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In this seminar series, Pendas offers a history of international law from the mid-Nineteenth Century to the present, tracing the emergence of a "legalist paradigm of war" that tried, and largely failed, to constrain and civilize political violence.



The first seminar considers the colonial origins of efforts to criminalize some forms of political violence, while at the same time protecting the rights of European colonial states to intervene globally. The second seminar traces the impact of emerging human rights ideas on international law and efforts to combat mass atrocity. Finally, the third seminar examines the failed attempts in the 1970s to draft an international anti-terrorism convention as a way of assessing the impact of decolonization on the development of international law.

Evolution of International Law on Political Violence

Seminar 1 - 10 May (Tue) 10:40-12:10

“The Magical Scent of the Savage’ Political Violence

The Origins of the Legalist Paradigm of War, 1861-1945”

@ Room 4021 (2F) Global Front, Surugadai Campus

Seminar 2 - 13 May (Fri) 16:20-17:50

“Human Rights, Political Violence and the Limits of Law:

The Legalist Paradigm of War, 1945-2000”

@ Room 003 (B1F) Building No. 1, Izumi Campus

Seminar 3 - 18 May (Wed) 10:40-12:10

“Between Freedom Fighters and Terrorists – The Politics of International Criminal Law in the 1970s”

@ Room 409 (4F), Nakano Campus

Language: English

Free admission

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