

**“Shifting Standards of Impartiality in International Dispute Settlement”****12:30 p.m. Monday, March 19**

Faculty Lounge, Room 575

Lunch served at 12:15 p.m.

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New standards have emerged in the simple system of coordinates within which assessments of impartiality are normally made especially in the field of international commercial arbitration. In a 2011 Malaysian case a successful challenge was submitted by an arbitrator (rather than by a party) against a co-arbitrator. In another case, the question arose whether the parties may set group-affiliation as a precondition (rather than as a disqualifying factor). In 2011, the Supreme Court of England faced the issue whether an arbitration clause can be valid if it states that only members of the Ismaili community can be chosen as arbitrators.

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