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In the twenty-first century, traditional legal borders - geographic and intellectual - have been increasingly contested. Many observers have questioned whether the long-held conception of sovereign state boundary remains salient in a world of technology-accelerated trans-boundary flows of people, capital, and information. Meanwhile, in unprecedented ways, scholars with training in anthropology, critical theory, communication, ethics, economics, history, information sciences, media studies, sociology, political science, and law have begun crossing disciplinary borders to use each other's tools and to engage in meaningful and sustained dialogue about "law" in its dramatically changing global context. What are the nature and implications of these two shifting legal borders? What does the future hold for them? And what role do new technologies play in this evolving story?

Conference Program

Friday, April 23

9:00-9:30 am

Welcome and Opening Statements

- Patrice Petro, CIE Director
- Dean G. Richard Meadows
- Robert J. Beck, Conference Chair

9:30-10:45 am

Panel 1: The Functions of International Law

Moderator: Robert J. Beck

- Michael Byers, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia
"International Law during Global Crises: Why Rules are More Important than Ever"
- Kennan Ferguson, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
"Speed Limits and Speed Bumps: The Functions of International Law and its Lack"

10:45-11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00-12:15 pm

Panel 2: Human Advocacy and Assistance: Beyond the State/State System

Moderator: Chukuka S. Enwemeka

- Cecelia Lynch, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California, Irvine
"Borders, Law, and Muslim Humanitarians in the 'War on Terror'"
- Erica Bornstein, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
"Religious Charity Outside the Law in New Delhi"

12:15-1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30-2:45 pm

Panel 3: Law and Transborder Information Flows

Moderator: A. Aneesh

- **Elizabeth Buchanan**, School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
"Information Ethics and Regulation in an Era of Trans-Border Research Flow"
- **Michael Zimmer**, School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
"Trading Up or a Race to the Bottom? How Regional Privacy Laws Impact Online Privacy Across Borders"

2:45-3:00 pm

Coffee Break

3:00-4:15 pm

Panel 4: Law and Art: Copyright and Trademark

Moderator: Lane Hall

- **Pat Aufderheide**, Center for Social Media, School of Communication, American University
"Remixing the ©: How Academics, Filmmakers, Poets and Lawyers Together Are Righting Imbalance in Copyright Policy Worldwide"
- **Nathaniel Stern**, Peck School of the Arts, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
"Wikipedia Art: Of Performative Citations and Trademark Infringement"

Saturday, April 24

9:00-9:15 am

Welcome

Robert J. Beck, Conference Organizer

9:15-10:30 am

Panel 5: Law and the Construction of the State in an Evolving Global Context

Moderator: Thomas Malaby

- **Douglas Howland**, Department of History, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
"International Law and State Sovereignty in the Construction of Japan's Status as a World Power"
- **Peter Sands**, Department of English, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
"Cyberstates"

10:30-10:45 am

Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 pm

Panel 6: Law, the Internet, and Communication

Moderator: Tasha Oren

- **Monroe E. Price**, Center for Global Communications Studies, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
"Communications and Borders: Of Ghosts and Vampires"
- **Sandra Braman**, Department of Communication, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Internet Architecture and the Law

12:00-1:30 pm

Lunch

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Panel 7: The Origins and Evolution of Law

Moderator: Manu Sobti

- **Jan Klabbers**, Academy of Finland Center of Excellence in Global Governance Research, University of Helsinki
"Legalization and its Discontents"
- **Rachel Buff**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
"An International Origin of Immigrant Rights Discourse: Deportation during the Cold War"

2:45-3:00 pm

Coffee Break

3:00-4:15 pm

Panel 8: International Law in a Globalized World

Moderator: Johannes Britz

- **Friedrich Kratochwil**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Florence
"Communication, Niklas Luhmann and the Fragmentation Debate"
- **Michael Likosky**, New York University Institute for Public Knowledge
"America as an Emerging Market: Restructuring Government, Transnational Law & High Technology"

4:15-4:30 pm

Coffee Break

4:30-5:15 pm

Closing Presentation

- **Boaventura de Sousa Santos**, Department of Sociology, University of Coimbra, School of Economics; Institute for Legal Studies, University of Wisconsin Law School
"Law and the Epistemologies of the South"

5:15 pm

Closing Remarks and Wrap-up

Patrice Petro and Robert J. Beck

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