

## TD10: ILAW 2017 Distinguished Scholar Award Panel: Kenneth W. Abbott

Room: Holiday 1, Hilton Baltimore

4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

### People

Chair	Charlotte Ku (Texas A & M University School of Law)
Chair	Louis Bélanger (Université Laval)
Honoree	Kenneth W. Abbott (Arizona State University)
Part.	Emilia Justyna Powell (University of Notre Dame)
Part.	Robert O. Keohane (Princeton University)
Part.	Jean-Frédéric Morin (Université Laval)
Part.	Jessica F. Green (New York University)
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Part.	Duncan Snidal (University of Oxford)
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### Abstract and Keywords

In this panel, the International Law Section presents its inaugural Distinguished Scholar Award to Professor Kenneth W. Abbott, discussing his contributions to the study of international law. Professor Abbott's pioneering work has sparked and led, for nearly three decades, a rich and rapidly growing strand of scholarship at the juncture of international law and international relations. His article *Modern International Relations Theory: A Prospectus*, published in 1989 in the *Yale Journal of International Law*, laid the foundations for the adoption of choice-theoretic analytical models imported from economics and political science for studying the making and effectiveness of international law. This was the first step in the process of creating a common language between international law and other disciplines, notably international relations, which opened the door to a prolific program of research on legal rules and institutions. Professor Abbott played a central role in the subsequent development of this programme. He was among the leaders of the group of scholars who published in 2000 a special issue of *International Organization* devoted to the analysis of the different forms and degrees of "legalization" that can be found among international institutions. He also authored and co-authored a series of very influential papers on why international law sometimes takes a "soft" form rather than a "hard" one; on the interplay between public and private international lawmaking; on delegation and "orchestration" as models of indirect governance. He applied his theoretical innovations to an impressive array of extremely important issue areas of global governance, from international public health to the regulation of nanotechnologies, from global sustainability to climate change. For these many and diverse contributions, Kenneth Abbott is the first recipient of the ILAW Distinguished Panel Award.

Law and Norms (1); International Relations Theory (1);

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