Transitioning into the Profession of the Legal Scholar

Professional Skills Lab Webinar Series for Early Career Scholars of International Law

A curious characteristic of the profession of international law scholars is that many of its day-to-day responsibilities require skills and sensitivities that are rarely addressed or taught. Indeed, despite the growing recognition to discuss ´research methods`, conversations on methods of supervision, peer-review or knowledge transfer tend to be limited to the margins. The early career professional skills lab is a venue for post-doctoral scholars to discuss such methods of the academic profession, to learn from one another and to hear from experienced scholars in the field. Among the formats that we will use are the *peer2peer community corner*, which is a participants-driven exchange, which puts the experiences of the participants front and centre, the *peer2peer skills-share*, where we will cover topics, such as putting research into action and communicating with non-scientific audiences and *mentoring seminars* with experienced scholars on professional responsibilities, such as peer review, postgraduate supervision and leading a research project. The skills lab is open to recent PhD graduates who are now in (or on the market for) entry-level positions for any discipline related to international law.

We kindly ask you to apply with a short bio (approx. 250 words), as well as with a brief description of one academic 'skill' that you would like to discuss with the community of peers (approx. 250 words). Most importantly, we ask you to apply only if you are able and willing to attend all sessions. We are hoping to develop a community spirit of mutual trust and respect and are thus asking for a full commitment.

Please apply by July 1st using this form. Any questions can be addressed to: acil-fdr@uva.nl.

Schedule *(all times CET)*

October 1st 13:00-14:30 hrs.	Opening Session	Peer2peer community corner
October 22nd 09:00-10:30 hrs.	Engaging with other people's work	Mentoring Seminar Sundhya Pahuja *Melbourne Law School*
November 5th 13:00-14:30 hrs.	Writing for non-academic audiences	Peer2peer Skills-Sharing
November 19th 13:00-14:30 hrs.	Advancing research in action – expanding the places of sense-making	Peer2peer Skills-Sharing
December 3rd 13:00-14:30 hrs.	The lifecycle of a research project	Mentoring Seminar Nico Krisch *Graduate Institute, Geneva*
January 14th 13:00 – 14:30 hrs.	Writing Peer-Reviews	Mentoring Seminar Ingo Venzke *University of Amsterdam*
February 4th 13:00-14:30 hrs.	Postgraduate and doctoral supervision	Mentoring Seminar Susan Marks *London School of Economics*
February 18th 13:00-14:30 hrs.	Closing Session	Peer2peer community corner

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