Promoting Just Societies and a Global Rule of Law

International and transnational courts are among the signature achievements in global justice of the last 70 years. Their rapid growth, however, has outstripped opportunities for judges to engage in the shared inquiry and reasoning that is so critical to the success of this work.

Our Programs in International Justice and Society cultivate new ideas and practical strategies for advancing the work of international courts. We bridge the distance between colleagues dispersed across diverse jurisdictions, contribute to intellectual inquiry and ethical practice in global justice and disseminate information to the wider public about the field. Shared ideas and personal networks lead to better, stronger judicial institutions.

The next generation also benefits from our programs. Young people who will support and contribute to international justice in the future need opportunities to learn about its institutions, achievements and challenges now. We introduce students to the world of international justice, build their understanding and help them identify career paths in this rapidly expanding field.

Around the world we
■ convene the Brandeis Institute for International Judges, the only regular gathering of judges who serve on international courts and tribunals.
■ organize judicial colloquia that bring together domestic judges with their international counterparts in regions spanning four continents.
■ disseminate knowledge and information about the field of international justice through scholarly and popular media.

At Brandeis we
■ organize innovative conferences and symposia that cross intellectual, disciplinary and sectoral boundaries.
■ ensure that students explore and analyze international justice through both coursework and experiential learning.
■ develop innovative courses such as “Advocacy for Policy Change,” which combines hands-on advocacy for legislative reform in Massachusetts with exploration of the ethical dilemmas that arise in the process of lawmaking.

Fausto Pocar of Italy, judge and former president of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and Nina Vajić of Croatia, judge of the European Court of Human Rights, with Brandeis undergraduate interns at the 2012 Brandeis Institute for International Judges in Carmona, Spain.
2014 highlights
- We publish and distribute globally “The International Rule of Law in a Human Rights Era” – based upon the proceedings of the ninth Brandeis Institute for International Judges, convened in Sweden in collaboration with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.
- Emerging international justice scholars and practitioners speak at Brandeis University in the “Exploring Global Justice” speaker series.
- Our research on international judges appears in *The Oxford Handbook of International Adjudication*.
- We launch an oral history project on the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda

Selected resources
- Summaries and reports of the Brandeis Institute for International Judges, judicial colloquia and other meetings.
- An online research guide to international justice.

How to connect
- Sign up for our monthly *International Justice in the News* e-newsletter.
- Join our mailing list.
- Attend lectures and discussions hosted at Brandeis University.
- Join Brandeis University’s on-campus international justice interest group.

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