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On 29 October from 16:00-18:00, Professor Anne Orford (University of Melbourne) will give a guest lecture titled '**The Promises and Perils of Interdisciplinary Encounters**'. The lecture will take place at the Faculty of Law of the University of Tartu, Näituse 20-203, Tartu. There will be no live stream of the event. The Doctoral School cannot cover travel expenses for attendees coming from outside Tartu.

Abstract:

Many scholars find that our work is enriched, influenced, and shaped by engagement with work from other disciplines. Increasingly, we are also encouraged by research funders and university managers to engage in interdisciplinary research. Yet while interdisciplinary research holds many promises of openness, innovation, exchange, and shared insights, it can also be a search of perils, such as scientific imperialism, replacing pluralism with monism, or creating simplistic versions of each discipline. This lecture will reflect upon those promises and perils, and draw on the history of international law to suggest some ways that interdisciplinary encounters might avoid the spectre of imperialism.

Lecturer:

Anne Orford is Melbourne Laureate Professor and Michael D Kirby Chair of International Law at Melbourne Law School, and Visiting Professor of Law and John Harvey Gregory Lecturer on World Organization at Harvard Law School. She researches and teaches in the areas of international law, international dispute settlement, international economic law, climate change, and the history and theory of international law. She is a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, and a past President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law. <https://law.unimelb.edu.au/about/staff/anne-orford>

Discussant:

The lecture and the following discussion will be moderated by **Professor Lauri Mälksoo**.

Lauri Mälksoo is Professor of International Law at the University of Tartu. Like Professor Orford, he has been interested in the history of international law and has engaged with Professor Orford's book 'International Law and the Politics of History' (2021) in a symposium organized by the Temple International and Comparative Law Journal,

<https://sites.temple.edu/ticlj/files/2023/03/Malksoo-Contested-Politics-of-History-117-127.pdf>