

The lecture will start at 15:00 h with a Welcome Coffee in front of room 038 of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Im Neuenheimer Feld 535, 69120 Heidelberg.



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Resolution Program
Vanderbilt University School of Law

International Law and the Territorial Peace

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PROGRAMME

15.00 h	Welcome Coffee
15.30 h	Welcome and Introduction Professor Anne Peters Director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law
15.45 h	International Law and the Territorial Peace Professor Ingrid Wuerth Helen Strong Curry Chair in International Law Director, Cecil D. Branstetter Litigation & Dispute Resolution Program Vanderbilt University School of Law
16.30 h	Coffee Break
16:45 h	Discussion
17.30 h	End

Ingrid Wuerth is a leading scholar of foreign affairs, public international law and transnational litigation. She joined Vanderbilt's law faculty in 2007, was appointed director of the International Legal Studies Program in 2009, and was appointed director of the Branstetter Litigation & Dispute Resolution Program in 2018. She was named to the newly endowed Helen Strong Curry Chair in International Law in 2015. Professor Wuerth sits on the board of editors of the American Journal of International Law and is a member of the American Law Institute and the State Department's Advisory Committee on Public International Law. She has served as a Reporter for the Restatement (Fourth) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States. She has received numerous honors and fellowships, including the Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Fulbright Senior Scholar award, the German Chancellor's Fellowship, election to the German Society of International Law, election to the Order of the Coif and many teaching awards. The class of 2018 elected Professor Wuerth to give the commencement address. She is a contributing editor at Lawfare.

Abstract:

International Law and the Territorial Peace. A core objective of international law is to prevent armed conflict. Although nations disagree about many things, including trade and ideology, political scientists have shown that territorial disagreements are especially likely to lead war. This talk examines the empirical studies on the historical causes of war and considers their significance for various doctrines of international law, including the work of the International Court of Justice. It concludes with an overview of contemporary territorial disputes and argues that their resolution ought to be a core objective of international law and international institutions.