

First Annual Global Law and Politics Convergent Workshop Bergen, Norway 15 and 16 August 2020

Today the forces of legalization are proceeding at unparalleled rates around the globe. Domestic and international political and economic interactions are increasingly regulated through law; traditionally local norms and legal institutions are increasingly subjected and responding to global pressures; the most complex and vexing problems of the globe are being addressed, with varying degrees of success, through a hybrid of local and global law and legal processes. Our research methods, data collection practices, graduate training and collaborative networks must adapt to face the challenges presented by law in a global age. This workshop is part of a long-term project to develop and institutionalize convergent research communities spanning the disciplines of political science and law, and the subfields of comparative and international law.

This – our first annual – workshop brings people together to present work at the research design phase, in order to facilitate the convergence of ideas, approaches, expertise and technologies. In contrast to traditional conferences in which participants present nearly complete projects in more or less finished papers, here we intend to do two things: present early-stage projects for feedback and discussion; and present one or two fully completed projects that we believe to be excellent models of research design and innovation. The overall goal is to build networks and stimulate innovation and discovery across comparative and international law and politics through a series of annual events.

As a graduate student participating in the [Effects of Lawfare PhD Course](#), you can apply to participate in the [Global Law and Politics Convergent Workshop](#) and present your research design there on [Saturday 15 August](#) instead of in the PhD course presentation session on Friday 14 August. This is particularly recommended for those who do their PhD in political science - or in law with an empirical or socio-legal approach.

Whether you present your research design in the [Convergent Workshop](#) or in a [PhD Course](#) session, you will present to a smaller group of students and faculty where you will have 10 minutes to present your research design followed by 20 minutes for discussion.