

# Geneva Academy PhD Forum in International Law

Villa Moynier, Geneva  
12 September 2025, 9 am – 5 pm CET

Theme: International Institutions and Actors, Accountability, Governance in a Globalized World

Convenor: Tihao Zeng, co-sponsored by CUSO

09:05 – 09:15      **Introductory Words: “Accountability of non-State Actors”**

Tihao Zeng, Teaching Assistant at the Geneva Academy

09:15 – 09:45      **Panel 1**

Panelist:

Vasiliki Dritsa (University of Geneva), “Authority and Governance in Investor-State Dispute Settlement: The Role of International Institutions and Non-State Actors in Shaping the Future of Investment Arbitration”

Discussant:

Fuad Zarbiyev, Geneva Graduate Institute

09:45 – 10:00      **Coffee Break**

10:00 – 11:00      **Panel 2**

Panelists:

Xia Li (University of Basel), “From Passive Compliance to Active Shaping: How Upstream Supply Chain Companies Are Reshaping ESG Standards”

Katia Rosenblat (University of Geneva), “Human rights jurisdiction and obligations of home states in the transnational business context: Effective control over a territory”

Discussants:

Nicolas Bueno, UniDistance Suisse (online)

Brian Frenkel, University of Buenos Aires

11:00 – 12:30      **Lunch Break**

12:30 – 13:30

**Panel 3**

Panelists:

Larissa Myriel Fricke (University of Fribourg), “Water as a Weapon, Water as a Right: Towards a Transnational Framework of Water Criminal Law”

Tamara GRIGORAS (University of Fribourg), “Ordering Nature: How International Environmental Law Comes to Be”

Discussant:

Mara Tignino, University of Geneva (online)

13:30 – 14:00

**Coffee Break**

14:00 – 15:00

**Panel 4**

Panelists:

Mario Pasquale Amoroso (University of Trento), “Climate Protection in the context of armed conflict: How the ILC and ICRC Shape IHL Norms on the Protection of the Natural Environment”

Feiran Wu (East China University of Political Science and Law), “Capacity, Rights and Restrictions Derived from Sovereignty: the legal basis and boundaries of non-State actors to access, share, and protect data in Humanitarian Contexts”

Discussant:

Stavros Pantazopoulos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (online)

Tihao Zeng, University of Geneva

15:00 – 15:15

**Coffee Break**

15:15 – 15:45

**Panel 5**

Panelist:

Alessia Nicastro (Geneva Graduate Institute), “Violence against women: an inquiry into the limits of international human rights law”

Discussant:

Nicolas Hafner, Geneva Graduate Institute (online)

15:45 – 17:00

**Cocktail Reception at Villa Moynier**