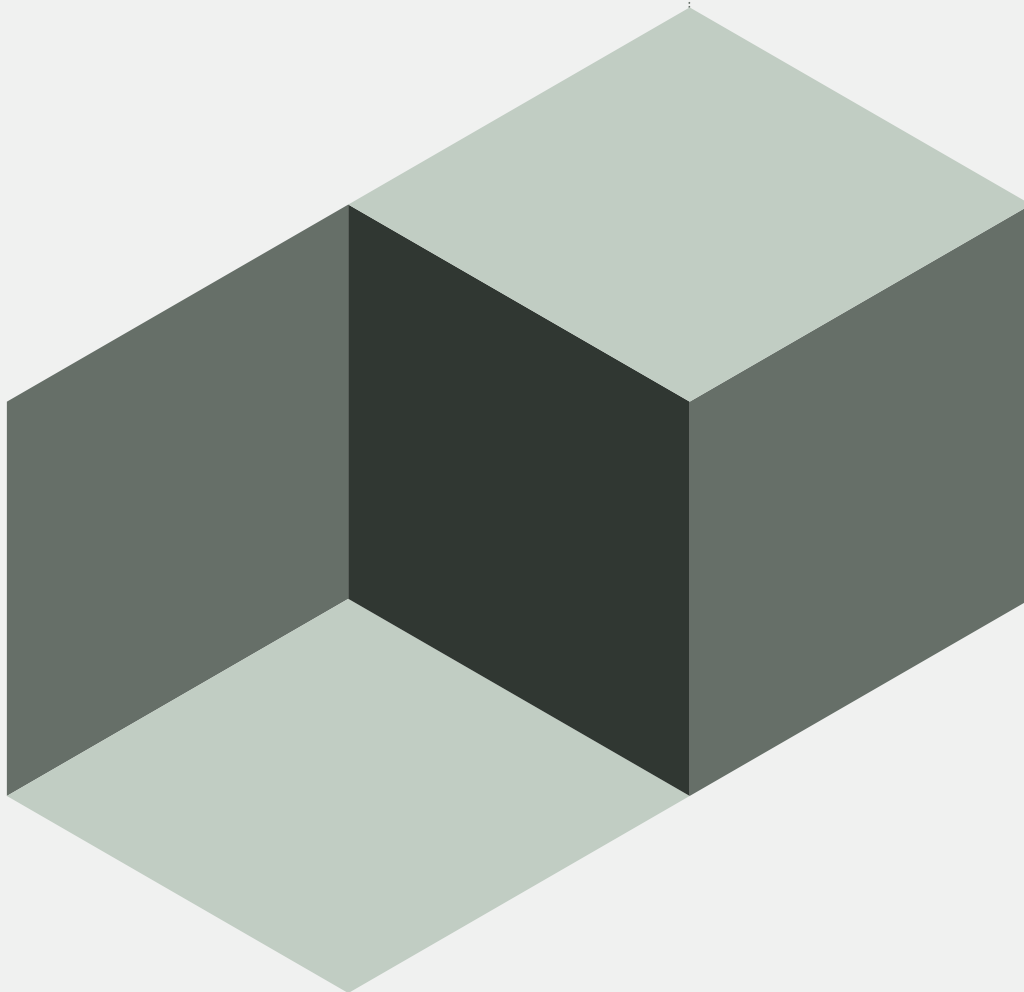


The Concept of Obligation in International Law



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Conference Program

23rd May 2022

Welcome and Introduction | 09.00 a.m.

Natascia Marchei

Director of the School of Law, University of Milano-Bicocca
Welcome

Irini Papanicolopulu and Alice Ollino

(University of Milano-Bicocca)
Introduction

Session I General aspects

President – **Chiara Ragni**
(University of Milan)

Pierre d'Argent (University of Louvain)
Why do we need to think about international obligations?

Serena Forlati (University of Ferrara)
Searching for the taxonomists: who writes the “language” of international law?

Vladyslav Lanovoy (University of Laval)
The taxonomy of obligations in public international law

Eleni Methymaki (University of Oxford; Leuphana University of Lünebur)
International obligations and the domestic legal orders of states: what role for domestic law?

Coffee break

Session II Foundational elements of obligations

President – **TBD**

Roger O’Keefe (Bocconi University)
The relationship between international legal personality and international legal obligation

Maria Varaki (King’s College London)
A functional understanding of obligation; prospect and limits

Başak Etkin (University Paris II Panthéon-Assas; University of Edinburgh)
A new (?) positivism for the role of consent in international law

Joseph Crampin (University of Glasgow)
Obligation and opposability

Lunch

Session III Classifications of Obligations I

President – **Carla Gulotta**
(University of Milano-Bicocca)

Catherine Redgwell, Efthymios Papastavridis and Eirini Fasia (University of Oxford)
A distinction without a difference? Obligations of conduct and obligations of result in the law of the sea

Martins Paparinskis

(University College London)
Obligations erga omnes as a distinct category of international obligations

Ioannis Prezas (European Court of Human Rights; University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Substantive and procedural obligations: a tentative anatomy

Phil Saengkrai (Thammasat University; Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies)
Multilateral obligations in international law: a genealogy

Coffee break

Session IV Classifications of Obligations II

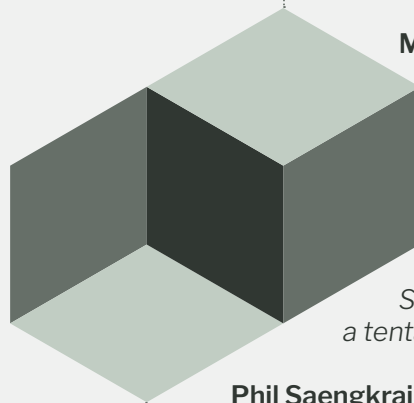
President – **Angelica Bonfanti** (University of Milan)

Antonello Tancredi (University of Milano-Bicocca)
Like a caraic river: integral obligations in international law

Maurizio Arcari (University of Milano-Bicocca)
The nature and scope of obligations to act (without delay)

Sotirios Lekkas (University of Groningen)
Responsibility arising from breaches of international obligations consisting of a composite act

Conference dinner | 08.00 p.m.



24th May 2022

Session V | 08.00 p.m. Obligations and the system of international law I

President – **Giulio Bartolini** (University of Roma Tre)

Vladislava Stoyanova (Lund University)
Positive obligations in human rights law

Martin Jarrett (Max Planck Institute for Comparative
Public Law and International Law;
University of Heidelberg)
*The legal validity of imposing treaty obligations
on individuals*

Armando Rocha (Catholic University
of Portugal)
*International obligations after the
emergence of non-state actors*

Coffee break

Session VI Obligations and the system of international law II

President – **TBD**

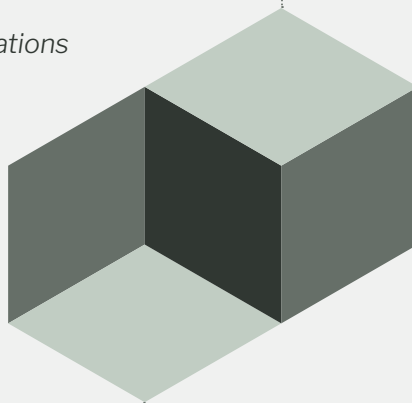
Makane Moïse Mbengue (University of Geneva)
*The concept of obligations
in international investment law*

Gina Heathcote (School of Oriental and African
Studies University of London)
Erga omnes obligations and the ocean

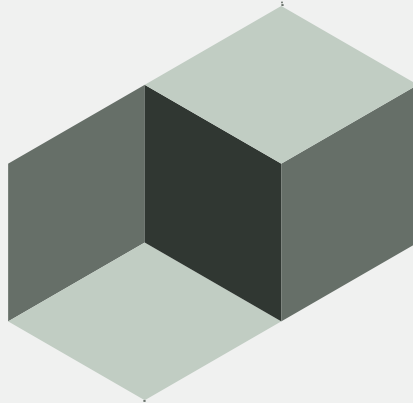
Enrico Milano (University of Verona; Permanent
Mission of Italy at the United Nations)
*IOs and their influence on the concept
of international obligations:
perspectives from the United Nations*

Conclusions

Lunch



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