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EDUCATION

S.J.D

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Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC.

Dissertation: International Human Rights Law and Environmental Law in Investment Treaty Arbitration: Re-shaping International Investment Law.
Committee: David P. Stewart (Chair), Don Wallace, Borzu Sabahi

LL.M. in International Legal Studies

2001

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC

Law Degree

1994

Universidad De Lima (J.D. equivalent)

Dissertation: Outer Space Law and Telecommunications: Legal frameworks and Policy Challenges for the Geostationary orbit.

Committee: Nicolas De Pierola y Balta (Chair), Carolina Loayza Tamayo, Jose Perla Anaya.

LL.B.

1991

Universidad De Lima, Lima Peru

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- International Business Transactions
- International Trade
- International Investment Law and Arbitration
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Public International Law

- Human Rights and Environmental Protections
- Foreign Investment and the Environment
- Business and Human Rights

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL: Washington DC.

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Spring 2024 - Present.

- Courses taught:
 - International Environmental Law: Fall 2025
 - Human Rights and Environmental Protection: Fall 2024

Advisor: Advanced Writing Requirement

Faculty Coach, International Environmental Moot Court Competition Team

Environmental Law Program Fellow, Spring 2024 – Present

- Mentor J.D. and LL.M. students in research projects, independent studies, and thesis development.
- Provide detailed editorial feedback on student work, including law review submissions and working papers.
- Evaluate and select outstanding student work for academic awards and prizes.

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- Organize and coordinate speaker panels, symposia, and webinars, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue.
- Represent the Environmental & Energy Law Program at academic and professional events.
- Develop content for media platforms highlighting faculty, student, and alumni achievements, enhancing the program's visibility and scholarly profile.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF LAW, Norman, OK

Adjunct Professor, Summer 2002 – Spring 2014

- Courses taught:
 - ▶ International Human Rights Law (Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Spring 2010, Summer 2006, Fall 2004, Summer 2004, Spring 2004, Summer 2002)
 - ▶ NAFTA & Other Free Trade Agreements (Fall 2013, Fall 2011, Fall 2007, Summer 2005, Summer 2004)
 - ▶ International Trade (Spring 2007, Fall 2004, Fall 2003, Spring 2003, Fall 2002)
 - ▶ International Criminal Law (Fall 2004, Spring 2004)
 - ▶ Latin American Legal Systems (Summer 2003)
- Advisor: Graduation Writing Requirement, Student Mentorship and Thesis Supervision.
- Co-Director, Latin American Law Center, 2006 – 2012
 - Hosted annual visits and facilitated training sessions for Latin American faculty and indigenous leaders.
 - Mentored students in Latin American and Civil Law
 - Promoted academic cooperation with Latin American law schools
 - Led outreach initiatives to expand the center's network across the Americas
 - Coordinated guest lectures and workshops in line with the center's mission

UNIVERSIDAD DE LIMA FACULTAD DE DERECHO, Lima, Peru

Assistant Professor, January 1993 – December 1995

- Course taught: Public International Law
Service: Advisor, International Law Study Circle (CEDEII), 1994–1996

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, Norman, OK

COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- M.A. in Global Studies [Online]
Lecturer, Spring 2024 – Present
Courses taught:
 - ▶ International Human Rights Law; Human Rights and Environmental Protection; Public International Law
- M.A. in International Relations [Hybrid]
Lecturer, Spring 2008 – Fall 2023
Course taught:
 - ▶ Public International Law
- B.A. and M.A. in International Studies
Lecturer, Fall 2005 – Spring 2014
Courses taught:
 - ▶ Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, Comparative Law International Minority Rights Law, NAFTA and other Free Trade Agreements

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Introduction to International Relations

Service:

- Admissions Committee Member (2009–2014)
- Liaison, J.D./M.A. in International Studies (2009–2014)
- Advisor, International Students Association (2009–2014)

TRAINING COURSES

The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights	Helsinki - Finland Diploma (2014)
The René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights	Strasbourg, France Performance Certificate (2011)
International Center for University Human Rights Teaching (CiedhU)	Strasbourg, France Performance Certificate (2011)
Hague Academy of International Law	The Hague, Netherlands, Certificate of Participation (2010)
Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research: Advanced Professional Training on Human Rights in Times of Conflict	Cambridge, USA Certificate of Participation & Completion (2009)

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Managing Editor, BRILL Research Perspectives in International Investment Law and Arbitration, Brill | Nijhoff, July 2017 – Present

- Make preliminary assessments of manuscripts before initiating the review process
- Coordinate the peer review process and oversee feedback integration
- Advise the Editors-in-Chief on thematic and substantive handling of upcoming volumes
- Maintain relationships with contributors and editors to ensure deadlines are met and publications are released on schedule

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PUBLICATIONS

Books

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN INVESTMENT TREATY ARBITRATION: RESHAPING INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW, Wolters Kluwer 2023.

Available at <https://law-store.wolterskluwer.com/s/product/international-human-rights-and-environmental-law-in-investment-treaty/01t4R00000PBOjQQAX>

Policies aimed at the expansion of transnational capital are sometimes implemented at the expense of growing social inequality and popular frustration in host countries. This timely and deeply researched volume identifies – and offers new insights into – the growing use of and reliance upon international environmental and human rights law in the arbitration of investor–State disputes. Based on an analysis of 30 arbitral awards, this book demonstrates how recent investment treaty arbitration – and in particular respondent States’ argumentation in arbitral proceedings – highlights the human rights and environmental

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considerations connected with such factors as the following: the fair and equitable treatment clause; jurisdictional obstacles; treaty conflict; role of amici curiae; and damages. As investment arbitration continues to be challenged by growing demands for greater public involvement and for participation of third parties that are affected by the proceedings, this book responds to the need to reshape the investment regime into more human rights and environmentally friendly system.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW AND ARBITRATION: HISTORY, MODERN PRACTICE, AND FUTURE PROSPECTS, (with BORZU SABAH & IAN A. LAIRD). *Brill Research Perspectives in International Investment Law and Arbitration*, BRILL | Nijhoff 2018

DOI: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004363038_002

Available at <https://brill.com/display/title/36347>

International Investment Law is one of the most dynamically growing fields of International Law as shown by the volume of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and investment chapters in a growing number of regional and mega-regional trade agreements. This book explores the origin, evolution, and operation of International Investment Law. It discusses the main actors and institutions, the protections afforded to foreign investments and investors, and the content of modern BITs. The book also examines contemporary critiques of investment treaty arbitration and the legal, political, and legitimacy challenges confronting the field.

Peer Reviewed Journals

From the Right to Property to the Right to a Healthy Environment: Advancing Climate Justice through the Inter-American Human Rights System, 47 U. PA. J. INT'L L. (FORTHCOMING SPRING 2026)

This article examines the evolving environmental jurisprudence of the Inter-American Human Rights System (IAHRS), emphasizing that—although no climate change case has yet been adjudicated within the System—the IAHRS has developed a body of jurisprudence that increasingly positions it to address climate-related harms. The article highlights the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' growing capacity to engage with complex environmental challenges through innovative legal reasoning and expanded remedial approaches. It critiques the System's earlier reliance on property rights as the primary vehicle for environmental protection and traces a gradual shift toward more responsive and comprehensive legal frameworks. The article identifies key substantive, procedural, and remedial developments that suggest the IAHRS could become a promising forum for future climate-related litigation. It situates these developments within broader international and domestic legal trends, arguing that the Inter-American Court is emerging as a transformative leader in the field of environmental human rights.

Denial of Justice: The Latest Indigenous Land Disputes before the European Court of Human Rights and the Need for an Expansive Interpretation of Protocol I, 18 YALE HUM. RTS. & DEV. L.J. 1 (2017).

Available at: <https://openyls.law.yale.edu/entities/publication/26d3fa88-2993-4f11-b4ce-ae508b78ba7f>

In its three most recent decisions concerning Indigenous land rights, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) has afforded only limited protection to Indigenous peoples. Through a close analysis of each case's substantive and procedural dimensions, this Article identifies the legal and evidentiary hurdles Indigenous claimants face when bringing land-related claims before the Court. It argues that the ECtHR's narrow interpretation of the "right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions," as set forth in Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 to the European Convention on Human Rights, inadequately accounts for the collective nature of Indigenous land tenure and the central role of land in ensuring cultural survival, economic well-being, and social and spiritual integrity. By contrast, the African and Inter-American systems of human rights protection have adopted more expansive and context-sensitive approaches to Indigenous land rights, approaches that align more closely with prevailing international norms and standards. The Article therefore proposes that the ECtHR adopt an evolutive interpretation of Protocol No. 1 and draw more explicitly on non-European international instruments and the jurisprudence of other human rights bodies. More broadly, incorporating these sources would enhance the coherence and unity of Indigenous peoples' rights within international human rights law.

Law Review Essays

[The Renco Group Inc. v. Republic of Peru: An Assessment of the Investor's Main Contentions in the Midst of Environmental Degradation](#), 59 HARV. INT'L L. J. 1 (2017).

Online Journal, available at: <https://journals.law.harvard.edu/ilj/?s=gismondi>

This article critically examines whether, and to what extent, the interests of foreign investors should prevail over the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, particularly in light of the inherently limited jurisdiction and mandate of international investment tribunals. It interrogates the tension between investment protection regimes and states' environmental and human rights obligations, highlighting how arbitral reasoning can privilege private economic interests while sidelining broader public welfare concerns. The article argues for a more balanced and integrated approach to investment adjudication—one that respects legitimate investor protections while giving due weight to environmental protection and human rights norms. By situating investment disputes within their wider legal and societal context, the article contends that investment tribunals should not operate in isolation from states' duties to protect ecological integrity, public health, and affected communities.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARIES AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Commentator, [Environment, Natural Resources & Energy Law](#), Work in Progress, 2026
AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 6-9 January 2026.

Organizer and Moderator, [Indigenous Peoples' Rights to Territorial Control in Latin America: Challenges and Policy Responses](#), organized by the George Washington University Environmental and Energy Law Program, Washington, D.C., November 6, 2025.

Panelist, Current Developments in International Climate Change Litigation, Panel: [From Ambition to Action? The Sustainable Development Goals Ten Years On](#), International Law Association – American Branch (ABILA), International Law Weekend 2025, New York City, October 24, 2025.

Organizer and Moderator, [Dispute Resolution in Investment Arbitration with Human Rights and Environmental Dimensions: What Have We Learned from Recent Case Law?](#), The 2025 J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Environmental Law Symposium, organized by *The George Washington Environmental and Energy Law Program*, Washington, D.C., March 20, 2025.

Moderator, [Constitutional Innovations in Animal Rights and the Rights of Nature: The Latin American Models](#), organized by The George Washington Environmental and Energy Law Program, Washington, D.C., 30 January 2025 (webinar).

Panelist, The Human Right to Breathe Clean Air: A Comparative Regional Overview, Panel on [Climate Change Activism and International Litigation](#), jointly co-sponsored by the Sections on Environmental Law, International Human Rights Law, Global Engagement, and Climate Change Activism & International Litigation, *2025 AALS Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, 7-11 January 2025.

Panelist, La Oroya Community v. Peru: A Case Study in the Challenges of Protecting Environmental Human Rights in the Inter-American Human Rights System, Panel on [Bridging Human Rights and Environmental Protection: Challenges and Opportunities](#), The Crossroad of International Environmental Law Enforcement Symposium, Cohosted by the *European Society of International Law*, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development, Barcelona, Spain, 2-3 December 2024.

Panelist, The Latest Developments on the Right to a Healthy Environment within the InterAmerican Human Rights System, [GW Environmental Law Fellows Panel](#), Organized by *The George Washington Environmental and Energy Law Program*, Washington, D.C., 19 September 2024.

Presentation, Upgrading Environmental Rights within the InterAmerican Human Rights System: The Role of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, *Pace | Haub*

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Environmental Law Program, Eleventh Annual Future Environmental Law Professors Workshop (FELPW), Pace | Elisabeth Haub School of Law, 6 September 2024.

Moderator, The Rights of Nature and the triple planetary crisis: Lessons learned from Ecuador, organized by The George Washington Environmental Law Program, Earth Law Center, and the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights (online webinar) 17 July 2024.

Speaker, *Legal Jargon en Español: La Protección de los Derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas en el Derecho Internacional*, Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA), Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., 18 March 2018.

Panelist, *10 Years after Torres v. State: International Human Rights, Death Row, and Oklahoma*, The University of Oklahoma – Constitutional Studies Students Association, April 14th, 2014.

Panel organizer and Moderator, *The Santiago Atitlan massacre and issues of Justice in Guatemala*. The Sovereignty Symposium XXIV, Oklahoma City, OK, 2011.

Panelist, *The Struggle Against Impunity for Serious Crimes in Guatemala and the concept of Universal Jurisdiction*. The Sovereignty Symposium, XXIII, Oklahoma City, OK. 2010.

Panelist, *Human Rights and Recent Developments of Protection of Indigenous Peoples under International Law*, 2009 Oklahoma Statewide Conference, Amnesty International USA. Norman, OK, April 4, 2009

Panelist, *Mary and Carrie Dann v. The United States: Victory for Indian Land Rights*. The Sovereignty Symposium XX, International Law Panel; Oklahoma City, OK, May 2007.

Panelist, *Human Rights and The Rights Of Indigenous Peoples under International Law: Evolving Jurisprudence and Perspectives Ahead*; Universidad de Buenos Aires School of Law, Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 2007.

Panelist, *Government Procurement and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)*, Second International Conference on Government Procurement, Universidad de Lima School of Law, Lima, Peru, July 2006.

Panelist, *The Inter-American System for the Protection of Indigenous People's Rights*, International Law Panel, Sovereignty Symposium XVIII; Oklahoma City, OK, May 2005.

SELECTED MEDIA CONSULTATION

On air interviews

CNN Café interview with Carolina Melo concerning President Humala's rejection of former President Fujimori's plea for Pardon, on air interview, June 11th 2013.

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CNN Internacional with Guillermo Arduino, interview on President Ollanta Humala after his first year in office, on-air interview, July 28th 2012.

CNN Spanish–Panorama Mundial with Fernando del Rincon, interview on an evaluation of President Ollanta Humala first year in office, on-air interview, July 27th 2012

CNN–Spanish with Carlos Montero, interview on Paraguay and the threat of economic sanctions after removal of President Lugo, on-air interview, June 27th 2012.

CNN–IN SESSION (Court TV), Ryan Smith interview on criminal procedure and prison conditions in Peru, on-air interview, January 13, 2012.

CNN–Spanish with Lucia Navarro, interview on the sentencing to Jordan Van der Sloot case, on-air interview, January 13, 2012.

NTN 24 Television with Andrea Betancourt and Hector Fabio Cardona, interview on the trial to Joran Van der Sloot case, on-air interview, January 11 2012.

CNN–IN SESSION (Court TV), Christi Paul and Jean Casarez interview on criminal investigation and prosecution under the Peruvian Legal System, on-air interview, January 11, 2011.

CNN–Spanish with Carlos Montero, interview on the Peruvian Criminal Law, on-air interview, January 11, 2011.

CNN–IN SESSION (Court TV), Christi Paul and Jean Casarez interview on the Trial to Joran Van Der Sloot case, on-air interview, January 6, 2012.

CNN–HLN, ISSUES with Jane Velez-Mitchell (JVM) interview on the prosecution of Joran Van der Sloot, on-air interview, January 6, 2012.

CNN–IN SESSION (Court TV), Vinnie Politan and Jean Casarez interview on The Peruvian Criminal Justice System and Prison Conditions, on-air interview, June 23, 2010.

CNN–IN SESSION (Court TV), Ryan Smith interview on the Peruvian Criminal Law and the Joran Van Der Sloot case, on-air interview, June 23, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Attorney, Mario Linares Abogados, Lima, Peru, 1994 - 2000.

Practiced commercial law, contracts, government procurement, and labor law.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Air Sovereignty, Lima, Peru, *Intern*, Sept. 1991 - February 1993.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Lima Bar Association, Lima, Peru (inactive)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of Law Schools (AALS)
 - Section on Law in the Americas, Executive Committee member (2024-present)

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- International Law Association - American Branch (ABILA) (2016-present)
- American Society of International Law (ASIL) (2016-present)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)
English (fluent)

REFERENCES

Upon request