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Call for Submissions for the 9th Annual Toronto Group Conference

From the Local to the Global: The Evolving Role of Transnational Adjudication

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Transnational adjudication is one of many resources utilized by states, actors, and communities to resolve national and international disputes. Adjudication is often called upon to intervene into political and economic crisis by reconciling and resolving their underlying tensions. Such demands raise concerns about jurisdictional authority, enforcement, and struggles or conflicts that exist between countries, groups, and communities around the world.

The theme provides an occasion to examine the reflexive relationship between stakeholders and institutions such as international criminal jurisdictions, transitional justice mechanisms, and transnational trade adjudication bodies. Questions surface about the appropriate role of courts and tribunals' intervention. Contestations pertaining to the sort of law or normative framework, and how judicial decisions are to be enforced are relevant and live issues. Critically, transnational adjudication requires analysis concerning the dynamics between law, justice, and power into relations amongst states, non-state actors, and adjudicatory institutions.

Through adjudication, countries, groups, and communities are engaged in practices, processes, and struggles revealing dialectics of affirmation, emancipation, exclusion, and domination. These relations significantly inform and influence the content of laws and the operation of systems of regulation and governance. This is an opportune time to reflect upon such hidden complexities by examining the role of transnational adjudication in sectors as trade, investment, human rights (including migration and refugee), criminal law, and the environment.

We look forward to receiving your submission to our torontogroupconference@gmail.com e-mail. Abstracts should be 300-500 words in length and submitted by March 1, 2016. Applicants will be notified of paper acceptance by March 14.