside Room 25)

8:45-10:15: Panel A (Room 15)

Transnational Law and Domestic Regulation
1. Mariana Mota Prado – University of Toronto – Transnational Influences on National Regulatory Reform in Large Developing Countries: Brazil’s Contrasting Experiences in Electricity and Telecommunications Governance
2. Joseph Yockey – University of Iowa – Passive Corruption and Transnational Firms: A Regulatory Analysis
3. Alexia Brunet Marks – University of Colorado – Check Please: Evaluating the Means of Deterrence in the Food Import Industry
4. Jarrod Wong – McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific – The International Phenomenon of Clawbacks

• Moderator: David A. Gantz – Samuel M. Fegtly Professor of Law and Director of the International Trade Law Program, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

8:45-10:15: Panel B (Room 25)

International Economic Law Governance and International Policy Space
2. Nicole Foster – University of West Indies – The WTO, Developing Countries and the Problem of Development
3. Michelle Ratton Sanchez Badin – São Paulo School of Law – Public and Private Actors Redefining the WTO Adjudicatory System Role in the Global Arena: Examples from the Civil Aircraft Business
4. Alvaro Santos – Georgetown University – Carving out Policy Autonomy for Developing Countries in the WTO

• Moderator: Jeffrey L. Dunoff – Temple University, Beasley School of Law

10:15-10:30: Coffee break
10:30-12:00: Panel A (Room 15)

International Monetary Law
2. Aldo Caliari – Rethinking Bretton Woods – Updating the International Monetary System to Respond to Current Global Challenges: Can it Happen Within the Existing Legal Framework?
3. Adam Feibelman – Tulane University – The IMF and the Future of Multilateral Surveillance
4. Ioana Ciobanasu – VU University Amsterdam – Expanded Mandate for the IMF: Global Financial Stability and Legal Implications for the Articles of Agreement

• Moderator: Anna Gelpert – Associate Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law

10:30-12:00: Panel B (Room 25)

Roundtable: Robert Hudec’s Developing Countries in the GATT—Where are we now and why?
1. J. Michael Finger – Arlington, VA
3. Chiedu Osakwe – WTO Secretariat, Director of the Accessions Division

• Moderator: Gregory Shaffer – Melvin C. Steen Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School

12:00-13:00: Lunch (Spannaus Commons, Ground Floor)

13:00-14:00 Keynote Lecture – “Professor Hudec and the Appellate Body” (Room 25)

• Ricardo Ramírez Hernández – WTO Appellate Body Member, 2009-2013
14:00-15:30: Panel A (Room 15)

**International Financial Law**

1. **Galit Sarfaty** – Wharton School of Business – *Indicators as International Law: The Globalization of Corporate Sustainability Reporting*
2. **David Zaring** – Wharton School of Business – *Can International Finance Be Understood Through the Lens of International Trade?*
3. **Odette Lienau** – Cornell University – *Emerging Norms of Sovereignty in International Debt*
4. **Sarah Woo** – New York University – *Regulatory Reforms: Flawed Ratings and Regulatory Arbitrage*

* Moderator: **Chris Brummer** – Professor of Law, Georgetown Law

14:00-15:30: Panel B (Room 25)

**International Economic Law and Domestic Intersections**

1. **Jide Nzelibe** – Northwestern University – *Strategic Globalization: The Logic of Partisan Support and Opposition to International Law*
2. **Rachel Brewster** – Harvard University – *Supplying Compliance: Domestic Sources Trade Law and Policy in the United States*
3. **Kevin Gray** – Trade Law Bureau, Government of Canada – *Navigating the Maze of MFN Obligations in Government Procurement*
4. **Julian Ku** – Hofstra University – *The Rights of Corporations Under International Law*

* Moderator: **Padideh Ala’i** – Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law

15:30-16:00: Coffee break
16:00-17:30: Panel A (Room 15)

International Trade, Economic Regulation and Interactions
1. Tania Voon and Andrew Mitchell – University of Melbourne – *International Trade Law Implications of the National Broadband Network*
2. Juscelino Colares – University of Syracuse – *The Limits of WTO Adjudication: Is Compliance the Problem?*
3. Efraim Chalamish – New York University Law School – *International Law and State Capitalism*

• *Moderator: Mark Wu* – Assistant Professor, Harvard Law School

16:00-17:30: Panel B (Room 25)

Roundtable: Fostering Collaboration in International Economic Law Through Web 2.0
1. Stephen Zamora (University of Houston), Tony Van Duzer (University of Ottawa), and Ricardo Ramirez (WTO / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)) – *Law Students Without Borders: Collaborative International Exercises for Law Students Via the Internet*
2. Susan Franck – Washington & Lee University / Vanderbilt University – *Lessons from Collaboration*
3. Mary Rumsey – University of Minnesota – *Giving Students Tools to Research International Economic Law*
4. Thomas McDonnell – Pace University School of Law – *Commentator*

• *Moderator: Chiedu Osakwe* – WTO Secretariat, Director of the Accessions Division

Cocktail Reception (Auerbach Commons, Ground Floor)
20 November 2010:

9:00-10:30: Panel A (Room 65)

International Economic Law and Development
1. Uche Ewelukwa – University of Arkansas – South-South Trade and Investment: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly – African Perspectives
2. John Baloro – University of the Free State, South Africa – The BIT Gold Rush: Emerging Voices of Dissent from the South with Specific Reference to the Experience of South Africa

• Moderator: Chinwe Esimai – Assistant Professor, University of St. Thomas (Minneapolis) School of Law

9:00-10:30: Panel B (Room 55)

International Standard Setting
1. Errol Meidinger – SUNY Buffalo – Competition and Coordination Among Transnational Non-Governmental Regulatory Programs
2. Caroline Bradley – University of Miami – Consultation and Legitimacy in Transnational Standard-Setting

• Moderator: Brad Karkkainen – Professor, University of Minnesota Law School

10:30-10:45: Coffee break
10:45-12:15:  Panel A (Room 65)

International Investment Law: Investment Treaties and Dispute Resolution
2. Andrea Schneider (Marquette University) and Nancy Welsh (Penn State University) – Dispute Systems and Procedural Justice
3. Mariana Hernandez Crespo – University of St. Thomas (Minneapolis) School of Law – Building Conflict Resolution Capacity and Frameworks for Sustainable Implementation of IIAs in Latin America
4. R. Doak Bishop (King & Spaulding LLP) and Ben Love (Freshfields LLP) – The Increasing Influence of Soft Law in International Disputes

• Moderator: Michael Tracton – Senior Negotiator for Bilateral Investment Treaties, Office of Investment Affairs, U.S. Department of State

10:45-12:15:  Panel B (Room 55)

International Economic Law, Climate Change and Responsibility to Protect
1. Anu Bradford and Travis Bradford – University of Chicago – The Perils of Incrementalism in Solving Climate Change
2. Sadeq Bigdeli – Waikato University School of Law – Resurrecting the Dead? The Expired Non-Actionable Subsidies and the Lingering Question of “Green Space”
4. Jessica Lawrence, Gareth Davies, and Laurens Ankersmit – VU University Amsterdam – Extraterritorial Social and Environmental Concerns and Trade: Pathways to Conflict Between the WTO and EU

• Moderator: Oren Gross – Irving Younger Professor of Law and Director, Institute for International Legal and Security Studies, University of Minnesota Law School

12:15-13:15:  Lunch (Spannaus Commons, Ground Floor)

- José E. Alvarez – Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law, NYU School of Law

14:15-16:00: Panel A (Room 65)

International Economic Law and Climate Change

1. Deepa Badrinarayana – Chapman University School of Law – *The Unbreakable Heaviness of Economic Interests in Shaping Climate Law: The Case of India’s Civilian Nuclear Program*

2. Hari Osofsky – University of Minnesota Law School – *The BP Oil Spill and Transnational Governance: Addressing Fragmentation and Overlap at the Intersection of Economic and Environmental Law*

3. Varun Rai – University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs and Center for International Energy and Environment Policy (CIEEP) – *Technology and Policy Approaches for Low-Carbon Growth in Developing Countries*

4. Elizabeth Trujillo – Suffolk University Law School – *Tuna-Dolphin Revisited: Transnational Governance Implications for Trade Regulation in the Context of Climate Change Policy*

5. Jonathan Zasloff – UCLA School of Law – *Priability Rules: Using the WTO Framework to enhance US-India Cooperation on Clean Energy Technology*

- Moderator: Petros C. Mavroidis – Edwin B. Parker Professor of Foreign and Comparative Law, Columbia Law School

14:15-16:00: Panel B (Room 55)

Trade, Human Rights, Technology and Jurisdiction

1. Valentina Vadi – University of Maastricht – *Unity in Diversity? Cultural Diversity Disputes and the Judicial Function in International Economic Law*


4. Shashank P. Kumar (Yale University) and Meghana Sharafudeen (National Law University Jodhpur) – *Extraterritoriality of Intellectual Property Law in an Era of Globalization: The Doctrine of Manufacturing Fiction” and Goods in Transit*

5. Anupam Chander – University of California, Davis – *Law in the Cloud*

- Moderator: Ruth Okediji – William L. Prosser Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School

16:00-16:30: Business meeting (Room 25): Co-Chairs Susan Franck and Gregory Shaffer

Leadership elections and brainstorming for the future