



Second ECTPIL and iCourts Conference 19–20 May 2022

University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law • Karen Blixens Plads 16 • Auditorium 4A.0.69

The Reality of International Legal Theory – Reality in International Legal Theory Programme

Thursday, 19 May 2022

13.30–13.50 Opening

- **Jakob v.H. Holtermann** (iCourts/co-organiser) and **Jörg Kammerhofer** (Freiburg/co-organiser)

13.50–14.30 **Keynote Speech**

Chair: **Jakob v.H. Holtermann**

- **Mikael Madsen** (iCourts)

14.30–16.00 **Panel 1: Theoretical Views on Reality in Legal Doctrine**

Chair: **Henrik Palmer Olsen** (iCourts)

- **Urska Sadl** (EUI): *How to Operationalize ‘Grand Theories’ of Adjudication for Systematic Legal-Empirical Research*
- **Ricardo Alexandre Sousa da Cunha** (Minho): *A Realist Perspective in the Relationship of Legal Orders: Building Meaning in an Increasingly Complex, Multidirectional and Cosmopolitan International Law*
- **Arthur Dyevre** (KU Leuven): *Empirical Jurisprudence as a Realist Perspective on International Law Research*

16.00–16.30 Coffee Break

16.30–17.30 **Panel 2: Normative Projects and Reality in International Legal Theory**

Chair: **Jakob v.H. Holtermann**

- **Nora Stappert** (Leeds) and **Yuna Han** (Oxford): *Practice Theory and International Law: Normativity, Access, and the Ethics of Methodology*
- **Nico Roman Weber** (EUI): *‘Welcome to the Desert of the Real!’ The Unreality of International Legal Theory*

19.00–22.00 Drinks and Dinner for Speakers and Chairs

Friday, 20 May 2022

09.00–10.45 **Panel 3: The ‘Reality’ of/in International Law**

Chair: **Astrid Kjeldgaard-Pedersen** (iCourts)

- **Ka Lok Yip** (Hamad Bin Khalifa, Doha): *International Law as a Popperian World 3 Object*
- **Helga Molbæk-Steensig** (EUI): *Studying Reality through Samples: Explicating Legal Methodologies for Discovering what the Law is*
- **Brad Roth** (Wayne State): *Applying a Realistic Interpretivism to International Law*

10.45–11.15 Coffee Break

11.15–13.00 **Panel 4: Contesting Legal Realism as Approach to International Law**

Chair: **Jörg Kammerhofer**

- **Andreas Føllesdal** (PluriCourts): *Turning to or Turning Away? Real International Law, Doctrinal Studies and International Legal Theory*
- **John Hursh** (DAWN): *Style over Substance: The Persistence of Realism in International Law*
- **William Hamilton Byrne** (iCourts): *Toward a Sociology of the Empirical Turn in International Legal Scholarship*

13.00–13.10 Closing

- **Jakob v.H. Holtermann**