

Possible Student Paper Topics

The list that follows is merely a set of suggestions. Many other topics are possible. A promising approach is to focus on a given transnational regulatory area or regime, or on specific problems of accountability that have arisen. Brainstorm on your own and then consult one of us.

- 1) WHO accountability in the SARS Crisis (see David Fidler's new book on SARS)
- 2) Participation and accountability in the G-7, G-8, etc
- 3) Review of and participation in transnational administrative cooperation in antitrust/competition policy
- 4) Telecommunications regulation: the international making of administrative law
- 5) Domestic civil society and interested actor participation in the international cooperation strategies pursued by US agencies, including challenges to these strategies in US courts (to follow up on initial research findings we already have available)
- 6) Dialogues between different courts and tribunals on administrative questions of international significance: e.g. between domestic courts and international investment arbitral bodies (ICSID, NAFTA)
- 7) The accountability of private authority (to give one of many examples, the accountability of credit ratings agencies such as Standard & Poor)
- 8) The accountability of NGOs assuming public functions (in administration of aid etc.)
- 9) Relations between foreign affairs and administrative law action (including, in the US, presidential action that involves both administrative powers and foreign affairs issues) (a research template for the US is available to apply to other countries)
- 10) Responsibility of international humanitarian organizations: e.g. UNICEF in India?
- 11) Accountability mechanisms in International Organizations: the World Bank Inspection Panel and possible equivalents in other agencies
- 12) Reforming international economic governance to diversify effective participation
- 13) Critiques of governance: alternative paradigms for regulation
- 14) Global regulatory structures and the poor
- 15) Case studies of subject areas, e.g.:
 - a) Telecommunications regulation
 - b) Competition / antitrust
 - c) Internet governance
 - d) Pharmaceuticals / chemicals regulation
 - e) Aircraft regulation
 - f) Banking regulation and cooperation of banks
 - g) Administrative cooperation on intellectual property issues
 - h) Environmental regulation: multiple areas
- 16) Airline safety: Safety assessment of foreign aircraft maintained by European Civil Aviation conference (confidential "blacklist" of airlines banned in at least one country, including Flash airlines, one whose plane recently crashed in Egypt)
- 17) Administrative controls and regulatory powers in international scientific operational projects such as the International Space Station and the proposed International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (Fusion). These very large (\$5million or more)

projects will involve significant physical plant and lots of issues about safety, procurement, property rights, liability, social impact, ethics etc.