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INVITATION TO BOOKLAUNCH: THE NOTION OF PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW DISCOURSE

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- 19:00 Introduction by H.E. Judge Bruno Simma, Member of the International Court of Justice
19:15 Comments by Prof. Rikki Holtmaat, Leiden University
19:30 Remarks by the Publisher: T.M.C. Asser Press
19:40 Questions & Discussion with the author Thomas Skouteris
20.00- Drinks
21.00

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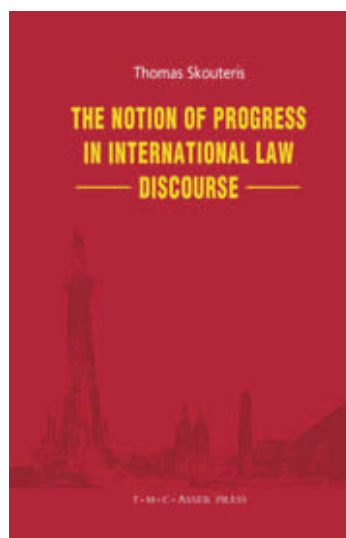
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ABOUT THE NOTION OF PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW DISCOURSE

Progress is a familiar slogan in international law, commonly used to accompany claims for improvement or change. At the same time, the notion of progress is rarely explored as such in the literature.

The Notion of Progress in International Law Discourse begins to address this gap by examining the function of the notion of progress in international law rhetoric and writing.

By looking at three concrete case studies taken from everyday international law, the book concentrates on explaining what makes a specific international law event synonymous with progress. The book engages questions of narrativity, objectivity, and truth in some of international law's founding narratives



ABOUT THOMAS SKOUTERIS

Thomas Skouteris joined the American University in Cairo in 2008 as Assistant Professor of Law, following eight years of teaching at the Law Faculty of Leiden University in The Netherlands, where he also acted as Assistant Professor and Academic Coördinator of the LL.M. Program in International Law. He is Secretary General of the European Society of International Law. He obtained his Ph.D. in Law at the University of Leiden, after defending his Thesis on "The Notion of Progress in International Law Discourse". In 1996 he participated as a Research Fellow in the Dissertation Program of the T.M.C. Asser Institute and between 1997-1999 he conducted research at Harvard Law School as Senior Fellow at the European Law Research Center.

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