

Karen J. Alter

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

International Relations, International Law, Global Capitalism & Law, Ethics in International Affairs

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Northwestern University

Board of Lady Managers of the Colombia Exposition Chair, 2018-2020

Co-director Global Capitalism and Law Research Group, 2016-

Professor of Political Science and Law, 2011-

Professor of Political Science, 2010-

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2003- 2010

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2000-2003

Smith College

Assistant Professor of Government, 1996-2000

VISITING POSITIONS

University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law, Permanent Visiting Professor, [iCourts Danish National Resource Council Center of Excellence](#), 2012-

American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Visiting Fellow, 2004, 2008-2009, 2017-2018

Northwestern Law School, 2004, 2011, 2013

American Academy in Berlin, Bosch Public Policy Fellow, 2012

Institute d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), France, 1998, 2010

Universität Bremen, Germany, 2004

Seikei University, Japan, December, 2003

Harvard Law School, Emile Noël Fellow, 2000-2001

Harvard University, European Union Center Visiting Fellow, 2000-2001

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. in Political Science, 1996

Cornell University B.A. Magna Cum Laude, with distinction in all subjects, 1988

LANGUAGES

Fluent French, Italian and German; Conversant Spanish

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Buffett Fellow, Northwestern University's Buffett Institute for Global Studies, 2016-2020

iCourts Center of Excellence, University of Copenhagen School of Law, 2012-

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (by courtesy), 2011

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member 2000-2005, Life Member 2007-

American Political Science Association, 1990-

American Society of International Law, 1999-

European Society of International Law, 2016-

PUBLICATIONS

In Progress:

The Politics of Backlash in Comparison, book project (with Michael Zürn)

Ruling the Global Economy: Why is Money so Different from Trade? book project with article spin-offs (with Stephen C. Nelson)

Adjudicating Megapolitics, interdisciplinary collaborative project (co-director Mikael Rask Madsen)

Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best: The Example of Reforming the World Trade Organization, article under review (with Cristina Lafont)

Visions of International Law: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective, Leiden Journal of International Law bi-ennial invited talk and article publication

Empire's Global Economic Law, invited lead-article for *I•Con*

Comprehending Global Governance: International Regime Complexity v. Global Constitutionalism, Commentary on a special issue *Beyond Fragmentation*, article under review

[*Gender and Status in American Political Science: Who determines whether a scholar is noteworthy?*](#) article under review (with Jean Clipperton, and Emily Shraudenbach, Laura Rozier)

Books, Edited Collections, and Monographs

[INTERNATIONAL COURT AUTHORITY](#)

(edited with Laurence R. Helfer & Mikael R. Madsen), Oxford University Press (Simultaneous hardback and paperback, 2018). Authored chapters include:

- International Court Authority in a Complex World (with Helfer & Madsen)
- How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts (with Helfer & Madsen)
- The Andean Tribunal of Justice: From Washington Consensus to Regional Crisis (with Helfer)
- International Court Authority in Question: Introduction to Part III (with Helfer & Madsen)
- Conclusion: Context, Authority, Power (with Helfer & Madsen)

[TRANSPLANTING INTERNATIONAL COURTS: THE LAW AND POLITICS OF THE ANDEAN TRIBUNAL OF JUSTICE](#)

(with Laurence R. Helfer) Oxford University Press (Hardback: 2017; Paperback: 2019)

[NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW: COURTS, POLITICS, RIGHTS](#)

Princeton University Press (Simultaneous hardback and paperback, 2014)

- Certificate of Merit for a Preeminent Contribution to Creative Scholarship, American Society of International Law
- Best Book Award, ILaw Section of the International Studies Association
- Honorable Mention, Chadwick Alger Prize for the Best Book on Multilateralism

[OXFORD HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL ADJUDICATION](#)

(edited with Cesare Romano & Yuval Shany), Oxford University Press (Hardback 2014; Paperback, 2016; Chinese translation 2020; 2nd edition 2021). Authored chapters include:

- Mapping International Courts and Tribunals, the Issues and Players (with Romano and Shany)
- Contemporary International Adjudicators: Evolution and Multiplication
- Graphic Visualizations; Illustrations: A Reader's Guide (with Romano and Francesco Sebgondi)

[THE EUROPEAN COURT'S POLITICAL POWER: ESSAYS ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE ON EUROPEAN POLITICS](#)

Oxford University Press (Hardcover, 2009; Paperback 2011)

[ESTABLISHING THE SUPREMACY OF EUROPEAN LAW: THE MAKING OF AN INTERNATIONAL RULE OF LAW IN EUROPE](#)

Oxford University Press (Hardcover 2001; Paperback 2003; Translated into Albanian, 2012)

Special Editions of Journals (co-convener and co-editor)

The Politics of Backlash in Comparison, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 22, forthcoming 2020 (with Michael Zürn)

The Judicialization of International Relations, thematic section in *International Studies Quarterly* 63, forthcoming 2019 (with Emilie Haftner-Burton and Laurence R. Helfer), forthcoming 2019

[*The Variable Authority of International Courts*](#), Special Editors. *Law and Contemporary Problems* 79 (1) 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Mikael Rask Madsen)

[*Symposium on the Politics of International Regime Complexity*](#), *Perspective on Politics* 7 (1) 2009 (with Sophie Meunier)

Journal Articles, Political Science (*= peer reviewed)

**The Politics of Backlash*, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 20, forthcoming 2020 (with Michael Zürn)

*[*Theorizing the Judicialization of International Relations*](#), *International Studies Quarterly*, 63, forthcoming 2019 (with Emilie Haftner-Burton and Laurence R. Helfer)

*[*Law in Action: Human Rights, Conflict Resolution and National Identity*](#), a review essay in *Perspective on Politics*, 16 (2): 460-64, 2018

*[*The Rise of International International Regime Complexity*](#), *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, 14: 329-349, 2018 (with Kal Raustalia)

*[*The Global Spread of European Style International Courts*](#), *West European Politics*, 35 (1): 135-154, 2012

*[*The Evolving International Judiciary*](#), *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, 7: 387-415, 2011

*[*Nature or Nurture: Judicial Lawmaking in the European Court of Justice and the Andean Tribunal of Justice*](#), *International Organization*, 64 (4): 563-92, 2010 (with Laurence Helfer)

*[*The Politics of International Regime Complexity*](#), *Perspective on Politics*, 7 (1): 13-24, 2009 (with Sophie Meunier)

- Top ten most downloaded and cited articles in *Perspective on Politics*

*[*Agent or Trustee: International Courts in their Political Context*](#), *European Journal of International Relations*, 14 (1): 33-63, 2008

- Honorable Mention for Best Contribution to the European Journal of International Relations, 2007-2009

*[*Nested and Competing Regimes in the Transatlantic Banana Trade Dispute*](#), *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30 (3): 362-368, 2006 (with Sophie Meunier)

*[*Private Litigants and the New International Courts*](#), *Comparative Political Studies* 35 (1): 22-49, 2006

Unilateralism and Multilateralism in American Foreign Policy, *Northwestern Journal of International Affairs* 6, 2004

*[*Resolving or Exacerbating Disputes? The WTO's New Dispute Resolution System*](#), *International Affairs*, 79 (4): 783-800, 2003

[*Do International Courts Enhance Compliance with International Law?*](#), *Review of Asian and Pacific Studies*, 25: 51-78, 2003

*[*Law, Political Science and European Union Legal Studies: An interdisciplinary project?*](#), *European Union Politics*, 3 (1): 113-123, 2002 (responses by Renaud Dehousse and Georg Vanberg)

*[*The European Legal System and Domestic Policy: Spillover or Backlash?*](#), *International Organization*, 54 (3):489-518, 2000

- Reprinted in Judith Goldstein, Miles Kahler, Robert Keohane, and Anne-Marie Slaughter eds LEGALIZATION IN WORLD POLITICS MIT Press, 2001
- * [Explaining Variation in the Use of European Litigation Strategies: EC law and UK Gender Equality Policy](#), *Comparative Political Studies*, 33 (4): 316-46, 2000 (with Jeannette Vargas)
- * [Who are the Masters of the Treaty?: European Governments and the European Court of Justice](#), *International Organization*, 52 (1): 125-152, 1998
 - Winner of the Best Paper Presented at the European Communities Studies Association Conference 1999
 - Reprinted in INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION READER. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001 (Lisa Martin and Beth Simmons eds.)
- * [The European Court's Political Power](#), *West European Politics*, 19 (3):458-487, 1996
- * [Judicial Politics in the European Community: European Integration and the Pathbreaking Cassis de Dijon decision](#), *Comparative Political Studies*, 24 (4): 535-561, 1994 (with Sophie Meunier-Aitsahalia)
 - Reprinted in THE EUROPEAN UNION: VOLUME II, 397-424, International Library of Politics and Comparative Government, Dartmouth Press, 1997 (Neil Nugent ed.)

Journal Articles, Law (*= peer reviewed)

- * [The Empire of International Law?](#) (review essay) *American Journal of International Law*, 113 (1): 183-199, 2019
- * [Backlash against International Courts in West, East, and Southern Africa](#), *European Journal of International Law*, 27 (2): 293–328, 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and James Thuo Gathii) ([EJIL Talk Symposium, 2016](#))
- * [How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts](#) *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 79 (1): 1-38, 2016 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Mikael R. Madsen)
- * [A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States](#), *American Journal of International Law*, 107 (4): 737-779, 2013 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Jacqueline McAllister) ([Opinio Juris-AJIL Symposium](#), 2014)
- * [Legitimacy and Lawmaking: A Tale of Three International Courts](#), *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*, 14 (2): 479-502, 2013 (with Laurence Helfer)
- * [Transplanting the European Court of Justice: Findings from the Experience of the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#), *American Journal of Comparative Law*, 60 (6): 709-744, 2012 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Osvaldo Saldias)
- [Tipping the Balance: International Courts and the Construction of International and Domestic Politics](#), *Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies*, (13): 1-22, 2011
 - Featured in the Cambridge Yearbook's special [20th Anniversary Edition](#)
- * [Legal Integration in the Andes: Lawmaking by the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#), *European Law Journal*, 17 (5) 701-15, 2011 (with Laurence R. Helfer)
- [The European Court's Political Power Across Time and Space](#) (translated into Romanian) 5 *Revista Romana de Drept European*, 2010
- * [Islands of Effective International Adjudication: Constructing an Intellectual Property Rule of Law in the Andean Community](#) *American Journal of International Law*, 103 (1): 1-43, 2009 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Maria Florencia Guerzovich)
 - Reprinted with Spanish abstract in 6 ANUARIO ANDINO DE DERECHOS INTELECTUALES (2010)
 - Selected by Andean Tribunal Judge Luis José Díez-Canseco Núñez for presentation at the Brandeis Institute for International Judges (Jan. 2015)

- [Posted on website of the Andean Tribunal of Justice](#)

[*The Andean Tribunal of Justice and its Interlocutors: Understanding the Preliminary Ruling Reference Patterns in the Andean Community*](#), *Journal of International Law and Politics*, 41 (4): 871-929, 2009 (with Laurence R. Helfer)

*[*Delegating to International Courts: Self-Binding vs. Other-Binding Delegation*](#), *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 71 (1) 37-76, 2008

Chapters in Books, Political Science

[*The Future of International Law*](#)

in *THE NEW GLOBAL AGENDA*, Rowman & Littlefield, 25-42 (Diana Ayton-Shenker ed., 2018)

[*The Evolution of International Law and Courts*](#)

In *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONALISM*, Oxford University Press: 590-610 (Orfeo Fioretos, Tullia G. Falletti and Adam Scheingate eds., 2016)

- Reprinted in *INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS IN TIME*, Oxford University Press, 251-274 (Orfeo Fioretos ed., 2017)

Too Much Power for the Judges? Understanding the European Court's Political Power

in *KEY CONTROVERSIES IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION*, Palgrave Macmillan, Chapter 5 (with a response by Jeremy Rabkin) (Zimmerman, Hubert and Dür, Andreas eds. 2012; 2nd edition with Daniel Keleman, 2016)

[*Regional Dispute Settlement*](#)

(with Liesbet Hooghe) In *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE REGIONALISM*, Oxford University Press, 538-558 (Tanja A. Börzel/Thomas Risse eds., 2016)

[*Judicialization of International Relations*](#)

in *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*, Sage Publications, (Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser and Leonardo Morlino eds., 2011)

[*The European Court and Legal Integration: An Exceptional Story or Harbinger of the Future?*](#)

In *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF LAW AND POLITICS* Oxford University Press, 209-228 (Keith Whittington, Daniel Keleman, Greg Caldiera eds., 2008)

Designing International Legal Mechanisms to Help Enforce Trade Agreements

In *INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES TO REGIONALISM*, (In Japanese, Kazuya Hirobe ed., 2008)

[*The Theory and Reality of the European Coal and Steel Community*](#)

(with David Steinberg). In *MAKING HISTORY: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF ROME*, Oxford University Press, 89-104 (Sophie Meunier and Kathleen McNamara eds., 2007)

[*Delegation to International Courts and the Limits of Recontracting Political Power*](#)

In *DELEGATION UNDER ANARCHY: STATES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRINCIPAL-AGENT THEORY*, Cambridge University Press, 312-338 (Darren Hawkins, Daniel Neilson, Michael J. Tierney, and David A. Lake eds., 2006)

The European Court of Justice and European Law

In *EUROPE TODAY*, Rowman and Littlefield, (Ronald Tiersky ed. 1999; 2nd ed., 2004)

The European Court of Justice

In *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE EUROPEAN UNION*, 191-194, Lynne Rienner Publishers, (Desmond Dinan ed., 1998)

Chapters in Books, Law

[Critical Junctures and the Future of International Courts in a Post-Liberal World Order](#)

IN THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS: REGIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL CHALLENGES, Routledge, 8-33 (Avidan Kent, Nikos Skoutaris & Jamie Trinidad eds., 2019)

[National Perspectives on International Constitutional Review: Diverging Optics](#)

IN COMPARATIVE JUDICIAL REVIEW, Edward Elgar, 244-271 (Erin Delaney and Rosalind Dixon eds., 2018)

[The Multiple Roles of International Courts and Tribunals: Enforcement, Dispute Settlement, Constitutional and Administrative Review](#)

IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: SYNTHESIZING INSIGHTS FROM INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP, Cambridge University Press, 345-370 (Jeffrey L. Dunoff and Mark A. Pollack, eds., 2012)

[The Influence of the Andean Intellectual Property Regime on Access to Medicines in Latin America](#)

(with Laurence Helfer) in BALANCING WEALTH AND HEALTH: GLOBAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND THE BATTLE OVER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN LATIN AMERICA, 247-262 (Rochelle Dreyfuss & César Rodríguez-Garavito eds., 2014)

On Law And Policy in the European Court of Justice: An American Perspective

IN EUROPE: THE NEW LEGAL REALISM, Djøf Publishing 2011 (Koch, Henning et al eds., 2011)

[Explaining National Court Acceptance of European Court Jurisprudence: A Critical Evaluation of Theories of Legal Integration.](#)

IN THE EUROPEAN COURTS AND NATIONAL COURTS, Hart Publishing 225-250, (Anne-Marie Slaughter, Alec Stone-Sweet and Joseph Weiler eds., 1998)

Book Reviews, Political Science

IN PLACE OF INTERSTATE RETALIATION: THE EUROPEAN UNION'S REJECTION OF WTO-STYLE TRADE SANCTIONS, William Phelen, Oxford University Press. In *Review of International Organizations* 11(1): 145-149, 2016

THE SWORD AND THE SHEILD: THE UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS, Cesare P.R. Romano ed. In *Perspectives on Politics* 9 (4): 978-80, 2011

THE EUROPEAN COURT AND CIVIL SOCIETY: LITIGATION, MOBILIZATION AND GOVERNANCE, Rachel A. Cichowski, Cambridge University Press. In *Perspectives on Politics*, 8 (2): 698-9, 2010

TRADING VOICES : THE EUROPEAN UNION IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS, Sophie Meunier, Princeton University Press. In *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (4): 813-4, 2006

THE RULES OF FEDERALISM, R. Daniel Kelemen, Harvard University Press. *European Union Studies Association Review*, 17 (3): 16-17, 2004

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE SUPRANATIONAL PARTY SYSTEM, Amie Kreppel, Cambridge University Press. In *Comparative Political Studies*. 37 (1): 121-124, 2004

THE MANY FACES OF DIFFERENTIATION IN EU LAW, Bruno De Witte, Dominik Hanf and Ellen Vos eds Intersentia Press, 2001. In *European Union Studies Association Review* Section, 15 (3), 2002

Book Reviews, Law

EUROLEGALISM: THE TRANSFORMATION OF LAW AND REGULATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, Daniel R. Kelemen, Harvard University Press. In *Common Market Law Review* 49 (1): 417-9, 2012

LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN POSTNATIONAL EUROPE: COMPLIANCE BEYOND THE NATION STATE, Michael Zürn and Christain Joerges eds Cambridge University Press 2004. In *Modern Law Review*, 30 (5): 767-771, 2005

Op-Eds

[Trump's tariffs aren't the biggest trade problem. Will China step in to protect the WTO?](#) The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, June 18, 2018

[Disentangling Ethics and the Law: What's legal isn't necessarily ethical](#) National Law Review, February 28, 2018

[The Future of International Law in an Age of Trump](#), The Berlin Journal (Fall) 2017

[Ein Jahr nach der Wahl Die USA gefährden die Zukunft des internationalen Rechts](#) Tagesspiegel Causa November 8, 2017

[The Least Bad Option in Syria: The U.S. has to swallow some bitter pills, because letting the civil war drag on is even worse](#) US News and World Reports, November 5, 2015

[The Trials and Tribulations of Prosecuting Heads of State: The ICC and Kenyatta](#) The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, December 19, 2014

[Will America's Failed Domestic Policy Spur a New Cold War?](#) The Huffington Post, May 13, 2014

[Four Well Intentioned International Law Ideas Doomed to Fail](#) OZY, May 20, 2014

[Let Nations, Not the World, Prosecute Corruption](#) (with Juliet Sorensen) US News and World Report, April 30, 2014

[International Law's Legacy vs. The Cases of Ukraine and Syria](#) The Huffington Post, March 27, 2014

[The Only Way to Counter Russia: Invoking international law is the best way to respond to Russia's action in the Ukraine](#) US News and World Report, March 12, 2014

[German high court challenges the European Central Bank pledge to defend the Euro](#) The Global Post March 6, 2014

[Has Putin Broken International Law?](#) CNN Opinion, March 5, 2014.

[Beyond the Bubbles: Sodagate reminds us Good v. Evil not always so clear](#) The Huffington Post, February 7, 2014

[International Law and Chemical Weapons: Conservative arguments of substance](#) The Huffington Post, November 15, 2013

[Is Groupthink Driving Us Towards War](#) The Boston Globe, September 16, 2002

[Iraq: Who Lied? The high cost of lying about war](#) The Chicago Tribune, June 29, 2003

Other Publications (On-Line Forums, Newsletters, Conference Proceedings)

Introduction to the Symposium on Kristina Daugirdas's Reputation as a Disciplinarian of International Organizations AJIL Unbound Symposium, forthcoming 2019

[Is the Era of the Internationalists Over? A comment on Hathaway and Shapiro's The Internationalists](#) International History and Politics Newsletter 4 (2): 3-7, 2019

[Whose Rule of Law is it?](#) Law and Social Inquiry Forum 2, discussing of Mila Versteeg and Tom Ginsburg's article "Measuring the Rule of Law: A Comparison of Indicators" *Law and Social Inquiry* 42, 2017

Is International Law's Thin Line of Justice Too Thin? Symposium discussion of Steven Ratner's *The Thin Justice of International Law* (Oxford University Press, 2015) at [James Stewart's Blog](#), 2016

Has Active Citation been a Boon for Replication? Lessons from Law Review Publishing, International History and Politics Newsletter 1 (2): 10-13, 2016

[Symposium: New Directions in Comparative Public Law](#), Law and Courts Newsletter of APSA 22 (3): 43-5, 2012

The Judiciary's New Robes: The Evolution of International Court Power, The Berlin Journal 21 (Fall): 39-45, 2011

[*Jurist Social Movements in Europe*, European Union Studies Association Review 20 \(4\): 6-11 2007](#)

[*International Courts are not Agents! The Perils of the Principal-Agent Approach to thinking about the Independence of International Courts*](#), Proceedings of the American Society of International Law 2005 Conference. 99: 138-141, 2005

Do the Lessons of EU Legal Integration "Travel", European Community Studies Association Review, 13 (1): 3-4, 2000

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Honors and Awards

Board of Lady Managers of the Columbia Exposition Chair, Northwestern University, 2018-2020

Certificate of Merit for a Preeminent Contribution to Creative Scholarship, American Society of International Law, 2015 (For THE NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW)

Best Book, ILAW Section of the International Studies Association, 2014 (For THE NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW)

Honorable Mention, Chadwick F. Alger Prize for the best book published on the subject of international organization and multilateralism. International Studies Association, 2014 (For THE NEW TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL LAW)

American Academy Berlin Prize, 2012

John Simon Guggenheim Mid-Career Fellowship, 2011

Honorable Mention, Best Contribution to the European Journal of International Relations, 2007-2009 (for *Agent or Trustee: International Courts in their Political Context*, *European Journal of International Relations*, 14 (1): 33-63, 2008)

Best Paper, European Communities Studies Association Conference 1999: *Who are the Masters of the Treaty?: European Governments and the European Court of Justice* (published in *International Organization*, 52 (1): 125-152, 1998)

Grants and Fellowships

Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Buffett Institute Fellow, Northwestern University 2016-2020

Weinberg College W Innovator Grant, Northwestern University, 2017

Buffett Institute for Global Studies, "Big Ideas Grant" for the Research group on Global Capitalism & Law, 2015-2019

International Organization (the journal) workshop grant, 2014

American Political Science Association, Centennial Grant Supplemental Research Support, 2014

Northwestern University Public Voices Fellowship- the Op-Ed Project, 2013

Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin, 2012

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 2011

Dispute Resolution Research Center Conference and Research Grant, 2011

Northwestern University, University Research Grant, 2010, 2006, 2004

Center for the Americas at Vanderbilt University, Incubator Grant 2007

Northwestern Institute on Complex Organizations, Workshop Grant 2006-2007

Dispute Resolution Research Center Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2005, 2007

Howard Foundation Fellowship 2004

Emile Noel Fellowship, Harvard Law School 2000-2001

German Marshall Fund of the United States, Advanced Research Fellowship 2000-2001
Smith College Jean Picker Fellowship, 1998-1999
Smith Summer Research Grant 1997, 1998
Program for the Study of Germany and Europe Center for European Studies, Harvard University. Dissertation Writing Grant 1995-1996, Research Fellowship 1994
Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Research Fellowship, 1995
Bourse Chateaubriand Scientifique, 1994
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Stipendium 1993
European Community Studies Association Dissertation Fellowship, 1992
MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Exploration Grant 1992
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Graduate Fellowship 1989-1991
Mellon Foundation Team Research Grant, 1988
Ford Foundation, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Research Grant 1987

TEACHING AND GRADUATE TRAINING

Political Science Graduate Courses

International Relations and International Law
International Organizations
International Relations Theory
Global Capitalism and Law

Political Science and International Studies Undergraduate Courses

International Law
International Organizations and National Policy
Ethics in International Affairs
The International Politics of Human Rights
Political Science Honors Seminar

Law School Courses

International Courts and Tribunals
International Law and International Relations

Sage Politics and International Relations Video Collection

[International Law Making a Difference](#)
[International Law and International Relations: The Gap Between Hopes and Reality](#)
[International Law and International Relations](#)

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Co-authorship with students

[Gender and Status in American Political Science: Who determines whether a scholar is noteworthy?](#)
article under review (with Jean Clipperton, and Emily Shraudenbach, Laura Rozier)
[A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States](#) *American Journal of International Law* 107 (4): 737-779, 2013 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Jacqueline McAllister)

- [*Transplanting the European Court of Justice: Findings from the Experience of the Andean Tribunal of Justice*](#)
American Journal of Comparative Law 60 (6): 709-744, 2012 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Osvaldo Saldias)
- [*Islands of Effective International Adjudication: Constructing an Intellectual Property Rule of Law in the Andean Community*](#)
American Journal of International Law 103 (1): 1-43, 2009 (with Laurence R. Helfer and Maria Florencia Guertzovich)
- [*The Theory and Reality of the European Coal and Steel Community*](#)
(with David Steinberg). In MAKING HISTORY: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF ROME. Oxford University Press (Sophie Meunier and Kathleen McNamara eds. 2007)
- [*Explaining Variation in the Use of European Litigation Strategies: EC law and UK Gender Equality Policy*](#)
Comparative Political Studies, 33 (4): 316-46, 2000 (with Jeannette Vargas)

Dissertation Committees

Present

Lena Trabucco (Chair)
Ayodeji Perrin (Chair)
Chris Dinkel (co-Chair)
Bo Won Kim (Chair)

Completed

Joshua Freedman, Oberlin
Jacqueline McAllister (Chair), Kenyon College
Ji Li (Chair), UC Irvine Law School

Completed Continued

Salvatore Caserta, iCourts Assistant Professor
Ari Shaw (Chair), Columbia World Project
Alisa Kaplan (Chair), Action for a Better Tomorrow
Maria Guertzovich (Chair), Global Partnership for Social Accountability
Erin Kimball Damman, University of Idaho
Helen Callaghan, European University Institute
Kimberley Sims
Osvaldo Saldias, Humbolt Universitat, Berlin
Nicole Richardt, University of Utah
Barbara Murphy

SERVICE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Co-Director: [Research Group on Global Capitalism and Law](#), 2015-
Organization of Women Faculty, interim co-chair 2015-2016; co-chair 2016-
Weinberg College Tenure and Promotions Committee, 2017-2021
Provost's Advisory Committee on Women Faculty, 2016-
ChangeMakers, 2015-2016
Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2015-2017
International Relations Field Head, Department of Political Science, 2003-2005, 2014-2015
Organization of Women Faculty, Pay Equity Study Chair, 2013-2014
Director of the Honors Program, Department of Political Science, 2005-2006, 2014-2015
Undergraduate Research Grant Committee, 2014-2015
Legal Studies Advisory Board, 2007-2016
Leopold Lecture Committee, 2006-2015
Co-Founder and Co-Convenor Buffett Institute International Law and International Organization Working Group, 2004- 2016
Faculty Senate, Representative from the Department of Political Science, 2011
International Studies Advisory Board, 2003-2011
Director of International Studies, 2006-2008
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2006-2007
Co-Chair- International Studies Reform Committee, 2005-2006
Steering Committee, Carnegie Foundation Program on Ethics in International Affairs, 2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, POLITICAL SCIENCE

Editorial Boards

International Studies Review, 2015-2019, 2019-2020

International Organization, 2012-2014, 2015-2017

European Union Politics, 2000- 2010

American Political Science Association

International History and Politics Section, Vice Chair, 2014-2016; Chair 2016-2018

Award Committee: Robert Jervis and Paul Schroeder Best Book in International History and Politics, 2013

Committee on Founding a Journal, Law and Courts Section, 2009-2010

Midwest APSA Conference Planning Committee: International and Comparative Law Section, 2010

Award Committee: Luebbert Best Book in Comparative Politics (Chair), 2007

Award Committee: Best Book, Dissertation, and Paper in West European Politics, 2003

Award Committee: Gabriel Almond Prize, the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, 2000

International Studies Association

International Organization Section, Executive Committee 2013-2016, Nominations committee (chair) 2014

ISA Committee on Appointments, 2010-2012

American Academy of Berlin

Selection committee for the Berlin Prize, 2016-2019; Chair 2019-2021

Application Reviewer, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

European Community Studies Association

Executive Committee, June 2001-2005

Secretary, June 2003-2005

Conference Program Committee, 2002-2003

Award Committee: Best Dissertation on the European Union, 1999, 2002

Award Committee: Best Book on a European Union Topic, 2005

Council of Europe

Conference Committee, 2006

Program Reviews

University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Department of Political Science Program Review, 2016

Northwestern University, Psychology Department Program Review, 2015

Brigham Young University, Kennedy Center Program Review, 2009

Book Manuscript Reviewer

University of Chicago Press, 2008, 2009

Princeton University Press, 2006, 2019

Oxford University Press, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Cambridge University Press 2007, 2010, 2011, 2014 2017, 2018

University Press of New England, 2006

Routledge Press. 2005, 2002

Sage Press 2003

Rowman and Littlefield Press, 2003

Research Proposal Review

National Science Foundation, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013

European Science Foundation, 2005

Journal Reviewer

American Political Science Review, International Organization, American Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, European Union Politics, Comparative Political Studies, World Politics, International Theory, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Review of International Organizations, Review of International Political Economy, Journal on Law and Courts, International Political Science Review, Journal of Public Policy, European Journal of International Relations, Journal of Common Market Studies,

Comparative European Politics, Political Science Research Quarterly, Government and Opposition, Journal of European Public Policy, Law and Society, Publius, Études Internationales

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, LAW

Editorial Boards

American Journal of International Law, 2015-2019, 2019-2023

Journal of International Dispute Settlement, 2016-2018

Law and Social Inquiry, 2009-2012, 2014-2016

American Society of International Law

Executive Committee, 2015-2017.

American Journal of International Law, Editorial Board, 2015-2019, 2019-2023.

Certificate of Merit Book Awards Committee, 2016, 2018

Research Forum 2014, Co-Chair (with Katarina Linos)

European Society of International Law

Program Committee for the Annual Meeting, 2015

Advisory Boards

PluriCourts: Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order (Chair)

Centre of Excellence at the Faculty of Law of the University of Oslo. 2013-2016

Toward a New History of European Public Law, Saxo-Institute. University of Copenhagen. 2013-2015

Journal Reviewer

Law and Social Inquiry, *Journal of Dispute Resolution*, *European Journal of International Law*, *American Journal of International Law*, *African Journal of International and Comparative Law*

RECENT INVITED SCHOLARLY TALKS, POLITICAL SCIENCE

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| October, 2019 | Keynote Address: Danish EU Studies-ECSA Conference
Europe and the Rule of Law |
| March, 2019 | Globus, University of Oslo (Philosophy)
Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best |
| February, 2019 | University of Chicago, International Relations Series
Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best |
| January, 2019 | European University Institute, Florence, Robert Schuman Center
Ruling the Global Economy: Why is Money so Different from Trade? |
| September, 2018 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Divergent Legalization in Economic Governance: Why is Money so Different from Trade? |
| September, 2018 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
The Rise of International Regime Complexity |
| June, 2018 | Frei University Berlin
Transformative Power of Europe Revisited, Roundtable |
| February, 2018 | University of Pennsylvania, International Relations Series, Brown Center
Divergent Legalization in Global Economic Governance |
| October, 2017 | American Academy of Berlin, Foreign Policy Forum
The Future of International Law in the Age of Trump |
| September, 2017 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
The Contested Authority of International Law |
| May, 2017 | Universität Frankfurt, Project on Rule and Authority in the International System
The Contested Authority of International Law |
| September 2016 | American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
The Law and Politics of the Andean Tribunal of Justice |

September 2016	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Regional Dispute Settlement
September 2016	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting The Judicialization of International Relations
March 2016	Georgetown University, GUITARS series The Judicialization of International Relations
February 2015	University of California at Los Angeles, International Relations and International Law Speaker Series Transplanting International Courts: Politics of Andean Tribunal of Justice
November 2015	Keynote Address: Global Governance Program at the European University Institute The Challenge for Regional Courts
November 2014	Stanford University, IR Speaker Series Backlash against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa
September 2014	Tufts University The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
August 2014	American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting Backlash against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa
May 2014	Oxford University Centre for International Studies The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
May 2014	School of International and Oriental Studies (SOAS), University of London The New Terrain of International Law
February 2014	University of Iowa Bose Speaker Series The New Terrain of International Law
February 2014	Rutgers University The New Terrain of International Law
February 2014	Notre Dame Kroc Institute The New Terrain of International Law
May 2013	Regional Colloquium on Globalization of Law, University of Wisconsin, Madison International Courts and Democratic Politics
April 2013	ERC Project: Causes and Consequences of Multilevel Governance, Workshop at UNC The Design of International Institutions Theory Meets Data
April 2013	International Studies Association conference, San Francisco Presidential Roundtable: The Global Diffusion of Human Rights Theme Roundtable: The Diffusion of Regional Orders: Comparative Regionalism The Politics of International Legal Institutions
February 2013	University of Chicago, International Relations Program The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
February 2013	Cornell International Relations and International Law Seminar The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
September 2012	National Science Foundation Workshop on Law and Courts, Bainbridge WA Roundtable on Law and Courts in the International Realm
August 2012	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Critical Junctures and the Global Spread of International Courts

- August 2012 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States: Building a Human Rights Rule of Law in Africa? (with Larry Helfer)
- May 2012 The American Academy Berlin
The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
- February 2012 Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin
New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States (with Larry Helfer)
- January 2012 Program on African Studies at Northwestern University
New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Court of Justice for the Economic Community of West African States (with Larry Helfer)

RECENT INVITED SCHOLARLY TALKS, LAW

- February, 2020 University of Georgia International Law Series
- May, 2019 Keynote Address: Amsterdam Center for International Law
The Future of International Law in an Age of Nationalist Populism
- May, 2019 Keynote Address: Leiden Journal of International Law Lecture
Visions of International Law: An Interdisciplinary Retrospective
- March, 2019 University of Copenhagen
Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best
- January, 2019 Keynote Address, European University Institute, Executive Training Institute
The Future of International Courts in a Post-Liberal World Order
- November, 2018 Edinburgh/Hamburg Seminar on International Legitimacy
Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best
- November, 2018 American Society of International Law Research Forum, Los Angeles
Divergent Legalization in Economic Governance: Why is money so different from trade?
- May, 2018 University of International Business and Economics, Beijing China
The Past, Present and Future of the WTO
- May, 2018 China Talks: Hong Kong, Fudan, Shanghai Jiao Tong, Tsinghua, Renmin & Peking Law Schools
The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
- March, 2108 Graduate Institute of Geneva, Center for Trade and Economic Integration
Divergent Legalization in Global Economic Governance
- May, 2017 iCourts Center of Excellence, Copenhagen
Transplanting International Courts: The Law and Politics of the Andean Tribunal of Justice
- October 2017 Frei Universitat Berlin, Program on Human Rights Under Pressure: Ethics, Law, Politics
The Contested Authority of International Law
- October, 2017 Duke Law School
Transplanting International Courts: Law and Politics of the Andean Tribunal of Justice
- September, 2017 Keynote Address: Governance, Legality and Political Morality Beyond the State, Ontario Legal Philosophy Conference
Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best (with Cristina Lafont)
- July, 2017 *I•Con* Conference, Copenhagen
The Contested Authority of International Law
- July, 2017 Keynote Address: The Future of International Courts, Norwich University of East Anglia
Prospects for International Courts in a Time of Nationalist-Populism
- November 2016 Law, Economics and Politics Colloquium, Duke Law School
Divergent Legalization in Global Economic Governance: Why Is Money So Different than Trade?

February 2016	Arizona State School of Law The Authority of International Courts
December 2015	European University Institute: International Law Seminar Series The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
April 2015	American Society of International Law Annual Meeting Roundtable on The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights
February 2015	University of California at Los Angeles School of Law The New Terrain of International Law
January 2015	The American Bar Foundation How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts
November 2014	American Society of International Law Research Forum: Backlash against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa
June 2014	Pluricourts, University of Oslo The New Terrain of International Law and its implications for Democratic Politics
April, 2014	Duke Law School The New Terrain of International Law
March 2014	iCourts Center of Excellence, University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law The New Terrain of International Law: International Courts and Democratic Politics
May 2015	Pluricourts Annual Meeting, Oslo Norway How Context Shapes the Authority of International Courts
April 2015	Yale Law School Backlash against International Courts in West, East and Southern Africa
March 2013	Duke Law School Roundtable on the Legitimacy of International Courts Legitimacy and Lawmaking: A Tale of Three International Courts
February 2014	Princeton University, Program on Law and Public Affairs International Courts and Democratic Politics
November 2012	NYU Law Human Rights Seminar A New Human Rights Court for Africa: The ECOWAS Community Court of Justice
September 2012	iCourts Workshop on New Research on International Courts International Courts and Democratic Politics
August 2012	National University of Singapore and New York University School of Law International Dispute Settlement Bodies (with Larry R. Helfer, Franz Mayer, and Petros Mavroides)
June 2012	Literaturhaus Stuttgart- Head to Head Dialogues Promoting Respect for Human Rights in Europe and Africa: A Conversation with Justice Angelika Nußberger of the European Court of Human Rights
May 2012	Multirights Annual Conference, University of Oslo Transforming Politics through Delegation to Courts

SELECT TELEVISION APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS AND PRESENTATIONS TO CIVIC GROUPS

[On redundancy, regime complexity and universality in international law](#), Interview at the Amsterdam Center for International Law, June 12, 2019

Do ethical considerations matter in international relations, Unitarian Church of Wilmette, April 20, 2019

[Global Affairs Takes Center Stage](#), Chicago Tonight, April 6, 2017

[Trump's Russia Reset](#), Chicago Tonight, January 9 2017

[Joseph Weiler interviews Karen J. Alter on the politics of backlash](#), EJIL Live! Interview August 3, 2016

The Use of Force in International Politics: Legal and Ethical Perspectives

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, October 20, 2016

International Courts and Territorial Disputes

Ethical Humanists, Chicago, May 2014

International Law: Syria & Iran

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, November 2013

International Courts in the World Today

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, May 2013 (with Professor Juliet Sorenson)

The United States Constitution and International Law

Chicago Bar Association June Civil Rights and Constitutional Law Committee, May 2013 (with Professor Stephan Calabresi)

CNN Live- Interview about Putin's Annexation of the Crimea, March 6, 2014

Should We Stay or Should We Go Now? A debate on US Foreign Policy in Iraq

Chicago Council on Foreign Relations series "GoAT- Globally Occupying The Attention Of Chicago's Untapped Audience" Schuba's Tavern, June 2004

The US and its International Commitments

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, October 2003

Unilateralism and Multilateralism in American Foreign Policy

Women of Wisdom Invited Speaker, Loyola Academy. October 2003

Unilateralism and Multilateralism in American Foreign Policy

Lifelong Learners Series, Northwestern Alumni Association, November 2002