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WELCOME TO TWAIL CAIRO 2015

Dear Conference Participants,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2015 Third World Approaches to International Law Conference in Cairo, Egypt. This is the first TWAIL conference to be held in the global South. Against a backdrop of the ongoing revolutionary processes and contestations across the Middle East and North Africa, the thematic focus of the conference is that of the intellectual as a political actor: the animation of praxis, broadly conceived as reflection, agitation, and transformative action.

The theme necessitates self-reflection as TWAIL has sought to distinguish itself from other critical legal approaches through its political and transformative commitments. We invited presentations and panels that seek to engage with these issues. For instance, how do we understand and interrogate our roles as intellectuals in political life? What is the relationship between our scholarly endeavors and societal structures; whether preserving the status quo, shaping reform, or advocating for radical change? What are the various conduits that link our work as intellectuals with politicians, activists, advocates, revolutionaries, civil servants, soldiers, artists, writers, union representatives, civil society leaders, peasant movements, and so on? How does the idea of TWAIL as praxis relate to TWAIL as theory and/or method? How does it differ from other notions of praxis? We were overwhelmed by the quality and volume of submissions we received in response to our call for papers, and are delighted to welcome such an eclectic and exciting group of participants. We are honored to have as our conference keynote speakers Professor Georges Abi-Saab and Professor Obiora Chinedu Okafor, reflecting on the conference theme of praxis based on their own extensive background as scholars and practitioners of international law as well as their specialised knowledge of the Arab and African region.

As with previous TWAIL conferences, this is an opportunity for us to take stock and look to the future. It provides a forum for the TWAIL community to reconnect – this time in the global South. At the same time, the conference seeks to deepen and re-imagine engagement with underexplored alliances such as with indigenous movements, environmental issues, and transnational intellectual and political actors in the Middle East and North Africa, and we have conference panels dedicated to exploring each of these themes. The conference also seeks to pursue relationships with potential interdisciplinary allies, whether scholars or practitioners, in cognate fields. This is reflected particularly in our plenary session on new interdisciplinary frontiers, examining international law and the regulation of population movement, an issue of particular concern in Africa and the Middle East.

We appreciate your contribution to what promises to be a unique and exciting intellectual endeavor and look forward to learning from the inspiring and diverse group of scholars gathered here over the coming four days.

Sincerely,

Amar BHATIA
Usha NATARAJAN
John REYNOLDS
Sujith XAVIER

Assistant Professor, York University, Canada
Assistant Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt
Lecturer, National University of Ireland in Maynooth, Ireland
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THIRD WORLD APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL LAW

ON PRAXIS AND THE INTELLECTUAL

The American University in Cairo, AUC Tahrir Square, Egypt, February 21-24, 2015

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ENGAGING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND STRUCTURES FOR CHANGE

Chair: **Usha NATARAJAN**, *Assistant Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt*

Hani SAYED
Muthucumaraswamy SORNARAJAH
Priya GUPTA
Ramaswamy SUDARSHAN
Sundhya PAHUJA

Associate Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt
Professor, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Associate Professor, Southwestern Law School, USA
Professor and Dean, Jindal Global University, India
Professor, University of Melbourne, Australia

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PRAXIS AND THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INTELLECTUAL: A TWAIL PERSPECTIVE

Obiora Chinedu OKAFOR

*Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada
Vice-Chair and Rapporteur, UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee*

Moderator: Amar BHATIA, Assistant Professor, York University, Canada

10:30-11:00am: MORNING TEA BREAK, *Cafeteria*

11:00 -12:30pm: TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 1: **CHALLENGES IN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION**, *Oriental Hall:*

Chair: **Hani SAYED**, Associate Professor, *The American University in Cairo, Egypt*

Mohamed HAMDY, *Doctoral Candidate, Harvard University, USA*

Lama ABU ODEH, *Professor, Georgetown University, USA*

Christopher GEVERS, *Lecturer, University of KwaZulu-Natal*

Olanike ODEWALE, *Lecturer, Lead City University, Nigeria*

Mapping Contemporary Legal Thought in Egypt

Can the Egyptian Legal Scholar Speak?

Legal Education in Africa: A South African Perspective

Globalising Legal Practice in Nigeria

SESSION 2: **TWAIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST: ON PRAXIS AND PALESTINE**, *Hill House, 6th Floor:*

Chair: **Faisal BHABHA**, Assistant Professor, *York University, Canada*

Reem BAHDI, *Associate Professor, University of Windsor, Canada*

Mudar KASSIS, *Professor, Birzeit University, Palestine*

John REYNOLDS, *Lecturer, National University of Ireland in Maynooth*

Zinaida MILLER, *Doctoral Candidate, Tufts University, USA*

Dignity in Perpetual Conflict ...

... and Perpetual Peace

The Amateur Intellectual, the Anti-Colonial Lawyer and the Question of Palestine

Resisting Oslo: International Governance and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

12:30-2:00pm: LUNCH, *Cafeteria*

2:00-3:30pm: TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 1: **INTERNATIONAL LAW, EMPIRE AND THE POLITICS OF HISTORY WRITING**, *Oriental Hall:*

Chair: **Rose PARFITT**, *Post Doctoral Fellow, University of Melbourne, Australia*

Jose Manuel BARRETO
Post Doctoral Fellow, Bonn University, Germany

Five Books: TWAIL and the Politics of the Turn to History

Gustavo GOZZI
Professor, University of Bologna, Italy

The Mediterranean Alternative beyond the Colonial Heritage

Paolo AMOROSA
Doctoral Candidate, University of Helsinki, Finland

'The Empire of Liberty' in Cuba: International Law and the American Identity Crisis between Empathy and Ingratitude, 1898-1918

Ali HAMMOUDI
Doctoral Candidate, York University, Canada

The Historiography of Resistance and 'the Wounds of Martyrs' in International Law: Iraqi Mass Resistance against Imperialism during the Wathba of 1948

SESSION 2: **SITE AND SPACE: THE (DIS)LOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW**, *Hill House, 6th Floor:*

Chair: **Vasuki NESIAH**, *Associate Professor of Practice, New York University, USA*

Thomas SKOUTERIS
Associate Professor, Central European University, Hungary

Placement and Authority: Locating the Hague

Asad KIYANI
Doctoral Candidate, University of British Columbia, Canada

Drones of War, Drones of Discourse: Problematizing Tribal Pakistan

Sujith XAVIER
Assistant Professor, Windsor University, Canada

Looking for 'Justice' in all the Wrong Places: An International Mechanism or Multidimensional Domestic Strategy for Mass Human Rights Violations in Sri Lanka?

Heidi MATTHEWS
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Free University Berlin, Germany

Does the Rule of Law in Transitional Contexts Presuppose Democracy?
Complementarity, Libya and the ICC

3:30-4:00pm: AFTERNOON TEA BREAK, Cafeteria

4:00-5:30pm: PLENARY: **BANDUNG +60: CRITICAL PASTS AND PENDING FUTURES**, Oriental Hall:

Conveners:

Luis ESLAVA, Lecturer, University of Kent, UK
Michael FAKHRI, Assistant Professor, University of Oregon, USA
Vasuki NESIAH, Associate Professor of Practice, New York University, USA

Noha ABOUELDAHAB
Matthew CRAVEN
Luis ESLAVA
Michael FAKHRI
Sylvia KANGARA
Vasuki NESIAH

Doctoral Candidate, Durham University, UK
Professor and Dean, School of Oriental and African Studies, UK
Lecturer, University of Kent, UK
Assistant Professor, University of Oregon, USA
Professor and Dean, Riara University, Kenya
Associate Professor of Practice, New York University, USA

8:00-10:00pm: CONFERENCE DINNER FOR SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS
Nile Cruise, Andrea Restaurant, Maadi (buses depart from Flamenco Hotel at 7:00pm)

**HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROFESSOR SORNARAJAH AND PROFESSOR ABI-SAAB
TO THE PRAXIS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

Antony ANGHIE
Ibrahim AWAD
Michael FAKHRI
Hani SAYED

Professor, University of Utah, USA
Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, The American University in Cairo
Assistant Professor, University of Oregon, USA
Associate Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt

DAY THREE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

9:00-10:30am: TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 1: **NARRATING THE POSTCOLONIAL JOURNEY: INTERROGATING BANDUNG HISTORIES**, *Oriental Hall:*

Chair: **Michael FAKHRI**, Assistant Professor, University of Oregon, USA

Rose PARFITT, Post Doctoral Fellow, University of Melbourne, Australia

Newer is Truer: Time, Space and Subjectivity at the Bandung Conference

Anne-Charlotte MARTINEAU
Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute, Luxembourg

Concerning Violence. A Post-Colonial Reading of the Debate on the Use of Force

Mai TAHA
Post Doctoral Fellow, York University, Canada

Reimagining Bandung for Women at Work: Law and the Woman between the Factory and the 'Social Factory'

Fabia VECOSO, Assistant Professor, Federal University of São Paulo, Brazil

The Absence of Bandung and North/South Dynamics in Brazilian International Law

SESSION 2: **THE THIRD WORLD AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD: LAW, EMPIRE AND PRAXIS**, *Hill House, 6th Floor:*

Chair: **Cyra Akila CHOUDHURY**, Associate Professor, Florida International University, USA

Vanja HAMZIC
Lecturer, School of Oriental and African Studies, UK

Towards Third World Approaches to Islamic Law: Empire, Gunpowder and Praxis

Nesrine BADAWI
Assistant Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt

Revolt in Islamic Legal Circles

Nadia AHMAD
Visiting Assistant Professor, Pace Law School, USA

The Genesis of Islamic Environmental Law

Nizamuddin Ahmed SIDDIQUI
Assistant Professor, WB National University of Juridical Sciences, India

Decoding Islamic Perceptions of 'Christianized' International Law through Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL I and II)

10:30-11:00am: MORNING TEA BREAK, Cafeteria

11:00-1:00pm: PLENARY SESSION, Oriental Hall:

NEW TWAIL INTERDISCIPLINARY FRONTIERS: ENGAGING WITH POPULATION MOVEMENT

Chair: **Ibrahim AWAD**, Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, The American University in Cairo

Bridget ANDERSON

Professor, Center on Migration Policy and Society, UK

Citizenship and National Fantasies

Cecilia BAILLIET

Professor, University of Oslo, Norway

Reinterpreting Refugee Law according to TWAIL

Satvinder JUSS

Professor, King's College London, UK

The 'War on Terror' and the Securitization of Asylum

Adrian SMITH

Assistant Professor, Carleton University, Canada

Unfree Migrant Labour and the Global Economy

Moises Moreira VIEIRA

Graduate Student, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil

*The Medically Inadmissible:
Reflections on the Exclusion of HIV-Infected Migrants by High-Income Countries*

1:00-2:30pm: LUNCH BREAK, Cafeteria

2:30-4:00pm: TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 1: **THE PRAXIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: ACROSS FOURTH AND THIRD WORLDS**, *Oriental Hall:*

Chair: **Kishan KHODAY**, *Team Leader, Climate Change and Energy in the Arab States, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*

Julia DEHM

Doctoral Candidate, University of Melbourne, Australia

Beyond the Convention: Possible Frameworks for Climate Justice

Tyler MCCREARY

Post Doctoral Fellow, University of British Columbia, Canada

The Mobilization of Private Contracts to Resolve Public Questions Regarding the Status of Indigenous Lands

Genevieve PAINTER

Doctoral Candidate, University of California at Berkeley, USA

What is heard when Indigenous Women Speak: Fourth and Third World Readings of International Law

Ximena SIERRA

Doctoral Candidate, Universidad del Rosario, Colombia

The Right to Prior Consultation: Emancipatory and Oppressive Uses of International Law from a (Post)Colonial Perspective

Thays RICARTE

Doctoral Candidate, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain

Missing Glances: Holistic Frames and Responsible Policies for a Sustainable Society

SESSION 2: **INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW, STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE AND NORMATIVE CONTESTATION**, *Hill House, 6th Floor:*

Chair: **Sujith XAVIER**, *Assistant Professor, Windsor University, Canada*

Jerusa ALI, *Doctoral Candidate, Carleton University, Canada*

A TWAIL Critique of International Criminal Law in the Long Durée

Michelle BURGIS-KASTHALA, *Lecturer, University of Edinburgh, UK*

Invoking 'the International' within Regional and Local Spaces of Normative Contestation: Towards a Methodology of International Norm Legitimacy after the Arab Uprisings

Ioannis KALPOUZOS, *Lecturer, City University London, UK*

Banal Crimes and Structural Violence: Engaging International Criminal Law

Tor KREVER, *Doctoral Candidate, London School of Economics, UK*

Hegemonic and Radical Uses of Legal Concepts:
The Construction of Piracy in the Colonial Encounter

4:00-4:30pm: AFTERNOON TEA BREAK, *Cafeteria*

4:30-6:00pm: TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 1: **HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL JUSTICE: ENGAGING POWERFUL PROLIFERATING DISCOURSES**, *Hill House, 6th Floor:*

Chair: Jason BECKETT, Assistant Professor, The American University in Cairo

Joseph SLAUGHTER
Associate Professor, Colombia University, USA

Christine SCHOWBEL-PATEL
Lecturer, University of Liverpool, UK

Valentina AZAROVA
Assistant Professor, Birzeit University, Palestine

Ralph WILDE
Reader, University College, London, UK

Pathetic Fallacies: The Human, the Humanities, and Human Rights Law
Read Otherwise

The Kony 2012 Campaign and the Perils of Marketing Justice

Normativity as TWAIL Praxis:
State Complicity, Legal Necessity and International Law Enforcement

Dilemmas in Promoting Global Economic Justice through Law:
A Case Study of the 'Maastricht Principles on the Extraterritorial Obligations of States in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' and their Associated Commentary

SESSION 2:

GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE, PRIVATE ORDERING AND INFORMALITY, *Main Building, Room 109:*

Chair: **Peer ZUMBANSEN**, *Professor, Kings College, UK*

Yugank GOYAL

*Research Fellow, Jindal Global University
Doctoral Candidate, University of Hamburg, Germany*

Shannu NARAYAN

*Visiting Assistant Professor
National Law University of Assam, India*

Basil UGOCHUKWU

Research Associate, York University, Canada

Marsha CADOGAN

Doctoral Candidate, York University, Canada

Kristin WU

*Program Manager, Intellectual Property Academy of
Singapore, Singapore*

International Labour Law, Exclusion, and Governance: Unpacking Informality

Engaging TWAIL to Restructure the 'New International Economic Order'

TWAILing FIFA: Africa and the Challenges of Global Governance

TWAIL-ing for Change: Intellectual Property Right Laws and the Caribbean
from a TWAIL Perspective

Discover an Alternative TWAIL through Singapore and UAE's Intellectual Property Narratives

DAY FOUR: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

9:00-10:30am: THREE PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 1: **CAN THE SUBALTERN SPEAK AT TWAIL?** *Oriental Hall:*

Chair: Amar BHATIA, Assistant Professor, York University, Canada

Remi BACHAND, Professor, University of Quebec, Canada

Srinivas BURRA, Assistant Professor, South Asian University, India

Cynthia FARID, Doctoral Candidate, University of Wisconsin, USA

Wilfried ZOUNGRANA, Doctoral Candidate,
Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Germany

How can a White, Male, Western and Petit-Bourgeois Professor of International Law Contribute to TWAIL?

TWAIL's Others: Interrogating TWAILers and their Field of Analysis

Postcolonial Legalities: Diffusion and Pathologies of Law and its Carriers

TWAIL and the Specter of Irrelevance and Nihilism:
Insights from Althusser and Lakatos for a Transformative Agenda

SESSION 2: **NEW APPROACHES TO THE ISLAMIC HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**, *Main Building, Room 109:*

Chair: Jean ALLAIN, Professor, Queens University, UK

Ayesha SHAHID, Lecturer, Brunel University, UK

Nahed SAMOUR, Doctoral Candidate, Humboldt University, Germany

Ignacio Forcada BARONA, Professor, Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Spain

Amr SHALAKANY, Associate Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt

Tracing the Roots of International Law within the Islamic Legal Tradition

Who Speaks the Language of Islamic International Law as TWAIL Today?

In Search of Lost Influence: Islamic Thinkers and the Spanish Origins of International Law

The Stakes of Shari'a History in Comparative Legal Studies

SESSION 3: **THIRD WORLD SCHOLARSHIP AND LAW-MAKING: NEGOTIATING RESISTANCE AND CONTROL**, *Hill House, 6th Floor:*

Chair: John REYNOLDS, Lecturer, National University of Ireland at Maynooth, Ireland

Cyra Akila CHOUDHURY
Associate Professor, Florida International University, USA

Intellectual Life, Structures of Resistance/Control and the War on Terror

Kalana SENARATNE
Research Associate, Social Scientists' Association, Sri Lanka

Third World International Law Scholars as Political Actors: The Sri Lankan Paradox

Muin BOASE
Research Associate, School of Oriental and African Studies, UK

Establishment of the Calvo Doctrine and Expansion of Diplomatic Protection in the Late 19th Century

Manimuthu GANDHI
Professor, Jindal Global University, India

From Rhetoric to Reality: TWAIL in the Promotion of a Just and Equitable World Order

Prabhakar SINGH
Doctoral Candidate, National University of Singapore, Singapore

International Law before and after Jessup's Transnational Law:
A Postcolonial Reflection on the Suez Crisis

10:30-11:00pm: MORNING TEA BREAK, *Cafeteria*

11:00-12:30pm: CLOSING KEYNOTE, *Oriental Hall:*

THE THIRD WORLD INTELLECTUAL IN PRAXIS: CONFRONTATION, PARTICIPATION OR OPERATION BEHIND ENEMY LINES?

Georges ABI-SAAB

*Professor Emeritus, Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Switzerland
Honorary Professor, Faculty of Law, Cairo University, Egypt*

Moderator: Usha NATARAJAN, Assistant Professor, The American University in Cairo, Egypt

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Chair: Peer ZUMBANSEN, Professor, Kings College, UK

Vidya KUMAR
Lecturer, University of Birmingham, UK

Constitutionalism of the Wretched

Mazen MASRI
Lecturer, City University London, UK

Settler Colonialism, Constitutionalism and the Case of Israel

Amaya ALVEZ
Associate Professor, University of Concepcion, Chile

Defying the Commodification of the Chilean 1980 Constitution:
The Case of Aboriginal Water Rights

Zoran OKLOPCIC
Assistant Professor, Carleton University, Canada

Theorizing Constitutionalism of the Global South

SESSION 2: **BANDUNG FUTURES**, *Hill House, 6th Floor:*

Chair: Luis ESLAVA, Lecturer, University of Kent, UK

CHEN Yifeng
Assistant Professor, Beijing University, China

The Bandung Conference and the Emerging Eastphalian World Order:
China and ASEAN States in the New Millennium

George GALINDO
Professor and Dean, University of Brasilia, Brazil

Splitting TWAIL?

German SANDOVAL TRIGO
*Adjunct Professor and Doctoral Candidate,
Autonomous National University of Mexico, Mexico*

The Bandung Conference: A Critical Interview with Oscar Correas

Vik KANWAR
Associate Professor, Jindal Global University, India

Bandung and the Aesthetics of 'Thirdness':
Alternative Pasts and Possible Futures for the Next TWAIL

4:00-6:00pm: CLOSING PLENARY SESSION, *Oriental Hall*:

PEDAGOGY AS PRAXIS: BANDUNG AND BEYOND

*Convener and Chair: **Sundhya PAHUJA**, Professor, University of Melbourne, Australia*

Antony ANGHIE	<i>Professor, University of Utah, USA</i>
Luis ESLAVA	<i>Lecturer, University of Kent, UK</i>
Adil Hasan KHAN	<i>Doctoral Candidate, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland</i>
Sundhya PAHUJA	<i>Professor, University of Melbourne, Australia</i>
Patricia TUITT	<i>Professor and Dean, Birkbeck University, UK</i>

6:00-6:30pm: **CONCLUDING REMARKS, FOLLOW-UP PUBLICATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**, *Oriental Hall*

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About TWAIL

Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL) is a movement encompassing scholars and practitioners of international law and policy who are concerned with issues related to the global South. The scholarly agendas associated with TWAIL are diverse but the general theme of its interventions is to unpack and deconstruct the colonial legacies of international law and engage in decolonizing efforts. The term was coined in the 1990s through an alliance of scholars committed to critically investigating the mutually constitutive relationship between international law and the third world/global South. For legal projects operating at the margins of the mainstream discipline, the TWAIL network enables solidarity and mutual support through a shared political commitment to advocating for the interests of the global South. It endeavors to give voice to viewpoints systemically underrepresented or silenced. The group first met at Harvard Law School in 1997 and has grown rapidly since then, with conferences at Osgoode Hall Law School in 2001, Albany Law School in 2007, and Oregon Law School in 2011. This conference brings together the first major gathering of TWAIL scholars in the global South. Building upon past TWAIL events, and with praxis in mind, the conference aims to provide the space for scholars to continue to collaborate and conspire.



TWAIL in the Middle East and North Africa

International law has played a pivotal role in shaping the Middle East and North African region, from its borders and its politics to its economics and its natural environment. Changing regional dynamics in recent years highlight the critical space that the region continues to occupy in international affairs. Young Arab and African scholars, practitioners and activists persistently interrogate and productively engage with an international system that has played a complex and often detrimental role in local struggles for equality and social justice. As the region evolves through a time of change, TWAIL can shed light on the conservative, transformative, and radical potential of international law and policy. Additionally, while Arab scholars and jurists such as Mohammed Bedjaoui and Georges Abi-Saab were integral to the underpinnings of TWAIL, voices from the region remain relatively underrepresented in contemporary TWAIL scholarship. This conference aims to encourage and highlight the work of young Arab and African scholars of international law, linking them with each other and with existing global networks of research and support. The hope is to connect, in a mutually beneficial fashion, innovative thinking and critical practice on international law and policy from the Middle East and North Africa with that in the rest of the world.