



### **“Authority” in International Dispute Settlement**

By bringing together young and established scholars using empirical methods to understand authority in international dispute settlement, the workshop aspires to provide inspiration and practical guidance. The event will not involve the publication of papers. It seeks to provide a forum for discussion on work-in-progress with a view to publication at a later stage. The hope is that younger researchers will be able to benefit from the experience of more senior scholars on the role, importance and possibilities of empirical legal method in researching, studying and developing international law.

This one-day workshop will be held at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge on 20 March 2017. The workshop is divided into three sessions, focusing on different aspects of the use of authorities in international dispute settlement. Each session will feature three 10-minute presentations, drawing on papers distributed in advance of the workshop. The remaining 60 minutes are for discussion of the papers, and other aspects of the session’s theme.

#### **Programme**

*Introduction* – Coffee and Welcome

**9:30am – 10:00am**

*Morning Session* – The Place of Authorities in International Dispute Settlement

**10:00am – 12:00am**

The first session focuses on how authorities are used to decide a case in particular. The focus is on the importance of authorities in the argumentation developed by the parties or the decision-maker, and their use to support or challenge a proposition.

**12:00 - 1 p.m.** Sandwich Lunch at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

*1<sup>st</sup> Afternoon Session* – The role of authorities for the Legitimacy of International Courts and Tribunals

**1:00pm – 3pm**

Beyond a single dispute, authorities also allow courts and tribunals to build: a jurisprudence, or their own legitimacy. However, courts and tribunals might differ in their practices. Citation analyses and other empirical methods may illuminate this role of authorities.

**3:00pm – 3:30pm** Coffee break

*2<sup>nd</sup> Afternoon Session* – The Systemic Importance of Authorities

**3:30pm – 5:30pm**

Authorities might influence international dispute settlement through other channels. This session focuses on the use of authorities external to a given regime, e.g., what factors lead investment arbitration tribunals to cite the ICJ? What influence do international decisions have on regional or even decisions of national courts?

**7:00pm – 10pm** Drinks and Workshop Dinner, Jesus College

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