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“In an era of global legal practice, Georgetown Law is recognized as a leader in transnational law. As the international commercial architecture evolves, the Institute of International Economic Law is at the forefront of our work on the most cutting-edge, complex and multidisciplinary issues. Engagement with the Institute offers students, alumni and practitioners unparalleled opportunities to enhance their legal education and practice.”
- William M. Treanor, Executive Vice President and Dean of the Law Center, Professor of Law

“IIEL has had a banner year—with greater academic programming, faculty and student participation, input by policymakers, and global reach than at any point in the program’s history.”
- Christopher J. Brummer, IIEL Faculty Director & Professor of Law

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Mission & Philosophy

International Economic Law Pillars

♦ Arbitration & Dispute Resolution ♦ Monetary Policy
  ♦ Financial Regulation ♦ Sovereign Debt
  ♦ Foreign Investment ♦ Trade
  ♦ International Tax ♦ Transnational Business

The focal point for the study of international economic law (IEL) at Georgetown, the Institute of International Economic Law (IIEL) brings scholars, practitioners, policymakers, business leaders and students together to examine today’s cutting-edge issues across IEL’s many disciplines. Our focus encompasses trade, investment and financial regulation, tax, transnational business, monetary law, sovereign debt and global arbitration and dispute resolution. The Institute actively approaches these fields as interrelated and at times overlapping policy spheres that impact how law is devised, practiced and enforced.

IIEL’s programs are geared toward both students and professionals alike. Students from around the world pursuing a degree at Georgetown Law are invited to enroll in IIEL’s International Economic Law & Policy Colloquium; to pursue a Certificate in WTO Studies; to become part of Georgetown Law’s award-winning ELSA Moot Court team; or to answer legal questions related to international economic law in service of a real client, as part of the International Economic Law Practicum. Students and Visiting Researchers may apply to be an IIEL Fellow and participate in weekly policy discussions with global thought leaders at the highest levels of government, in business and throughout the private sector. Practitioners are invited to expand their knowledge and network by attending one of IIEL’s many conferences, special events or Executive Education programs.
The Journal of International Economic Law (JIEL)

In 2015, Professors Chris Brummer and Joost Pauwelyn became co-Editors-in-Chief of the Journal of International Economic Law (JIEL), published by Oxford University Press. JIEL encourages thoughtful and scholarly attention to international economic law. One of the leading publications in the field, JIEL leverages preeminence in trade with cutting-edge research in new areas of concern including international financial regulation, tax, and monetary affairs. It has recently been recognized by Google Scholar as one of the top 5 journals of international law.

In sponsoring JIEL, the Institute hosts the major English language medium for publication of high-quality manuscripts relevant to international economic law. As a major initiative of the Institute, JIEL is consistently relied on by scholars, government officials, and legal professionals for understanding developments and trends in the field.

- Forthcoming Volume Dedicated to Essays Honoring JIEL Founder, University Professor John H. Jackson
- Establishment of John Jackson Prize for groundbreaking JIEL contribution to IEL, beyond GATT/WTO law
- Volume 19 Issue 1 March 2016 - Special JIEL Issue on Intellectual Property and International Investment Law
  - including Development Finance: A Legal Analysis of the World Bank’s ‘Country Policy and Institutional Assessment’;
  - Protecting Regulatory Autonomy through Greater Precision in Investment Treaties: The TPP, CETA, and TTIP;
  - Challenging the Use of Special 301 against Measures Promoting Access to Medicines: Options Under the WTO Agreements and more
IIEL Faculty regularly engage policymakers in high-impact discourse, directly driving global policy debate. Examples of recent engagement include:

- President Barack Obama nominated IIEL Faculty Director Chris Brummer to the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), an independent agency that regulates the $400 trillion derivatives markets.

- IIEL Professor Anna Gelpern, her work on sovereign debt and IIEL’s inaugural Interdisciplinary Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference, were cited on various occasions by the U.S. Markets Editor of the Financial Times in launching the FT’s series of podcasts on sovereign debt. Gelpern and her work have earned mentions in additional media outlets as well, including the New York Times, USA Today, the New Yorker, Bloomberg, Politifact and Fortune. Gelpern has appeared on CNN and NPR (including as a guest on the Diane Rehm Show). She is also frequently quoted in international press.

- IIEL Professor Itai Grinberg, a former leading official with the Office of International Tax Counsel at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, testified before the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Ways & Means at its hearing on the “Global Tax Environment in 2016 and Implications for International Tax Reform.”

- All IIEL Faculty are regular speakers, panelists and advisors to global IEL stakeholders with diverse audiences, including U.S. and foreign governments, central banks, parliaments, embassies, bar and other professional associations.
This year, Professor Itai Grinberg’s article, *A Constructive U.S. Counter to EU State Aid Cases*, Tax Notes International (Jan. 11, 2016), changed the terms of discussion in one of the most significant transatlantic geoeconomic controversies of the last few years. That article raised the concern that the current “state aid” investigations being undertaken in the international tax area by the European Commission are disproportionately targeting U.S.-based multinational enterprises. It also pointed out that a long-forgotten section of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 891, was designed to create a deterrent that would discourage foreign governments from discriminating against U.S. businesses, and the application of that provision could be appropriately studied in this context.

The core claims of Grinberg’s article caught the attention of Congress and the Executive branch. Those claims became the subject of a bipartisan Senate letter (principal signatories Senators Hatch, Wyden, Portman, and Schumer) to Secretary Lew inquiring into the issue, which in turn prompted the Treasury Department to write a letter to the Senate committing to study Grinberg's proposal. Secretary Lew also wrote a letter to President Juncker of the European Commission expressing his concern with these investigations.
As an expert member of UCTAD working groups on sovereign lending and borrowing and sovereign debt restructuring, Professor Anna Gelpern contributed to the formulation of the principles for sovereign debt restructuring endorsed by the U.N. General Assembly. She contributed to the UNCTAD roadmap for sovereign debt crisis management, which formed the basis of the UN principles, and spoke on several occasions before the UN General Assembly and UNCTAD working groups.

Professor Gelpern also contributed to a working group on reforming sovereign debt contracts convened by the U.S. Treasury and the International Monetary Fund. Gelpern contributed to the design and adoption of contract provisions to facilitate orderly debt restructuring, issued by the International Capital Markets Association, which was endorsed by the G-20 and the IMF, and incorporated in a majority of new government debt issues. Among other scholarship, her chapter, Count the Limbs: Designing Robust Aggregation Clauses in Sovereign Debt, with coauthors Ben Heller and Brad Setser, was published in Too Little, Too Late: The Quest to Resolve Sovereign Debt Crises (2016).
Professor Jennifer Hillman, a former Member of the WTO Appellate Body, presented expert analysis at multiple fora regarding interpretations of the language in China’s protocol of accession to the WTO regarding China’s status as a Non-Market Economy for purposes of calculating antidumping duties on Chinese exports. While China asserts that the protocol requires other countries to treat China as a market economy as of December 11, 2016 (fifteen years post-WTO accession), Hillman’s review of the treaty text discussed an interpretation which would give the US, the EU and other countries alternative ways to analyze prices in China for the determination of antidumping duties on Chinese goods.

Following these meetings, including at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS) with members of the European Parliament, the European Parliament passed a resolution calling on the European Commission not to assume automatic treatment of China as a market economy and to examine alternative approaches to determine antidumping margins for Chinese exports.
On January 21st and 22nd, IIEL hosted the inaugural interdisciplinary Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference ("DebtCon1"). The to-be annual event was organized by IIEL Professor Anna Gelpern of Georgetown Law and Professor Mitu Gulati of Duke Law and drew nearly 200 experts to campus to debate debt policy and market practice, as well as shape policy-relevant research. The event featured cutting-edge commentary from high-profile global contributors, including central bankers from Canada, England, Jamaica and Spain; officials from the IMF, IADB and United Nations; Finance Ministry leaders from France and Mexico; U.S. market experts from the Financial Times (FT) and Moody's; executives from banks and hedge funds such as JP Morgan Chase, Greylock Capital and Spinnaker Capital; and multiple other leading academicians, policymakers & practitioners.

Post-event, DebtCon1 merited numerous mentions in the FT’s podcasts on Sovereign Debt and via Twitter. Event sponsors included Allen & Overy LLP; Arnold & Porter LLP; Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP; Clifford Chance; Greylock Capital Management LLC and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

Governor Brian Wynter, Central Bank of Jamaica

Professor Anne Krueger, Stanford & SAIS

IMF General Counsel, Sean Hagan
Signature Events - Taxation of IP in a Global Economy

Georgetown Law’s IIEL and the International Tax Policy Forum (ITPF) co-sponsored a high-profile conference on March 11th examining the taxation of intellectual property in a global economy. IIEL Professors Itai Grinberg and Lily Faulhaber spearheaded the effort on Georgetown Law’s behalf.

The United States now lags behind its global competitors in tax incentives for research and development. In recent years, at least fourteen developed economies have adopted patent or innovation boxes, which provide a special low tax rate on business income that is derived from innovative activities. This development has sparked debate in the United States, and several recent U.S. tax reform proposals include a patent or innovation box. A discussion draft for a U.S. innovation box was released last year by Rep. Charles Boustany (R-LA) and Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA).

This conference brought together nearly 200 registered experts from a variety of backgrounds to share their perspectives on these important emerging issues in tax policy. A series of panels explored the taxation of innovative activity in the United States and abroad, the resulting economic effects, the impact of patent and innovation boxes, and what action the United States should take.

Jason Furman, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, delivered the keynote address.
Signature Events - the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act at Forty: U.S. & International Perspectives

On April 25th, IIEL’s Center for Transnational Business and the Law hosted a conference to examine how the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976 (FSIA) has fared in the forty years since its enactment. The discussion covered the origin and purpose of the statute, how it has been amended over the intervening years, and where it has succeeded and where it has not, from the varying perspectives of litigants, foreign governments, and international law.

The conference drew together approximately 75 private practitioners, academics and government officials, a number of whom had direct involvement in drafting the original text of the FSIA and in implementing the statute over time. Conference organizers included Adjunct Professor Mark B. Feldman, who had a direct role in the drafting of the statute, and Professor from Practice David P. Stewart, who currently serves as co-reporter on sovereign immunity for the Restatement (Fourth) Foreign Relations Law of the United States.

In addition to welcoming remarks by Deans William M. Treanor and James V. Feinerman, the program featured opening comments by the current Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State, The Hon. Brian Egan, and a luncheon keynote by the Hon. Diane P. Wood, Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. The luncheon was specifically in honor of the memory of the late Monroe Leigh, former Legal Adviser of the Department of State and partner in Steptoe & Johnson LLP, who had a major role in the drafting and enactment of the statute.

The event was co-sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA), the American Society of International Law, the ABA Section of International Law, and the International Law Institute. Law firm co-sponsors include Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton and BakerHostetler.

The Hon. Diane P. Wood, Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, delivered the luncheon keynote address.
Signature Events – Systemic Risk in the Global Economy

IIEL was pleased to partner for the first time with a student-led group, Georgetown Law’s Securities & Financial Law Organization, to co-host a discussion of Systemic Risk in the Global Economy.

Discussants included Professor Chris Brummer; Michael H. Krimminger, former General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); Matthew P. Reed Chief Counsel, Office of Financial Research, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Kathleen Hutchinson, Assistant Director, Regulatory Policy Unit, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and William J. Sweet, Jr., Partner & Head, Financial Institutions Regulation & Enforcement Group, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Nearly eighty law firm practitioners and students gathered for the discussion, along with members of leading international organizations, followed by an informal reception sponsored by Skadden.
Signature Events – 16th Annual WTO Conference, Geneva

IIEL capped its 2015-2016 policy research programming in Geneva on June 10-11 with the 16th Annual WTO Conference. Originally established in 2000 through a partnership between IIEL and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), this “can’t miss” event addresses top-of-mind international economic law developments of interest to academics and practitioners alike. Historically held in London, this year’s program moved to Geneva. It was organized jointly by BIICL, IIEL, the Graduate Institute, Geneva and the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL), under the leadership of IIEL Professor Joost Pauwelyn. Program highlights included hearing from several “New Voices,” rising stars of international economic law. Nearly eighty scholars submitted papers for consideration as a “New Voice.” The event also featured a special tribute at the WTO Headquarters in honor of IIEL’s founder, the late Professor John H. Jackson and Ambassador Julio Lacarte Muró, moderated by IIEL Professor Mike Gadbaw. WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo, delivered remarks in honor of Professor Jackson and Ambassador Muró, and was joined by:

- **Jane Bradley**, Former Executive Director, IIEL & Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown Law; former Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement;
- **Thomas Cottier**, Emeritus Professor, University of Bern;
- **William Davey**, Guy Raymond Jones Chair in Law Emeritus, University of Illinois, College of Law;
- **Dr. h.c. Claus-Dieter Ehlermann**, Former Member and Chairman of the Appellate Body, WTO; Senior Counsel, WilmerHale;
- **R. Michael Gadbaw**, Distinguished Senior Fellow, IIEL; Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown Law;
- **Jennifer Hillman**, Former Member of the Appellate Body, WTO; Distinguished Senior Fellow, IIEL, Visiting Professor of Law, Georgetown Law;
- **Luiz Olavo Baptista**, Former Member and Chairman of the Appellate Body, WTO (via video)
- **Debra Steger**, Professor of Law, University of Ottawa; and
- **Peter Van den Bossche**, Member of the Appellate Body, WTO; Visiting Professor at the University of Barcelona; the College of Europe, Bruges; the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador; and Maastricht University, The Netherlands
Executive Training

10th Anniversary - Academy of WTO Law & Policy

Alumni, business leaders and practitioners derive unparalleled value from the Institute’s Executive Education programs and extensive global network. In November of 2015, IIEL welcomed its tenth Academy class. The Academy offers an intensive examination of the law and policy of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and has long been the pillar of IIEL’s Executive Education program. It examines the legal obligations and policy underpinnings of the WTO and its agreements, in the context of how the WTO operates and how it relates to national governments. It strengthens participants’ critical thinking about the role of the WTO in solving commercial problems and addressing fundamental policy challenges in an ever-evolving global, commercial system. Academy participants are government officials, private practitioners, representatives of the international business, IGO and NGO communities, academics, policymakers and others from around the world.

“The Academy program is world class. The group of instructors...are leaders from throughout the world in their respective fields who have encouraged the participants to look at the WTO and its mechanisms in a new light, while highlighting the challenges facing world trade in light of current global events.” – Academy Alumnus, Canada
Student Engagement – A Pillar of IIEL’s Mission

Certificate Programs:

- Certificate in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- Certificate in International Taxation
- Certificate in WTO Studies

IIEL Fellows:

The IIEL Fellows Program brings together JD, LL.M. and doctoral students, Visiting Researchers and practitioners to discuss new policy developments in all areas of international economic law. Fellows attend a weekly speaker series, with thought leaders from government, academia, international organizations and the private bar, as well as receive invitations to IIEL conferences and events throughout their time on campus - offering unparalleled opportunities for further learning and networking. Fellows are encouraged to enroll in the International Law & Policy Colloquium for an even deeper academic experience. Along with Colloquium students, Fellows will be invited to submit pieces for inclusion in “IIEL In the Know,” the Institute’s occasional newsletter for lawyers, regulators and financial authorities. Topics covered include international trade, financial regulation and enforcement, monetary affairs and tax.
Georgetown Law ELSA Moot Court Team Advances to Quarterfinals - Global Round - Geneva, June 2016

Congratulations to Georgetown Law’s ELSA Moot Court team for advancing to the Quarterfinal Round of the 2016 European Law Students Association (ELSA) global moot court competition held in Geneva the first week of June, 2016! The competition began with ninety (90) teams, and Georgetown’s cadre achieved the honor of being the **highest-placing U.S. team**.

Coaches were **David S. Christy, Jr.**, Georgetown Law Adjunct Professor of Law & Senior Counsel at Perkins Coie and **Ada Siqueira**, Georgetown Law SJD Candidate. Team members were **Victor Crochet**, LL.M.’16; **Joe Loveless**, JD ’17; and **Di Jin**, LL.M.’16. Joining the team in the lower left-hand photo are **Ada Gawrysiak** of ELSA, and **Karl Brauner, Deputy Director-General of the WTO**.
Real World Work – Real Client Needs

Students study and work with policymakers, advocates and scholars doing real world, impactful work. In sync with Georgetown Law’s emphasis on Experiential Education, IIE Faculty Professors Jennifer Hillman and Joost Pauwelyn have offered students a unique opportunity to thoroughly analyze international trade and investment law and jurisprudence through a combination of practice and theory.

The International Economic Law Practicum has three goals:

1) to increase students’ substantive knowledge about international trade and investment law via real work for a “client” in need;
2) to improve students’ professional skills, including analysis of complex legal problems, application of the law to a set of facts, writing and oral presentation skills, client and collegial interaction across cultures and language barriers, and in differing sets of circumstances – all allowing for cross-fertilization of skills as students engage with seasoned attorneys and non-lawyer policymakers; and
3) to stimulate students’ personal skills and professional aspirations as they explore new areas of international economic law and the accompanying legal challenges presented by real world issues of international trade and investment.
As part of this year’s trade practicum, JD and LL.M. students Anthony Vanicek, Naoko Kato and Satoko Sawada cooperated to assist the secretariat for the Caribbean countries (CARICOM) on nuclear proliferation issues. At the time, none of the Caribbean nations had enacted any laws bringing them into compliance with their United Nations obligations (under UN Security Council Resolution 1540) that they not trade in or permit the transit of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons. None had the legal expertise to write the appropriate laws and regulations and little to no expertise in export control regimes.

Georgetown students provided technical assistance—and designed an export control regime. In doing so, they drafted a model piece of legislation and the section-by-section analysis to accompany it, and prepared the detailed matrix that would need to be filed with the United Nations upon enactment.

In light of this work, both Jamaica and Antigua are expected to enact the Georgetown students’ Model Act within a year and other countries in the region may follow with similar laws in the future.
In Spring of 2016, IIEL inaugurated one of its signature courses, a cross-listed seminar for both JD and LL.M. students offering a new and rigorous research platform for understanding the theory of international economic law and participating in policy analysis. Students, alongside IIEL Senior Fellows and Visiting Researchers, attended weekly luncheons as part of IIEL’s Speaker Series. Thought leaders from government, academia, international organizations and the private bar explored the latest policy developments in all areas of international economic law. Students authored policy-oriented products for potential future publication and dissemination to policymakers and IIEL stakeholders. IIEL is pleased to report a strong and increased level of student engagement.

As part of class, students were also invited to attend a seminar that IIEL co-sponsored with Jones Day & FTI Consulting, on Taxation and EU State Aid Law: The European Commission’s Investigation Into Whether Certain Tax Rulings Constitute State Aid. Featured speakers and event organizers included IIEL Faculty Itai Grinberg & Lily Faulhaber.
Spring 2016 Colloquium Speakers

- Usman Ahmed, Head of Global Policy, Paypal
- Pablo Bentes, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
- Anna Gelpen, Georgetown Law
- Itai Grinberg, Georgetown Law
- Peter Harrell, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State
- Jennifer Hillman, Georgetown Law, former WTO Appellate Body Member
- Gary Horlick, Georgetown Law, former Head, U.S. Department of Commerce’s Import Administration
- Tim Keeler, Mayer Brown
- Richard Kerschner, Chief Development Officer, ICAP North America, former Interim CEO, BrokerTec
- Peter Kerstens, Lead Counsel, EU Sanctions, European Commission
- Barbara Linney, Miller & Chevalier Chartered
- Jason Marczak, Deputy Director, Latin America Program, The Atlantic Council
- Patrick McCarty – Managing Director, U.S. Government Relations & Regulatory Affairs, ICAP North America
- Julie Nutter, Head, Sanctions Desk, U.S. Department of State
- Steve Orava, King and Spalding LLP
- Robert Peterson, Head of International Policy, Office of Financial Research, U.S. Treasury Department
- Gregory Scopino, Office of Chief Counsel, Swap Dealer & Intermediary Oversight, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- Brad Setser, Greenberg Center for Geoeconomics, Council on Foreign Relations
- Pierre Verdier, University of Virginia
- Yesha Yadav, Vanderbilt University
- Matthew Yeo, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
IIEL Visiting Researchers:

IIEL, the **Edward Bennett Williams Law Library**, and the **John Wolff International and Comparative Law Library** welcome the opportunity to serve the research needs of scholars from throughout the world each year. To the extent allowed by our resources, we provide access to our library collections, campus facilities, and academic community to established legal scholars as well as those beginning their scholarly careers. Doctoral students from Georgetown Law’s partner schools around the world may also apply. Visits are limited to a maximum of one calendar year. The program is a good match for accomplished scholars with well-defined, independent research agendas.

IIEL Visiting Researchers actively participate in the life of the Institute. They receive invitations to all of the Institute’s conferences and major IIEL events in trade, tax, financial regulation, and monetary affairs. IIEL Visiting Researchers additionally have the opportunity to attend IIEL Fellows’ lunches and colloquia with policymakers, academics and commentators. IIEL Visiting Researchers are also expected to submit a report relating to their research and be prepared to make a presentation at the IEL Colloquium at the end of the term relating to their research. They may also audit one course with permission of the instructor.
A Global Approach

Washington Events

- 40th Anniversary of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act
- 10th Annual Academy of WTO Law & Policy
- 1st Annual Interdisciplinary Sovereign Debt Research & Management Conference (DebtCon1)
- IIEL Speaker Series & Inaugural International Economic Law & Policy Colloquium
- International Trade Update – Announcement of John D. Greenwald Memorial Endowment
- Salzburg Seminar
- Systemic Risk in the Global Economy
- Taxation and European Union State Aid Law: The European Commission’s Investigation Into Whether Certain Tax Rulings Constitute State Aid
- Taxation of Intellectual Property in a Global Economy

Geneva Events

- 16th Annual WTO Conference
- Journal of International Economic Law Editorial Board Meeting
- Global Championship Round of the European Law Students’ Association (ELSA) Moot Court Competition
Donor Engagement

John D. Greenwald Memorial Endowment

IIEL’s dramatic expansion and significance relies on the support of generous donors and IIEL stakeholders. In early 2016, we received a $300,000+ gift from the firm Cassidy Levy Kent in memory of the firm’s late partner John D. Greenwald. The John D. Greenwald Memorial Endowment will support student writing awards and annual events and lectures on international trade law.

IIEL will manage the Greenwald Fund, one of the fruits of which is envisioned to be a lecture series accompanying one of Georgetown’s premier international trade events, the International Trade Update. The International Trade Update routinely attracts some of the most important decision makers in the field. IIEL co-sponsored the 2016 Update for the first time, held at Georgetown Law on February 25 and 26, where Chris Brummer announced the gift.

“We are deeply honored to receive this generous gift from Cassidy Levy Kent,” said Georgetown Law Dean William M. Treanor in a statement. “The endowment will allow us to continue the outstanding work John did in the field of international trade law. There will be countless generations of students who will receive the writing award in John’s name. I can’t think of a more fitting tribute.”
Donor Engagement

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On Friday, April 29, 2016, colleagues and friends joined the Georgetown Law community to celebrate the life and legacy of University Professor John H. Jackson, who died on November 7, 2015, at the age of 83.

The founding Faculty Director of the Institute of International Economic Law (IIEL), Jackson was a towering figure – a truly legendary member of the faculty and the global trade community. In particular, he is known for his work on the Trade Act of 1974 and for creating the intellectual framework of the World Trade Organization’s dispute settlement procedures. His book *World Trade and the Law of GATT* is considered the definitive work on the subject for trade law and policy specialists — and is but one of many major contributions he made to international economic law. John was a friend, mentor and inspiration to so many – not only on campus, but around the world.

Several speakers honored John, including:

- Dean William M. Treanor
- Professor Robert B. Thompson
- Former IIEL Executive Director & Adjunct Professor Jane Bradley
- Professor Edith Brown Weiss
- Professor R. Michael Gadbaw
- Professor José Enrique Alvarez
- Former IIEL Deputy Director & Adjunct Professor C. Christopher Parlin
- Lee Ann Jackson
Management

Next Steps – A Growing Team

• In 2015, Professor Chris Brummer was appointed IIEL’s Faculty Director, and has been responsible for executing a broader mandate for the program. Christine Washington was appointed Director of Programs & External Affairs, and has executed a robust programming agenda. IIEL is rounding out its management team with a new Executive Director, a senior professional with extensive, prior experience in international economic law and affairs as well as teaching experience, to have overall responsibility for all aspects of IIEL’s daily activities. IIEL is also hiring an IIEL Associate to facilitate our operations.

• Alumni Rich Kerschner and Steve Orava, along with Roxanne Brown and Grant Aldonas, are assisting IIEL to create a permanent IIEL Board of Advisors.

The Board will play a critical role in fundraising, student and public policy programming. The Board will also continue to deepen IIEL’s relationship with business, government and international organizations.
A Sample of Fall 2016 events (with more to come):

The Legal Framework for Investing in the Middle East and Iran
September 22, 2016

• IIEL will co-sponsor a seminar on the Legal Framework for Investing in the Middle East and Iran during the Fall 2016 International Bar Association meetings in Washington. Partnering with IIEL is the Al Tamimi law firm, one of the largest Middle Eastern firms - with 16 offices in 9 countries in the region and over 300 attorneys. Speakers will include experts from academia, the private bar, the World Bank and more organizations with a global reach and subject matter expertise.

Making International Economic Law Work: Integrating Disciplines and Broadening Policy Choices
September 30 - October 1, 2016

• IIEL is also pleased to co-sponsor the 2016 Biennial Meeting of ASIL’s International Economic Law Interest Group. The Biennial will host academics from across the world in areas such as international tax, trade, securities and banking regulation. It also will bring together leading law firm partners, government leaders and commentators from Washington, DC’s foreign policy and international organizations.

The 11th Annual Academy of WTO Law & Policy
November 14-18, 2016

• Mark your calendars now and join IIEL for a deep dive into the legal obligations and policy underpinnings of the WTO and its agreements. With a Co-Chair team led by Grant Aldonas, former Undersecretary of Commerce, this year’s program promises to offer even more salient content and further strengthen participants’ critical thinking about the role of the WTO and regional trade agreements in addressing fundamental international commercial problems.

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