Call for Submissions for the 12th Annual Toronto Group Conference
University of Toronto, Faculty of Law
March 28-29th, 2019

RESISTANCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE GLOBAL LEGAL ORDER

The Toronto Group Conference connects graduate students and emerging scholars from across the globe. This year’s 12th annual Toronto Group Conference will bring together researchers and scholars of international, transnational and comparative law to examine the modes and forms of resistance to international law and the global legal order from various perspectives and using a variety of different approaches. We invite submissions addressing the topic from a broad range of perspectives, looking for example at economic globalization, global/generic constitutionalism, resistance to the establishment of global legal standards and institutions, or contributions dealing with the rise of new transnational actors. Questions the Conference might address include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Where and when is resistance to international law and the global legal order taking place? Who is resisting? How, why and in what forms does resistance occur?
• Is there a broader context framing expressions of resistance or is it an isolated phenomenon? In particular, how might the rise of neo-nationalist and populist movements shape broader global discussions about the ongoing role of international law?
• How do seemingly predominant narratives relate to alternative narratives emerging in particular from the Global South?
• How do domestic constitutional and sub-constitutional responses to transnational actors and the mutations of the global legal order differ?

The Conference aims at creating a space where early career scholars can receive feedback on their research, so each applicant selected to present will be assigned a faculty member discussant of the participating institutions.

Submission of Paper Proposals

The Organizing Committee welcomes abstract submissions that address the theme above or other related emerging issues. Interdisciplinary contributions integrating the insights of, for example, sociology, anthropology, economics or history are encouraged. Applicants are invited to send an abstract of 500 words outlining their main arguments and methodology and a short bio of 100 words by December 14, 2018.

Proposals will be evaluated based on their relevance to the theme, the interest they present in relation to other proposals, and their overall quality. Applicants will be notified of results by mid-January 2019. Selected applicants are expected to submit completed papers in early March 2019.

Questions and abstracts should be sent to: torontogroupconference@gmail.com

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