International law is one of the weakest forms of law, and yet it is hard to image a world of interdependence without involving multiple states and non-state actors in legal rule for consensus formation, decision-making, and dispute settlement. This conference will be an opportunity for junior scholars, post doctoral fellows, and advanced graduate students to present their work on international law and world politics to a broad audience in law, political science and other disciplines. We are interested in proposals for papers in all substantive areas: the politics of law making, compliance, and dispute settlement; evolution in the politics of international law, the legal structures relevant to international relations; the relationship between international and domestic law and politics; and the roles of various actors from states to subnational to private actors in global governance structures. We also welcome proposals to present papers on a range of substantive topics at the nexus of international law, governance and international relations, including commercial relations, the use of force, warfighting, arms control, human rights, international and transnational crime, the environment/climate change, migration and refugees, and more.

The workshop will be an opportunity to make a short presentation, receive brief written reactions from other presenters, receive oral feedback from expert commentators, and benefit from open discussion of each paper.

The one day workshop is open to: junior academics (within the first three years of a tenure track appointment, academic fellows (in pre-tenure track fellowships), post-doctoral fellows, and advanced graduate students (those who expect to complete graduate studies within the next 18 months). For selected presenters, Perry World House will cover return travel expenses.

Proposals should include: (1) CV, (2) Abstract of paper of no more than 500 words, and (3) a request for travel funding if needed. Please send proposals, including a brief abstract of your paper with the subject line “IL-IR Junior Scholars Conference” to: worldhouse@pwh.upenn.edu. Proposals should be received by January 8, 2018.

We hope to consider applications by February 1, 2018 and send out invitations to present soon thereafter. Selected presenters will be expected to provide papers no later than February 26, 2018.

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