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THE INDIVIDUAL IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

History and Theory

ONLINE WORKSHOP CONVENED BY PROF. ANNE PETERS AND DR TOM SPARKS

Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

Online, via Zoom

17th – 18th June 2021

Call for Engaged Listeners

The interrelationship between international law and the individual has been the subject of a great and growing interest by scholars in recent years. In many or most of international law's subfields and specialisms, the appropriate relationship between the interests of individuals and those of other actors is the subject of important debates. On the other hand, we are currently witnessing a return to statist principles in the debate and practice of international law, with an emphasis on sovereignty, territory, and boundaries. Human rights and the idea of rights more generally are under attack. The individual's position in international law, pushed and pulled by these factors, is in flux. However, analyses conducted of the individual's position remain, in the main, examinations of the positive law. A number of questions thus remain to be answered which go beyond the individual's treatment by various fields of international law in the present moment, in particular from the perspectives of history and theory.

On the 17th-18th June 2021, an international workshop will be convened by Professor Anne Peters and Dr Tom Sparks to discuss the draft papers in our book project in *The Individual in International Law – History and Theory*. A list of the topics and speakers is included below. The workshop will take place online, via Zoom.

We warmly invite the participation of Engaged Listeners in the workshop, and encourage scholars and students with an interest in the topics to be discussed—in particular history of law,

history of ideas, jurisprudence and legal theory, and critical approaches to (international) law—to sign up. The draft texts of the chapters will be shared with the workshop participants two weeks ahead of the workshop, and Engaged Listeners are requested to read these in detail in advance of the workshop.

If you are interested in participating in the workshop as an engaged listener and thus in contributing to our discussions, please sign up via the links below. **We particularly welcome the participation of early-career scholars, including pre- and post-graduate students, and from scholars working in institutions in the global south.** Note that each link applies to only one day, and that those intending to attend the entirety of the workshop will need to register under both links. For further inquiries, or in case of technical difficulties, please contact Ms. Anette Kreutzfeld, via apeters-office@mpil.de.

Date and Time: The workshop will take place from 11.30am to 16.45 pm CEST on the 17th-18th June, 2021. Please join the meeting at 11.20am, ready for a prompt start at 11.30.

Please note that all times given are Central European Summer Time (UTC +2).

Zoom Sign-up Links:

Day 1: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:30 AM CEST

<https://mpil.zoom.us/meeting/register/tj0pcu6ggjwuHtMithjiHpMEEKEQh9Q-ncFp>

Day 2: Friday, June 18, 2021 11:30 AM CEST

https://mpil.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwsde6gqTgsGNEMPYV4yQA5y9E_WJ-SaI-D

Please note: **those wishing to attend on both days must register under both links.**

For updated information on the workshop, see:

<https://www.mpil.de/en/pub/research/areas/public-international-law/the-individual-in-international-law>

Anne Peters and Tom Sparks

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Provisional list of Topics and Speakers

(note: a confirmed programme with speakers and titles will be available online ahead of the workshop)

The Individual and International Law in Historical Perspective:

- International Law in Antiquity – Dr Eleanor Cowan, University of Sydney
- International Law 500-1500 – Dr Dante Fedele, CNRS-University of Lille/Professor Alain Wijffels, KU Leuven
- International Law 1500-1648 – Dr Francesca Iurlaro, MPIL Heidelberg
- International Law 1648-1789 – Dr Mark Somos, MPIL Heidelberg
- International Law 1789-1914 – Dr Inge Van Hulle, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt am Main
- International Law 1918-1945 – Professor Anne Peters, MPIL Heidelberg

The Individual in the Theory of International Law:

- The Individual in Contemporary International Legal Positivism – Professor Gleider Hernández, KU Leuven/Open Universiteit Nederland
- The Individual in Contemporary Natural Law: Sacred Natural Law – Professor Rafael Domingo, Emory University
- The Individual in Contemporary Natural Law: Secular Natural Law – Dr Tom Sparks, MPIL Heidelberg
- The Individual in Third World Approaches to International Law – Professor B.S. Chimni, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Emeritus)
- The Individual in Feminist Approaches to International Law – Dr Ruth Houghton, Newcastle University
- The Individual in Marxist Approaches to International Law – Ms Marina Veličković, University of Cambridge
- The Individual in Global Law – Dr Angelo Golia, MPIL Heidelberg
- The Individual in the Constitutionalisation of International Law – Professor Başak Çalı, Hertie School of Governance
- The Individual in Law and Economics – Professor Anne van Aaken, University of Hamburg
- The Individual in Anthropological Approaches to International Law – Professor Marie-Claire Foblets, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology