

Centre for Critical International Law ([CeCIL](#))

**Inaugural Annual Lecture, 13 March, 6 pm, Room Keynes
LT3**

International Law's Local Blindside, or: Reflecting on the Public and Private in Global Governance

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[Professor Zumbansen](#) will be speaking
on *International Law's Local Blindside, or: Reflecting
on the Public and Private in Global Governance*.

Abstract:

In recent years, economic and rational choice thinkers have shown considerable interest in some of public international law's central tenets, including the nature of international legal sovereignty, sources under Art. 38 ICJ Statute, or in principles concerning the use of force. Unsurprisingly, progressive international lawyers of variant degrees have been vigorous and steadfast in unmasking the individualist, if not anachronistic underpinnings of 'law and economics' newly found playground, effectively

calling into question the L&E scholars' disregard of the role of non-state actors, on the one hand, and of both legal pluralist and collectivist dimensions of international relations, on the other. Against this background, the lecture attempts to draw our attention to the domestic legal-political realm, where negotiations of sovereignty claims, justifications as well as contestations of state intervention or debates around the validity and legitimacy of norms in 'law' or 'non-law' occur on a daily basis, and often with very little reference to 'public' law. Building on this look at the 'domestic', we might be able to better recognise some of the continuities between ideology battles on the global and the local level.

Professor Zumbansen will be introduced by [recently appointed Emeritus Professor Wade Mansell](#).

**Annual Cecil Workshop, from 1.30 pm to 4:30 pm, Room
Keynes S17**

The Victims of International Law

Professor Zumbansen's lecture will be preceded by the Annual Cecil Workshop in which members of the Cecil community will present their work in progress on the theme that has run through Cecil activities this year *The Victims of International Law*. Please see the Workshop Programme attached.

Please also join us for a Reception to celebrate Cecil before the Annual Lecture, from 5 pm in Keynes Teaching Foyer

- Free Food & Drinks! -

**Everyone is warmly invited to the CeCIL Workshop,
Reception and Lecture**

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