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INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND 2023

BEYOND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Call for Panel Proposals

Deadline: April 17, 2023

The American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA) is pleased to invite panel proposals for International Law Weekend 2023 (ILW 2023)—the premier international law event of the fall season. ILW 2023 will take place **October 19-21, 2023 in New York City**.

The ILW Organizing Committee (Committee) invites panel proposals to be submitted online by **April 17, 2023** at <https://forms.gle/56TiNdn91v7aAdmC7>

The unifying theme for ILW 2023 is ***Beyond International Law***, as follows:

International law is at a crossroads. While there have been many successes, the system's shortcomings still remain visible, exposed by prolonged armed conflicts, a lack of accountability for atrocities, a global pandemic followed by an economic downturn, and entrenched economic and social inequalities exacerbated by the disastrous effects of climate change. The time is ripe for the international legal community to consider what lies beyond current international law. If existing legal solutions fall short, how can international lawyers and leaders effectively harness their creativity to tackle the complex challenges of today? How does international law interface with other disciplines that also seek to promote peace and equality, such as domestic law, diplomacy, trade, social change movements, and global solidarity initiatives? How can international law adapt to become more effective in responding to the world's shifting crises? ILW 2023 encourages participants to think beyond international law.

ILW 2023 will explore these issues through a diverse set of engaging and provocative panels. As in prior years, we anticipate nearly 2,000 registrants including practitioners, academics, diplomats, business leaders, federal and state government officials, NGO leaders, journalists, students, and interested citizens. ILW will include a broad array of both public international law and private international law topics in each time slot.

When submitting your proposal, please consider the following points:

- Panel proposals may concern any aspect of contemporary international law and practice including, but not limited to, the international law on the use of force, international economic law (including trade and investment), human rights, equality and social justice, international humanitarian law, international organizations, international environmental law, national security, cyber law, international criminal law, international intellectual property, the law of the sea and outer space, and legal theory. When submitting your proposal, please identify the primary area(s) of international law that your proposed panel will address.
- Please provide the names, titles, and affiliations of the moderator(s) and panelists. Please also indicate whether these speakers have confirmed their intent to participate if the panel is chosen.
- ILW 2023 will promote representation and dialogue among diverse voices. Per the [ILA Guidelines for Diversity of Conference and Panel Speakers](#), all panels must contain gender parity. Further, the Committee will give preference to panels that include representation of historically underrepresented groups and promote dialogue across different professional perspectives, including scholars and practitioners.
- Please identify what format you are proposing for your panel. We welcome various formats, such as debates, roundtables, lectures, and break-out groups, as well as the usual practice of panel presentations.
- Please indicate whether you are an ABILA member and whether your panel is sponsored by an ABILA committee(s). Preference will be given to panels submitted by one or more committees, and particularly to joint submissions. Committees may submit multiple proposals, but a maximum of one panel per committee will be selected.
- CLE credit will be available for certain panels. We encourage you to consider taking the necessary steps to qualify your panel for CLE credit.

For questions regarding ILW 2023, please contact: ilw@ila-americanbranch.org.

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