Is ISIS a State? The Status of Statehood in the Age of Terror

Thursday, September 14, 2017 • 12:30-2pm • Room: J130

A light lunch will be served.

Professor Noah Novogrodsky will discuss his essay which considers the definitional challenge posed by the Islamic State's state-like attributes and suggests a new approach to recognizing sovereignty within the meaning of international law. The dual factors proposed - respect and observance of fundamental human rights in territory controlled by the candidate state, and acceptance of the sovereign co-existence of other states - are intended to reframe traditional analyses of the Montevideo Convention. His piece draws upon on recent scholarship, judicial decisions and diplomatic practices surrounding recognition of would-be states to identify a form of human rights minimalism and acknowledgment of the international order that may usefully inform debates concerning potential future sovereigns.



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