Law in International and Global History
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The focus of this seminar is law, in its various guises (international, domestic, public, private, criminal, religious). We will examine how law functions in the lives of persons and communities in an interconnected modern world and in relations between states. We will touch on many of the following topics: migration, statelessness, humanitarian intervention, human rights, colonialism, war and occupation, rule of law, Eurocentrism, indigeneity, minorities, trade, international institutions. We will read secondary literature concerning various regions of the world (especially the Middle East) and concerning the world as a whole. Students will write a research paper on a topic and region of their choice, engaging with legal sources and legal questions against the backdrop of a global context.

Representative readings: