**Workshop Outline** 

Workshop Title: Law and Justice in the Global Age: A Cosmopolitan Approach

Name of Student:

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Workshop Duration: Six hours (two 3-hour sessions)

Target Students:

Research postgraduate students in law and related disciplines of social sciences

**Describing the Workshop** 

In the context of globalization, are law and the rule of law of a global scope? More fundamentally,

should law and the rule of law be of a global scope? This workshop attempts to introduce how law,

legal institutions and the rule of law can and should be observed and reflected in the global age. It

focuses on explaining methodological cosmopolitanism<sup>1</sup>, providing a cosmopolitan perspective in

empirical observation and normative reflection. It is thus different from the course of global justice,

which is normative. In the existing global context, if we pay attention to how international trade is

replaced by "inter-company trade",2 we will realize the significance of transforming the perspective of

observation in empirical research from a national vision to a cosmopolitan one. The key point, as I

understand, lies in the recognition of various agents involved in and influenced by global activities.

When methodological cosmopolitanism is applied in the research on law and legal institutions, it is

significant not only for empirical observation, but more importantly for understanding the key concepts,

such as sovereignty and authority, well-being and security, and the rule of law and justice.

**Objectives and Learning Outcomes** 

In this workshop, participants will learn about methodological cosmopolitanism. At the end of the

workshop, participants will understand how the point of view of cosmopolitanism can be applied in

understanding the concepts of sovereignty and authority. Participants will also be able to critically

assess the index of well-being and security from a cosmopolitan point of view. Moreover, participants

will be able to theorize about law and justice in the context of globalization. The mastery and

<sup>1</sup> See Ulrich Beck, Power in the Global Age: A New Global Political Economy, trans. Kathleen Cross (Cambridge, UK; Malden,

MA: Polity, 2005), xi-xiii.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 21.

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application of methodological cosmopolitanism are crucial for investigating the underlying bases of

law and legal institutions in the context of globalization, and provide an indispensable aid for empirical

and normative research in law and social sciences.

**Teaching and Learning Activities** 

There will be lectures and group discussions in the workshop. Five topics will be explained and

discussed in the lectures and group discussions. The first two topics will be explained in the first-day

session, and the latter three topics will be discussed in the second-day session. The five topics are as

follows:

Session **Session Contents** 

1 A sociological introduction to globalization 2 Explanation of methodological cosmopolitanism

3 Rethinking sovereignty and authority

4 Rethinking well-being and security

5 Reflecting on law, the rule of law and justice in the global context

The workshop will be divided into two sessions. Both sessions will last for three hours, so this

workshop will be for six hours. The first session is from 9:30-12:30 am on June 15, 2017. The second

session is from 2:00-5:00 pm on June 16, 2017. The teaching activities for the two sessions are as

follows.

First Session: June 15, 2017; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Reading Materials** 

Beck, Ulrich. Power in the Global Age: A New Global Political Economy. Translated by Kathleen

Cross. Cambridge, UK; Malden, MA: Polity, 2005. Chapters One and Two.

Santos, Boaventura de Sousa. Toward a New Legal Common Sense: Law, Globalization and

Emancipation. London: LexisNexis, 2002. Chapter Two.

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# Second Session: June 16, 2017; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

# **Reading Materials**

Loader, Ian, and Neil Walker. *Civilizing Security*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007. Chapter Nine.

Nussbaum, Martha, and Amartya Sen, eds. The Quality of Life. Oxford: Clarendon, 1993.

Walker, Neil. *Intimations of Global Law*. Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Miller, David. "Collective Responsibility and Global Poverty." *Ethical Perspectives* 19(4) (2012): 627-648.

Pogge, Thomas. "Severe Poverty as a Violation of Negative Duties." *Ethics and International Affairs* 19(1) (2005): 55-83.

# **References for Further Reading**

#### **Books**

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# **Papers**

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