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## *Law and Globalization from Below: Toward a Post-Westphalian Theory of Transnational Legal Mobilization*

In this presentation, I argue that law and society scholarship in general, and legal mobilization studies in particular, largely continue to operate with a theoretical framework developed for a Westphalian world centered on self-contained nation-states. Thus, despite the proliferation of global legal institutions and transnational movements contesting and shaping them, sociolegal studies have yet to construct a conceptual toolkit attuned to the realities of globalization.

Bringing together contributions from international relations, transnational social movement studies, and law and society scholarship, in this presentation I develop the case for a post-Westphalian theory of legal mobilization. To that end, I discuss its epistemological and methodological foundations, and ground them empirically with evidence from a comprehensive study of transnational anti-sweatshop campaigns in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean between 1990 and 2005.