

Sanctions Against the International Criminal Court: Constitutional and International Law Issues

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In June 2020, the Trump Administration announced a new sanctions regime against International Criminal Court officials on national security law grounds; in September 2020, the Administration designated for sanctions two high-level ICC officials, including Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda. The sanctions regime has been challenged in U.S. federal court by two different lawsuits, in New York and in California. In addition, the sanctions regime has provoked a sharp rebuke by the ICC itself, as well as by several other countries, international organizations, and NGOs. This panel discussion will focus on the sanctions regime which the Trump Administration imposed against ICC officials, as well as against those who provide material assistance to the court. Panelists will discuss the ongoing litigation brought against the Trump Administration on First and Fifth Amendment grounds in two different federal circuits. Panelists will also analyze both constitutional as well as international law and policy issues that are implicated by the current sanctions regime.

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