PROPOSAL: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE PROJECT

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This project examines the design and administration of global governance organizations that regulate international commerce. Examples include the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). The objective is to explain how such organizations work, why this is the case and the substantive implications of this reality. The project combines a quantitative analysis based on original dataset covering over one hundred characteristics of twenty-five organizations and qualitative research consisting of interviews and secondary sources. This is the first study of international organizations to study systematically the relationship between structural features and outcomes across numerous global governance organizations.

The book presenting results of this research (tentatively titled *World Rule*) will be in its final phase of preparation during the summer months. Research assistants will collect, analyze, distill, organize and code data to fill gaps in the existing dataset or address questions that have come up in the course of the research. They will evaluate existing information on the structure and administration of international organizations and write reports on the history, operations and issues confronted by such organizations. They will examine contemporary international political economy to identify relevant cases/issues for use in the manuscript.

Applicants should have some basic knowledge of politics, economics and international affairs and experience navigating both Yale's library system, online databases of publications (including Lexis-Nexis, JSTOR, Factiva, etc.) and the internet for research materials. Previous experience with STATA is a big plus as the research assistants will be carrying out some data analysis in support of the research.