

Introduction to the 2013 Editors' Symposium: *The Status of International Law and International Human Rights*

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The outstanding collection of articles following this Introduction constitutes the 2013 Editors' Symposium of the *San Diego Law Review*. The Editors' Symposium, an annual event, began with the 2004 Symposium, *What Is Legal Interpretation?*, which appeared in these pages in Volume 42.¹ It was followed in 2005 by the Symposium, *The Meaning of Marriage*,² in 2006 by the Symposium, *The Rights and Wrongs of Discrimination*,³ in 2007 by the Symposium, *Informational Privacy: Philosophical Foundations and Legal Implications*,⁴ in 2008 by the Symposium, *National Borders and Immigration*,⁵ in 2009 by the Symposium, *Isaiah Berlin, Value Pluralism, and the Law*,⁶ in 2010 by the Symposium, *Freedom of*

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5. Symposium, *National Borders and Immigration*, 45 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 863 (2008).

6. Symposium, *Isaiah Berlin, Value Pluralism, and the Law*, 46 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 753 (2009).

Conscience: Stranger in a Secular Land;⁷ in 2011 by the Symposium, *The Morality of Preventive Restriction of Liberty*;⁸ and in 2012 by the Symposium, *The Philosophical Foundations of Intellectual Property*.⁹ All ten symposia were organized by the Institute for Law and Philosophy at the University of San Diego School of Law, and all consisted of papers and comments presented at the School of Law. The 2014 Editors' Symposium, *Laurence Claus's Law's Evolution and Human Understanding*, took place in September 2013, with subsequent publication of its papers forthcoming in Volume 51 of the *San Diego Law Review*.

Is international law "law"? Why? How is it normative? Does it supplant moral obligations? For states? For their citizens? And what are international human rights? What is their moral status? Their legal status? Do they have determinate content? What does or should follow from their violation?

This is the topic that a distinguished group of scholars discuss and debate in the pages that follow. The importance of the topic and their contributions to it cannot be overstated.

In seeking to make an annual Editors' Symposium a reality, the Institute and the *San Diego Law Review* have worked to build a permanent endowment sufficient to finance it. To that end, we have solicited—and shall continue to solicit—donations from all former editors of the *San Diego Law Review*. Those who have contributed to date are listed at the beginning of the issue. We are very, very grateful for your generosity and hope this product vindicates our seeking your support. Thank you.

7. Symposium, *Freedom of Conscience: Stranger in a Secular Land*, 47 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 899 (2010).

8. Symposium, *The Morality of Preventive Restriction of Liberty*, 48 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 1075 (2011).

9. Symposium, *The Philosophical Foundations of Intellectual Property*, 49 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 955 (2012).