

# UN ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

## EXPERTS WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 19, 2017

12:30 – 5:45PM

## SETON HALL LAW SCHOOL

The protection and enforcement of human rights and respect for the rule of law are central to the mandate of the United Nations (UN). Yet, there have been prominent instances in which human rights violations have occurred during UN operations that have never been remedied.

This experts workshop will explore the liability of International Organizations for international wrongs, as well address direct, indirect or shared responsibility. It will offer a detailed examination of accountability, and what models of external and internal international dispute resolution currently exist, and should exist in the future. In light of the recent suggestion that victims of international wrongs should be made whole by charitable contributions, it will also discuss redress and compensation for victims of international wrongs.

The workshop will conclude with a wine and cheese reception, and a launch of the new book *Research Handbook on UN Sanctions and International Law*.

12:30 – 1pm	Registration. A light lunch will be served in the Faculty Library (5 <sup>th</sup> floor)
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1:00pm	<b>Welcome: Kristen Boon, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School</b>
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<b><i>Opening Address by Philip Alston: The Strengths and Weaknesses of External Accountability</i></b>	
1:15pm	Philip Alston, Professor of Law, NYU School of Law, Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights

<b>UN Accountability and The Concept of Responsibility in International Law</b> Chair: Kristen Boon, Seton Hall Law	
2:00pm	Frédéric Mégret, Associate Professor of Law, McGill University Faculty of Law
	Mona Khalil, Legal Advisor, Independent Diplomat, and Affiliate at the Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict (HLS PILAC)
	Kristina Daugirdas, Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School

3:00 – 3:15pm	Coffee Break
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<b>Exploring Avenues for Accountability: Models for Dispute Resolution within International Organizations.</b> Chair, Larissa van den Herik, Professor of Law, University of Leiden	
3:15pm	Kimberly Prost, former UN Ombudsperson for the Security Council AL Qaida Sanctions Committee, Candidate for ICC Judicial Post.
	Larry Johnson, Office of Legal Affairs, Former Assistant-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, UN

<b>Reparations and UN Accountability: Standards of Compensation for Organizational Wrongs</b>	
Chair: Bruce Rashkow, Lecturer Columbia Law School, former Director of the General Legal Division in the Office of Legal Affairs, and former Senior Lawyer with the US Department of State and US Department of Justice	
4:00pm	Hélène Tigroudja, Professor of Public International Law at the Faculty of Law in Aix-en-Provence, France. Senior Hauser Global Fellow at NYU.
	Carla Ferstman, REDRESS, Director (via Skype)
	Beatrice Lindstrom, IJDH, Staff Attorney (New York)

5:00 – 5:45pm	<b>Wine and cheese reception</b>  <b>Book Launch: <i>Research Handbook on UN Sanctions and International Law</i>, edited by Larissa van den Herik.</b>  Professor Van den Herik and the Honorable Sue Eckert, CNAS, will present the book. Other authors will be in the room, including Kim Prost and Kristen Boon.
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Anyone interested in attending the 6:30pm Opening Panel of the International Law Weekend at the New York Bar Association will be accompanied by NJ transit to New York. The program can be found here: [http://www.ila-americanbranch.org/Intl\\_Law\\_Wknd.aspx](http://www.ila-americanbranch.org/Intl_Law_Wknd.aspx)