

# Do International Organizations Really Advance the “Rule of Law”?

The UN, and other international organizations, are widely seen as instruments to promote the “rule of law.” But is advancing the rule of law at the national level (as through ambitious peacekeeping efforts) comparable to advancing it globally, among and within international organizations? To the extent the rule of law presumes adherence to the law, accountability, and consistency, do international organizations like the UN really adhere to the rule of law?

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## Dialogue with NYU Professor Jose Alvarez and UNU Rector David Malone

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**2F Reception Hall,  
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Prior to entering academia in 1989, he was an attorney adviser with the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State and was the legal adviser to the administration of justice program in Latin America coordinated by the Agency of International Development. Educated at Harvard College, Harvard Law School, and Oxford University, Professor Alvarez has also been in private practice and was a judicial clerk to the late Hon. Thomas Gibbs Gee of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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