DEFORMALISATION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

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Formalism has been the central paradigm in ascertaining the rules of international law and distinguishing between law and non-law at the international level since systematic studies of international law were first initiated. Accordingly, international lawyers have always been trained to delineate international legal rules by virtue of the formal source from which they emanate, a blueprint that, until recently, has been persistently perpetuated. There has been a contemporary retreat away from formalism that this seminar will address and the speaker examines some avenues for the containment of deformalisation and the rehabilitation of formalism as a central paradigm for the delineation of international law.

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