

**George Mason University School of Law
Law & Economics Center**

**COLLOQUIUM: INTERNATIONAL LAW FROM AN
ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE**

Discussion Leader

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Friday, October 6

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. First Session

Topic: Tit-for-Tat and the Laws of War

Assignment: Axelrod, *The Evolution of Cooperation* (Basic Books, 1984), pp. 3-42, 73-87.

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Second Session

Topic: The United Nations and the Regulation of Use of Force

Assignment: Frey and Buhofer, “History: Prisoners of War”, in Frey, *Economics as a Science of Human Behavior* (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1999), pp. 109-131;

Glennon, *Limits of Law, Prerogatives of Power* (Palgrave, 2001), pp. 67-100.

Saturday, October 7

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Third Session

Topic: Customary International Law, International Human Rights, and the Alien Tort Statute

Assignment: Goldsmith and Posner, *The Limits of International Law* (Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 23-43, 107-134;

Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain, 542 US 692 (2003) (excerpt).

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Fourth Session

Topic: International Courts

Assignment: Keohane, Moravcsik, and Slaughter, “Legalized Dispute Resolution: Interstate and Transnational”, *International Organization*, vol. 54 (2000), pp. 457-488;

Posner, “The Decline of the International Court of Justice”, in Voigt, et al (eds.), *International Conflict Resolution* (Mohr Siebeck, 2005), pp. 111-132.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Fifth Session

Topic: Sovereignty, Globalization, and the Size of States

Assignment: Alesina and Spolaore, *The Size of Nations* (The MIT Press, 2003), pp. 1-23, 175-201.