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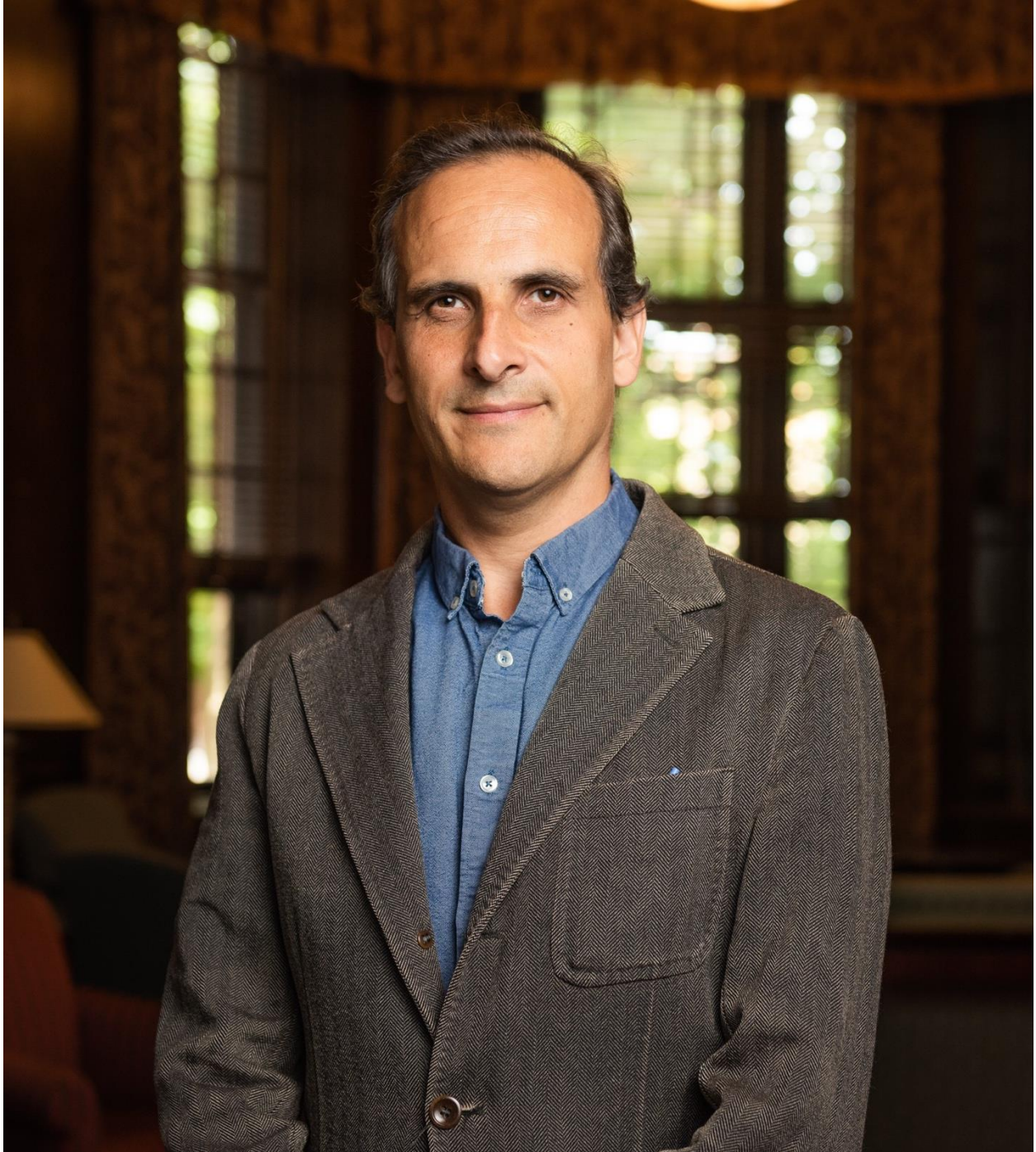
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## Biography

Frédéric Mégret is a Professor of Law and a William Dawson Scholar at McGill University. He held the Canada Research Chair on the Law of Human Rights and Legal Pluralism from 2006 to 2015. He was promoted to full professor in 2019. He was named co-director of the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism in 2021.

In November 2022, Professor Mégret received an honorary doctorate from the University of Copenhagen in recognition of his work in international law. He was named to the Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law for a seven-year term, beginning on 1 September 2023.

Professor Mégret is currently co-authoring a book on *Diasporas and International Law* with Larissa van den Herik (Leiden University). He is the co-editor with Philip Alston of *The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal* (Oxford University Press, 2020); with Immi Tallgren of *The Dawn of a Discipline: International Criminal Justice and its Early Exponents* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), and, with Kevin Jon Heller, Sarah Nouwen, Jens David Ohlin and Darryl Robinson of *The Oxford Handbook of International Criminal Law* (Oxford University Press, 2020). He is also the author of *Le Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda* (Pedone, 2002).

Prior to joining McGill University, Professor Mégret was an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Toronto, a Boulton fellow at McGill University and a research associate at the European University Institute in Florence.

## Research interests

Professor Mégret's interests lie in international criminal justice, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, the law of international organizations, transitional justice, criminal law, and general international law. He has a long-term interest in developing theories about the nature and history of international criminal justice. His work on international human rights is more explicitly critical in nature, seeking to uncover what lies behind the project of simultaneously internationalizing and legalizing human rights. He is interested in attempting to “re-imagine” the laws of war with a view in particular to prodding some of the limits of the humanitarian tradition from the point of view of the jus contra bellum and pacifism.

In addition, Professor Mégret has a long-standing interest in (i) the idea of resistance, including civil disobedience and armed rebellion, in international law, (ii) the role and status of the state in international law and particularly international law's role in consolidating the state's monopoly on legitimate force, (iii) the responsibility and accountability of international organizations, notably in peacekeeping environments, (iv) migrations, the protection of aliens, and diasporas, (v) the anthropocentrism of international law and human rights.

Professor Mégret is always interested in supervising graduate work on these issues and is particularly interested in students with strong backgrounds in legal or political theory.

## Employment

- Co-director, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, 2021-2024
- Full Professor, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 2019-
- William Dawson Scholar, McGill University, 2015-
- Associate Dean of Research, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 2012-2015
- Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 2011-2019
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 2005-2011
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, 2004-2005
- Boulton fellow, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 2003-2004
- Research associate, Law Department, European University Institute (Florence), 2001-2002
- Attaché and consultant, International Organizations Division, International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva), 1998-1999
- Attaché, French diplomatic delegation, Rome Conference on the creation of an International Criminal Court, 1998

## Education

- Ph.D., Graduate Institute of International Studies (University of Geneva) / Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I), 2006
- Institut d'études politiques de Paris, international section. Erasmus student at Leiden University, 1996-1998
- Diploma in advanced studies in international public law and international organisations law, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1996-1998
- LL.B., King's College, London, 1994
- Maîtrise de droit privé, Université de Paris I, 1994

## Areas of Interest

International criminal justice, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, the law of international organizations, transitional justice, criminal law, and international law.

## Recent publications

- Vincent Chapaux, Frédéric Mégret & Usha Natarajan, *The Routledge Handbook on International Law and Anthropocentrism* (Routledge, 2023).
- Frédéric Mégret, "Why Prosecuting Aggression in Ukraine as a Crime Against Humanity Might Make Sense", *Journal of Conflict and Security Law* (2023).
- Frédéric Mégret & Payam Akhavan, "The Problem of 'Uncertainty' in International Criminal Law and the Common Law 'Method'," *British Yearbook of International Law* (2023).
- Frédéric Mégret & Moushita Dutta, "Transnational Discrimination: the Case of Casteism and the Indian Diaspora", *Transnational Legal Theory* (2023).
- Frédéric Mégret "What Might a Human Rights-Harmonious International Regime on the Use of Force Look Like?," *Transnational Legal Theory* (2023).
- Frédéric Mégret, "Immunities of Foreign Officials for International Crimes: The Dilemmas of Strategic Litigation," *Journal of Human Rights practice* (2023).
- Frédéric Mégret, Le droit international de l'usage de la force complique-t-il la résolution des conflits ?
- Frédéric Mégret, Wagner, co-published, with Kuzi Charamba, PMSCs, and the Limits of Transnational Governance.
- Mégret F, 'Transitional Justice for the "War on Terror?"' (2023) *Journal of Human Rights* 1.
- Mégret, Frédéric, "Massive Violence Against Civilians in War: The Ever-blurring Line Between a Policy of War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity" (2023) *Journal of International Criminal Justice*.

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