



Dean Rusk International Law Center

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

In front of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, home to the International Court of Justice, are the 2018 Global Governance Summer School students: (l. to r.) Saif Ahmed, Mills Culver, Bryant Oliver, Maddie Neel, Frances Plunkett, Brooke Carrington, Hanna Karimipour and Caroline Harvey.

The University of Georgia School of Law this year again was ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* in the top 20 U.S. law schools for international law. The placement recognizes a tradition of excellence in international law education, scholarship and collaboration – a tradition spearheaded by the law school’s 42-year-old center of excellence, the Dean Rusk International Law Center.

The center launched several **new initiatives** this year, including:

- **A partnership with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization** to offer a full-time, semester-long externship for students in the legal department of the NATO Allied Command Transformation. During the spring 2019 semester, third-year student Lauren Brown worked on international security issues in residence at NATO’s facility in Mons, Belgium.
- **A Consular Series** that brings to campus members of Atlanta’s diplomatic corps to speak with students on issues including international trade, migration and development. This year, the Consuls General of Belgium, Mexico and the United Kingdom engaged students with timely discussions about the future of the European Union, Brexit and the North American Free Trade Agreement.
- **A grant-funded research project**, in partnership with UGA’s School of Public and International Affairs Center for International Trade and Security, related to the United Nations sanctions regime against North Korea. School of Law faculty engaged in the research include Diane Marie Amann, Christopher M. Bruner, Harlan G. Cohen, Kathleen A. Doty and Melissa J. Durkee. They are supported in their work by several student researchers.

These initiatives join the complement of **global practice preparation** opportunities for **J.D. and LL.M. candidates**: the **Global Governance Summer School**, presented in partnership with the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies at the University of Leuven, Belgium, which offers students the opportunity for classroom sessions and professional development experiences in Leuven and Brussels as well as The Hague, Netherlands; **Global Externship Overseas**, which helps students earn practice experience at law firms, in-house legal departments, and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations around the world; **international law advocacy** in contests like the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; **Louis B. Sohn Professional Development Fellowships**, which support student travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting; and a host of events during the academic year. Center events in addition to the Consular Series included sponsorship of a panel on laws related to children and armed conflict at the annual International Law Weekend, hosted by the American Branch of the International Law Association in New York, as well as an experts’ conference in Athens, cosponsored with the student-run *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*, titled “The International Criminal Court: A Community of Nations.”

—Dean Rusk International Law Center Director Kathleen A. Doty