Promoting Just Societies and a Global Rule of Law

International and regional 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.
- support the students of the Brandeis in the Hague study abroad program by facilitating internships and other connections with international justice practitioners.
2016 highlights

- We convene the 11th Brandeis Institute for International Judges, in Copenhagen, on the theme “The Authority of International Courts and Tribunals: Challenges and Prospects,” in partnership with iCourts, the Danish National Research Foundation’s Centre of Excellence for International Courts at the University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law, and publish and distribute globally a report based on the proceedings.

- Scholars and practitioners form around the globe speak at Brandeis University about a broad range of issues and challenges in the international justice sphere.

- Our enhanced website for the oral history project on the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda expands to include archived, fully searchable interviews with prosecutors, judges, defense counsel, legal assistants, interpreters and others who shaped the early years of these institutions, as well as video clips from the interviews.

- Leigh Swigart, Director of Programs in International Justice and Society, conducts research on issues surrounding language and cultural diversity in institutions of international criminal justice, and presents her findings in the United States and abroad.

Selected resources

- Summaries and reports of the Brandeis Institute for International Judges, judicial colloquia and other meetings.

- Oral history interviews with figures from the field of international criminal justice available online in collaboration with the Brandeis Institutional Repository.


How to connect

- Sign up for our monthly International Justice in the News e-newsletter.

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- Attend lectures and discussions hosted at Brandeis University.

- Join Brandeis University’s on-campus international justice interest group.

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