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DOUGLAS MCK. BROWN LECTURE

INVISIBLE LEVIATHANS: GLOBAL CORPORATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

We are poised at a critical moment of finding the right balance between economic activity and human and planetary well-being. The model of consumption-led growth inaugurated in the 1950's has been globalized, accelerating rapidly since the end of the Cold War. Planetary systems are in danger because conventional economic models don't recognize the earth's limits. Rising inequality between and within nations is fostering the rise of demagogues who blame 'outsiders' for wage stagnation and high unemployment. In all of this, the two most powerful actors on the scene are nation-states and global corporations. And yet only one of them can effectively be held to account.

In this lecture, Sundhya Pahuja will show the ways in which international law contributes to this situation. She will argue that we need a new understanding of the relationship between global corporations, states, state law and international law if we are to begin to hold global corporations to account.

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Sundhya Pahuja is Professor of International Law and Director of the Institute for International Law and the Humanities at the University of Melbourne. She received her LLM from UBC in 1999 under the supervision of Professors Karin Mickelson and Ruth Buchanan, publishing an early critical account of IMF Conditionality. She completed her PhD at the University of London. She is the author of the prize winning, *Decolonising International Law: Development, Economic Growth and the Politics of Universality* (CUP 2011), and co-editor of several collections, most recently, *International Law and the Cold War* (CUP, 2019) with Gerry Simpson and Matthew Craven.

Sundhya has been a Fellow at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies (2019), Genest Global Chair at Osgoode Hall Law School (2018) and a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Harvard's Institute for Global Law and Policy (2016). She is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences.

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ROOM 122

DOUGLAS MCK. BROWN

The Douglas McK. Brown Chair in Law was created in 1986 in honour of Douglas McK. Brown. Mr. Brown was educated at the University of British Columbia and in Cambridge, England. For many years he taught as an Adjunct Professor at the law school in addition to his busy practice in the firm of Russell & DuMoulin (now Fasken). He became the professional head of the firm and its heart for many years. Through this lectureship in his name, the Allard School of Law appoints a distinguished visitor each year. This lectureship would not be possible without the generous support of those who contributed to the endowment.