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The Program on International Organizations, Law and Development (PIOLD), directed by Professor Fernanda G. Nicola, collaborates with students, faculty, international organizations, and professionals in the law and development field. PIOLD strives to expand AU WCL’s academics to the forefront of International Law and Development and Comparative Law by granting an exclusive look at the practice of the field and exposing students to innovative topics of law and technology, gender and development, natural resources, and comparative mining legislation. In this respect, PIOLD brings together WCL faculty and professionals from WB, IDB, IMF, USTR and EPLO and EU delegation, and student leaders from SBA each year to discuss the vision and goals.

Selected events hosted by PIOLD in the Fall of 2018 and the Spring of 2019

- 8/28/18: The Transformation or Reconstitution of Europe (a presentation exploring Tamara Perisin’s & Sinisa Rodin’s book).
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- 1/16/19: China’s One Belt One Road Initiative: Paving the Way to the New Global Order? (Presentation by Neysun Mahboubi, a research scholar of the Center for the Study of Contemporary China at the University of Pennsylvania, a Lecturer in Law at Penn Law School, and host of the CSCC new podcast).
- 2/27/19: From the World Bank to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (Presentation by Natalie Lichtenstein and her newly authored book, *Comparative Guide to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank*).
- 4/10/19: *The Age of Women: Why Feminism Liberates Everyone* (with Belgian Embassy—Book Presentation and Panel discussion by Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium Alexander De Croo on his new book titled, *The Age of Women: Why Feminism Also Liberate Men*). The talk was followed by a panel discussion featuring Kakenya Ntaiya, founder of Kakenya Center for Excellence; Hanna Birna Kristkansdottir, Chair of the executive board of Women Political Leaders, Global Foreign and former Minister of Interior in Iceland; Sandie Okoro, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the World Bank; Melanne Verveer, Former Ambassador for Global Women’s Issues; moderated by Heidi Hartmann, President of the Institute for Women’s Policy Research).
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Pictured: Alexander De Croo, Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium and below with Dean Nelson and President Burwell and Belgian Ambassador to the U.S.
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Pictured (left to right): Kakenya Ntaiya, Sandie Okoro, Alexander De Croo, Heidi Hartmann, Melanne Verveer, Hanna Birna Kristkansdottir.

  Presented by Jones Day and Peking University Law School. This event featured speakers and panelists from the private sector and academia in China and the United States to discuss cybersecurity, data protection, and law enforcement.
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