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'The Hope of Ages is in the Process of Realization'
Establishing a World Court, 1920-1922

International Workshop, 11-12 June 2020

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are approaching the centenary of the first 'World Court': between 1920 and 1922, experts and diplomats prepared the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice (PCIJ), the first 'World Court', located in The Hague. Their work drew on the efforts of prior generations of international lawyers and activists, and yet resulted in something new and lasting: a permanent court of potentially general jurisdiction, whose basic structures have remained unchanged for nearly a century. While the PCIJ itself has remained the subject of continuous inquiry, many questions and decisions relating to its establishment have remained understudied. These include:

- The role of key protagonists in the drafting of the PCIJ's Statute (including, but not limited to, the Advisory Committee of Jurists);
- The role of civil society and of non-European nations in the establishment phase;
- The response of the Dutch government and society to the proposed establishment of a(nother) 'Hague court';
- Contemporary views and predictions of the future Court's role and relevance.

To understand these issues and to close gaps in our understanding of the PCIJ's 'establishment phase', Professors Christian J. Tams (University of Glasgow) and Henri de Waele (Radboud University) will host a two-day workshop in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, on **11-12 June 2020**.

As part of this workshop, we invite **applications for paper presentations** from scholars of international law, history, international relations, and related disciplines.

Interested applicants should submit an abstract of **no more than 750 words** by **15 December 2019** to the following address: pcijconference@ru.nl. Please include your name, affiliation and email address with the abstract, and indicate succinctly why you feel it offers a novel angle.

Successful applicants will be notified by **1 February 2020**. Completed drafts of papers will be required by **15 April 2020**.

The Radboud-Glasgow Cooperation Fund (which funds this research project) will cover successful applicants' reasonable expenses (travel and accommodation), subject to conditions specified in advance.