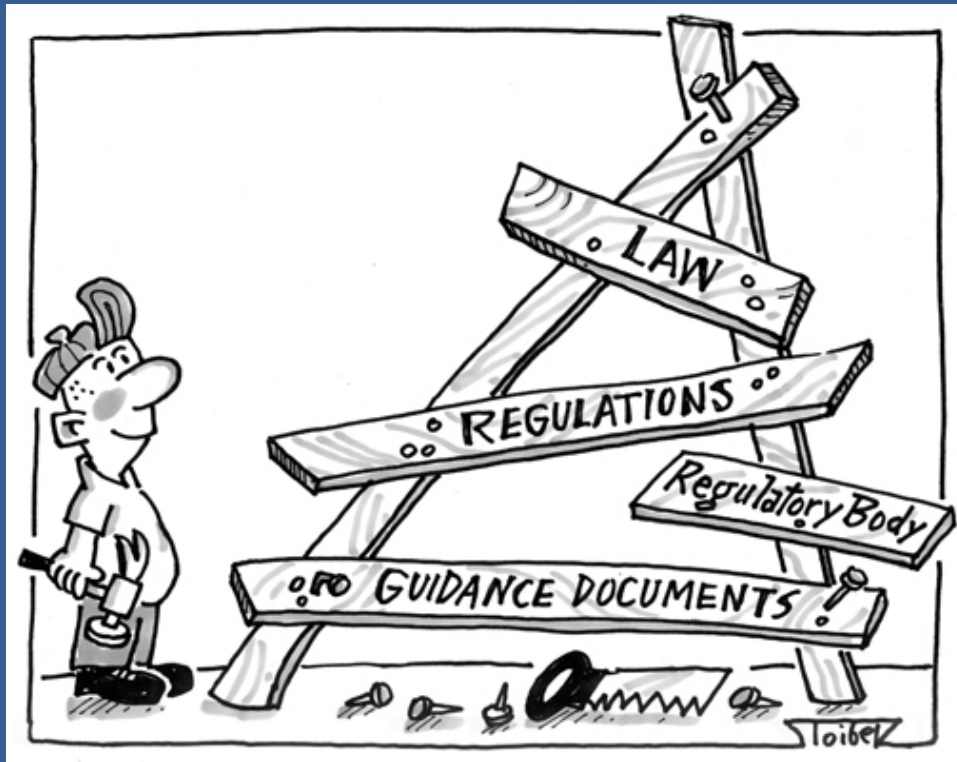


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Topic: “Should Institutions Alter Multilateral Treaties? Scholarly Proposals and Underlying Visions of International Law”

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What role should international institutions play in implementing multilateral treaties that are beleaguered by challenges such as via deliberately created treaty conflicts? This question ultimately has to do with the criteria upon which the relevant theorists pin the legitimacy and authority of international law.

The speaker will explore three scholarly proposals which suggest, remarkably, that international institutions may, of their own initiative, *alter* such multilateral treaties: Hersch Lauterpacht’s doctrine of approximate application; the managerial approach outlined by Abram and Antonia Chayes; and recent proposals for regime interaction and coordination.

The scholars who advance such proposals address – as they must – questions such as which institutions may take up this function, why are they justified in the altering treaty terms, the implications for state sovereignty, etc. The proposals serve, in short, to illuminate their prior theories of international law, and to illuminate the assumptions that found much mainstream international legal scholarship.

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3.00 pm, FSI Hall Ground Floor, Akbar Bhawan