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The SLS International Law section and Solon Solomon (BUL), together with Saeed Bagheri (University of Reading), are organising in central London and at BUL the two-day international conference 'The U.S. and International Law in changing times'. Jose Alvarez, Oona Hathaway, and Gerry Simpson will deliver the main speeches. With the current, potential participants are invited to submit abstracts for the Conference panels, which are built around the themes of geopolitics, international security, trade issues, human rights, international organisations, science, and technology. Possible questions that can be explored include, but are not limited to, the stance of the current U.S. administration on

- The territorial policy towards Canada, Greenland and other regions
- The use of nuclear weapons
- The question of autonomy or independence for the exercise of the right to self-determination worldwide
- The policy towards migrants, refugees and asylum seekers
- The participation in international organisations
- The use and development of AI
- The global environmental policy
- The global health policy
- The imposition of tariffs

Abstracts of approximately 500 words can be submitted by September 20 to both Solon Solomon and Saeed Bagheri at solon.solomon@brunel.ac.uk and saeed.bagheri@reading.ac.uk. Apart from law, we highly encourage abstracts from academics and practitioners in related fields, such as political science and international relations. Equally, we highly encourage the submission of abstracts by groups that are generally underrepresented, such as women, people from the Global South, PhD and postdoctoral students, and early-career researchers up to three years after achieving tenure. A possibility of a publication venue following peer-review will be explored for selected publications after the Conference. Following the selection of the abstracts, limited bursaries of up to £200 each will be considered for some PhD, postdoctoral students, and early-career researchers who apply and demonstrate an objective inability to finance their Conference participation through other means.