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Panel Discussion

The Politics of International Law: How do States Aim to Change the International Legal Order?

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Faculty of Law, Humboldt University of Berlin

Venue: Unter den Linden 9, Room 213

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

We are currently living through a transitional period in which both assumed legal certainties and power structures are undergoing disruptive challenges. With new centres of global power emerging, significant transformations and shifts seem inevitable. In which directions do states and other actors seek to develop international law?

In this unique public discussion, a diverse panel of experts will sit down to discuss the national, regional and transnational “international legal policies” through which their home states seek to define, influence and sometimes change international law.

Panellists:

Srinivas Burra (South Asian University, India)

Charlotte Ku (Texas A&M University School of Law, USA)

Huaxia Lai (Peking University, China)

Christian Schaller (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Germany)

René Urueña (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia)

The panel discussion will be followed by a small drinks reception for all attendees.

Please register for the event here: ILP@mpil.de

Organizers:

Christian Marxsen, Chair of Public Law and Public International Law, HU Berlin

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