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Whataboutism, Reciprocity, Double Standards: Towards a Theory of Fairness in International Organizations

31 August 2023, 09:30-12:30 CEST

Hybrid: in person, Aix-Marseille University, Aix-Marseille Université - Campus
Aix-en-Provence (room 0.29 - Building Portalis) and on Zoom.

09:30 - 09:40	Welcome
International organizations, procedures, and fairness	
09:40 - 9:55	<p>Conditions for the participation of non-state actors in global partnerships: the double standard trend</p> <p><i>Milagros Álvarez-Verdugo (Associate Professor of International Law and EU Law; University of Barcelona, Spain)</i></p>
9:55 - 10:10	<p>Fairness and legitimacy in international organizations: reflections from the Office of Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee 1267</p> <p><i>Marina Borges Soares (MA student in international and comparative law, University of São Paulo, Brazil)</i></p>
10:10- 10:25	<p>The UN talks the talk but doesn't walk the walk: double standard and fairness issue of the UN in processing liability claims</p> <p><i>Melissa Rudigier (presenting) & Magdalena Fuchs (both Research assistant for the project 'UN Tort Law for Peacekeeping Missions', Department of Public International Law, Paris-Lodron-University Salzburg)</i></p>
10:25-10:40	<p>Double standards in decisions on state representation? The practice, competences and effective functioning of international organizations</p>

	<i>Niko Pavlopoulos (Associate Legal Officer at the International Court of Justice, the Hague, the Netherlands)</i>
10:40-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:15	Break
Case studies	
11:15-11:30	<p>Unpacking the rhetoric of Eurocentricity: the case of India and the ICC</p> <p><i>Kalika Mehta (PhD in international criminal law, University of Hamburg, Germany)</i></p>
11:30-11:45	<p>The Afghanistan Gender Crisis in South Asian Regional Institutions: Cultural Relativism, Authoritarianism and Policy Paralysis in International Organizations</p> <p><i>Varun Nambiar (Doctoral scholar, South Asian University, New Delhi, India), online</i></p>
11:45-12:00	<p>The Ukraine war and whataboutism in global (legal) debate: The good, the bad and the ugly</p> <p><i>Patryk Labuda (Swiss National Science Foundation Fellow at the University of Zurich, Switzerland)</i></p>
12:00-12:20	Discussion

12:20-12:30 Wrap-up

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