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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

European University Institute – Law Department/Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies

-Joint Chair in International Economic Law 10/23 –

- Research Themes: International Investment Law; International Trade Law; Business and Human Rights; International Economic Law; Empirical Legal Studies; International Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Law and Development.

University of Arizona – James E. Rogers College of Law (on partial leave from 2023-28)

-Evo DeConcini Professor of Law 7/22 –

-Associate & Full Professor of Law 7/14 – 6/22

- Director: International Economic Law Program.
- Affiliated Faculty: Center for Latin-American Studies.
- Teaching: International Trade, Business, and Investment Law. Public International Law.

University of Colorado Boulder – School of Law

-Visiting Professor 1/18 – 6/18

- Teaching: International Trade Law.

University of Sydney – Faculty of Law

-Visiting Professor 3/17 – 4/17

- Teaching: International Investment Law.

Stanford University – School of Law

-Lecturer in Law and Teaching Fellow in International Legal Studies 7/11 – 6/14

- Teaching: International Trade Law, Research Methods for Empirical Legal Studies, and Stanford Program in International Legal Studies (SPILS) Thesis Seminar.
- Responsible for all aspects of SPILS, including teaching, advising, and admissions.

Duke University – School of Law

-Lecturing Fellow 1/11 – 6/11

- Teaching: International Trade Law and International Investment Law.

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School

-Doctor of the Science of Law (*JSD*) 9/05 – 5/09

- [Dissertation](#): The Law and Politics of NAFTA: The Case of the Sweeteners Sector.
- Teaching Assistant, International Conflict Resolution (Holloway, Ross, and Weiner).
- CONACYT, Mexico's Ministry of Education, and Stanford Law School Scholarships.

-Master of the Science of Law (*JSM*)

9/03 – 4/04

- [Thesis](#): Is Investment Arbitration in the Best Interest of Mexico? (published).
- Research Fellow, Center on Conflict and Negotiation. Hewlett Foundation Scholarship.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México – ITAM (México)

-Law Degree (*LLB*) 9/97 – 5/02

- *summa cum laude*. Scholarship for Academic Merit. [Honors Thesis](#) (published in Spanish).
- [Semi-finalist](#): Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (with UNAM).

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- LATIN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LAW: REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO A GLOBAL PROJECT, OUP (CHEHTMAN, HUNEEUS & PUIG EDS., in progress).
- AT THE MARGINS OF GLOBALIZATION: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW, CUP ([2021](#)).

Research Articles (* indicates peer-reviewed journals):

- * *International Organizations and Judicial Appointment: Evidence from the World Bank* (w. Strezhnev).
- * *Towards an Effective Appellate Mechanism for ISDS Tribunals*, WTR (2023) (w. J. Kucik).
- * *Do International Dispute Bodies Overreach? Reassessing WTO Rulings*, 66 ISQ (2022) (w. J. Kucik).
- * *Legalization and Cooperation in the Global Trade Regime*, 52 B.J.POL.S 1 (2022) (w. Kucik & Peritz).
- * *Investor Accountability: Direct & Indirect Actions*, 12 J. INT'L DISP. SETT. (2021) (w. S. Ratner).
- *Extending Trade Law Precedent*, 54 VAND. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 539 (2021) w. J. Kucik.
 - o [Response](#) by Professor Timothy Meyer in Volume.
- * *Indemnifying Precaution: Economic Insights for Regulation of a Highly Infectious Disease*, 7 J. LAW BIOSC. 1 (2020) (with C. Robertson *et. al.*).
- *Contextualizing Cost Shifting in Investment Treaty Arbitration*, 58 VA. J. INT'L L. 261 (2019).
- *International Indigenous Economic Law*, 52 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1243 (2019).
 - o Featured in [JOTWELL](#) (Journal of Things We Like (Lots)).
- * *Imperfect Alternatives: Institutional Choices and the Reform of Investment Law*, 112 AM. J. INT'L L. 361 (2018) (with Gregory Shaffer).
 - o Selected Article for AJIL [Unbound](#) Symposium.
- * *Affiliation Bias in Arbitration*, 46 J. LEGAL STUD. 371 (2017) (w. Strezhnev).
- *Against Secrecy: The Social Cost of International Dispute Settlements*, 42 YALE J. INT'L L. 339 (2017) (w. E. Hafner-Burton and D. Victor).
- * *The David Effect in ISDS*, 28 EUR. J. INT'L L. 731 (2017) (w. A. Strezhnev).
 - o [First](#) Experimental Survey Study in EJIL.
- *Tobacco Litigation in International Courts*, 57 HARV. INT'L L.J. 383 (2016).
 - o [Response](#) by Professor Harold H. Koh in Volume.
- *Blinding International Justice*, 56 VA. J. INT'L L. 647 (2016).
- *The Merging of International Trade & Investment Law*, 33 BERKELEY J. INT'L L. 1 (2015).
- * *International Regime Complexity & Economic Law Enforcement*, 17 J. INT'L ECO. L. 491 (2014).
- * *Social Capital in the Arbitration Market*, 25 EUR. J. INT'L L. 387 (2014).
 - o Selected for [EJIL - Talk!](#). [Translated](#) into Spanish for LADI.
- *Emergence & Dynamism in International Organizations*, 44 GEO. J. INT'L L. 531 (2013).
 - o Selected for The Inaugural Junior Faculty Forum in International Law (2012).
- * *Investor-State Tribunals & Constitutional Courts: The Sweeteners Saga*, 5 ME. L. REV. 199 (2013).
- *Recasting ICSID'S Legitimacy Debate*, 36 FORDHAM INT'L L.J. 465 (2013).
- * *The Secretary-General's Power to Refuse to Register a Request for Arbitration Under the ICSID Convention*, 27 ICSID REV.—F.I.L.J. 172 (2012) (with C. Brown).
- * *The Power of ICSID Tribunals to Dismiss Proceedings Summarily: An Analysis of Arbitration Rule 41(5)*, 10 J. L. & PRAC. INT'L CTS. & TRIBUNALS, 227 (2011) (w. C. Brown).
- * *NAFTA Chapter Eleven at Fifteen: Contributions to a Systemic Approach in Investment Arbitration*, 25 ICSID REV.—F.I.L.J. 225 (2010) (w. M. Kinnear).

Symposium Articles, Essays, Book Reviews, and Commentaries (indicates peer-reviewed journals):*

- * *Symposium, The Politics of Compliance with ISDS Awards: A Research Agenda* (w. M. Langford et al).
- * *Comment, New Options for Investor Accountability in ISDS*, EJIL-TALK! ([Dec. 22, 2021](#)) (w. Ratner).
- * *Essay, The Fatigue of International Law*, 20 INT'L J. CONST. L. 45 ([2022](#)).
- * *Symposium, Debiasing International Economic Law*, 30 EUR. J. INT'L L. 1339 ([2020](#)).
- * *Comment, The Scorecard of the Phase-One Trade Agreement*, EJIL-TALK! ([FEB. 14, 2020](#)) (w. Gantz).
- * *Comment, The Scorecard of the USMCA Amendment*, EJIL-TALK! ([DEC. 23, 2019](#)) (w. Gantz).
- * *Essay, The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement: A Glimpse into The Geoeconomic World Order*, 113 AM. J. INT'L L. UNBOUND 56 ([2019](#)).
- * *Essay, Can International Trade Law Recover?*, 113 AM. J. INT'L L. UNBOUND 38 ([2019](#)) (w. R. Brewster, [symposium](#) editors).
- * *Essay, Investor Responsibility: The Next Frontier in International Investment Law*, 113 AM. J. INT'L L. UNBOUND 1 ([2019](#)) (w. J. Gathii, [symposium](#) editors).
- * *Symposium, Model Green Investment Treaty: International Investment and Climate Change*, 36 J. INT'L ARB. 95 ([2019](#)) (w. D. Magraw et al.).
- *Symposium, Greening ISDS*, 59 B. C. L. REV. 2717 ([2018](#)) (w. D. Magraw).
- *Symposium, The Internationalization of Tobacco Tactics*, 29 DUKE J. COMP. & INT'L L. 495 ([2018](#)).
- * *Book Review, Non-Discrimination and the Role of Regulatory Purpose in International Trade and Investment Law*, 18(2) MELB. J. INT'L L. 480 ([2017](#)) (w. A. Shepherd).
- * *Comment, Experimentalism, Destabilization and Control in International Law: Afterword to [Laurence Boisson de Chazournes](#)' Foreword*, 28 EUR. J. INT'L L. 1267 ([2017](#)).
- * *Comment, The Data-Driven Future of International Economic Law*, 20 J. INT'L ECO. L. 217 ([2017](#)) (w. W. Alschner and J. Pauwelyn, [special volume](#) editors).
- * *Symposium, Mitigating State Sovereignty: The Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples*, 67 U. TORONTO L.J. 435 ([FALL 2017](#)) (w. S. J. Anaya).
- * *Comment, A Breakthrough with the TPP: The Tobacco Carve-Out*, 16 YALE J. HEALTH POL'Y L. & ETHICS 327 ([2016](#)) (w. G. Shaffer).
- * *Book Review, Sugar and the Making of International Trade Law*, 110 AM. J. INT'L L. 415 ([2016](#)).
- * *Symposium, The Extensive (but Fragile) Authority of the WTO Appellate Body*, 79 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 237 ([2016](#)) (w. G. Shaffer and M. Elsig).
- *Essay, Labor Protection & Investment Regulation: Promoting A Virtuous Circle*, 51 STAN. J INT'L L. 105 ([2015](#)) (w. J. Agusti-Panareda).
- *Essay, No Right Without a Remedy: Foundations of Investor-State Arbitration*, 35 U. PA. J. INT'L L. 829 ([2014](#)) reprinted in [THE FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW](#) DOUGLAS, PAUWELYN VIÑUALES EDS., OUP, ([2014](#)).
- *Comment, How Inertia Matters in Treaty Bargaining? — A Response to [J. W. Yackee](#)*, 12 SANTA CLARA J. INT'L L. 317 ([2013](#)).
- *Symposium, NAFTA & Political Behavior in Mexico*, 5 SANTA CLARA J. INT'L L. 363 ([2008](#)).

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

- *The Appellate Body's Judicial Pathway: Precedent, Resistance and Adaptation* (with J. Kucik) in PATHS OF CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, KRISCH & YILDIZ ED., (FORTHCOMING).
- *The West and the Unraveling of International Economic Law* (with J. Gathii) in IS THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ORDER UNRAVELING?, SLOSS ED., OUP, [2022](#).
- *Indigenous Peoples as Actors of International Economic Law* (with B. Pegorari) in ENCYCLOPEDIA ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW, COTTIER & SCHEFER EDS., ELGAR, [2022](#).
- *Interdisciplinarity and International Economic Law* (with G. Shaffer) in ENCYCLOPEDIA ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW, COTTIER & SCHEFER EDS., ELGAR, [2022](#).
- *Indigenous Peoples Rights and the Protection of Foreign Investment* in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF TRADE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, DELIMATIS & REINS EDS., ELGAR, [2021](#).
- *Testing Cognitive Bias in Investment Arbitration* (with A. Strezhnev) in THE LEGITIMACY OF INVESTMENT ARBITRATION, BEHN, FAUCHALD & LANGFORD EDS., CUP, [2021](#).
- *The World Trade Organization's Dispute Settlement Body* (with Shaffer & Elsig) in INTERNATIONAL COURT AUTHORITY, ALTER, HELFER & MADSEN EDS., OUP, [2018](#).
- *Network Analysis and the Sociology of International Law* in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, LANG & HIRSCH EDS., ELGAR, [2018](#).
- *The Law and Politics of WTO Dispute Settlement* (w Shaffer & Elsig) in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, SANDHOLTZ & WHYTOCK EDS., ELGAR, [2017](#).
- *Blind Appointments in Arbitration* in BLINDING AS A SOLUTION TO BIAS, ROBERTSON & KESSELHEIM EDS., ACADEMIC PRESS, [2015](#).
- *Responsibility of International Organizations and Justiciability of Disputes* in RESPONSIBILITY OF IOS: ESSAYS IN MEMORY OF SIR IAN BROWNIE, RAGAZZI ED., MARTINUS NIJHOFF, [2013](#).
- *The Role of Procedure in the Development of Substantive Law: The Case of NAFTA* in EVOLUTION IN INVESTMENT TREATY LAW AND ARBITRATION, BROWN & MILES EDS., CUP, [2011](#).
- *The Future of NAFTA Investment Arbitration: A Mexican Perspective* (with Pereznieta-Castro) in NAFTA INVESTMENT LAW AND ARBITRATION, WEILER ED., BRILL, [2004](#).

TEACHING INTERESTS

Core: International Trade Law, International Investment Law, Public International Law, Methods for Empirical Legal Studies, International Economic Law and Policy, Business and Human Rights, International Arbitration/Litigation, International Trade and Indigenous Peoples.

Other: Multinational Corporations, International Courts and Tribunals, Regional Free Trade Agreements, Latin-American Law, Politics & Society, International Organizations, International Business Transactions, Contracts.

LAW PRACTICE

The World Bank Group, Washington, D.C.

-Counsel. Legal Vice-Presidency Unit & ICSID. 9/07 – 12/10

UN-International Law Commission, Geneva, Switzerland.

-Assistant to ILC Member, Eduardo Valencia-Óspina. 6/07 – 8/07

Miller & Chevalier Chartered, Washington, D.C.

-Foreign Associate. International Trade and Investment Group. 5/04 – 8/05

Von Wobeser & Sierra, S.C., Mexico City, Mexico

-Associate & Trainee (*Pasante*). Tax, Trade & Arbitration Groups. 5/00 – 8/03

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Inter-American Court of Human Rights

-Independent Expert. U'wa Indigenous People v. Colombia. 01/22 – 5/23

International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

-Co-Arbitrator. Legacy Vulcan, LLC v. México (Case No. [ARB/19/1](#)). 4/19 – Present

Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

-Sole Arbitrator. Not public (Case No. AA/544). 2/15 – 5/17

OTHER

Journals: Co-Editor in Chief, JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW (2021-2025); Board Member AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2022-2026); Associate Editor, AJIL-Unbound (2018-21). Faculty Advisor, ARIZ. J. INT'L & COMP. L. (2014-2021). Peer reviewer, WORLD TRADE REVIEW, EUR. J. INT'L L., AM. J. INT'L L., J. INT'L DISP. SETTLEMENT, and ICSID REV. Contributor [EJIL-TALK!](#) and [Kluwer Arbitration Blog](#).

Co-founder [TradeLab.org](#) (with Joost Pauwelyn): Organization to facilitate legal assistance and *pro bono* services related to international economic law matters by law school clinics around the world (trained more than 500 students). Recipient of more than US\$1,120,000.00 in grants by QNRF and University of Arizona (FPAA). Current Vice-President and Executive Committee Member.

Projects and Task Forces: Member, [The Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration](#) (Drafting Team). Member, [Expert Committee for Mexico's Legal and Constitutional Reform Regarding Indigenous and Afromexican Peoples' Rights](#). Member, [Academic Forum on ISDS \(WG-III\)](#). Member, [Compliance Politics and International Investment Disputes, a multi-year grant from the Research Council of Norway](#). Research Professor at the University of Oslo.

Professional Associations: American Society of International Law (Executive Council, Honors Committee, and Strategic Planning Task Force), International Studies Association, Law and Society Association and Institute for Transnational Arbitration (Academic Council 2016-20).

Engagements: Presenter, speaker, panelist, and commentator in multiple conferences, academic events, workshops, and seminars (complete list upon request).

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (basic), and Italian (knowledge).

Athletics: Twice Water-Polo Junior National Champion (with UNAM). Member of the Mexican Junior National Team (1996-98).