



Craig Martin, Inaugural Rideau Institute Senior Fellow

Craig Martin is a Professor of Law at [Washburn University School of Law](#), and the [Co-Director](#) of the Washburn International and Comparative Law Center. His scholarship focuses primarily on the “laws of war,” or the interrelated legal systems that govern the different facets of armed conflict—namely, the *jus ad bellum* regime in international law, which constrains the use of force; the *jus in bello* regime (or international humanitarian law), which governs the conduct of armed forces in armed conflict; and constitutional war powers, which regulate the government decisions on initiating armed conflict. In short, the laws that try to limit the prevalence of war, and the human suffering that it causes.

Professor Martin’s recent work in this regard includes research and writing on how the causes and consequences of the climate change crisis are likely to impact international peace and security, and thereby implicate the *jus ad bellum* regime; the lawfulness of drone-based targeted killings in armed conflict; and the implications of recent efforts to amend or reinterpret the war-renouncing provisions of Japan’s constitution. In addition to his interest in the laws of war, Professor Martin has also written on issues related to individual rights, from both a comparative constitutional law and an international human rights law perspective.

Prof. Martin teaches public international law, the law of armed conflict, international human rights law, international climate change law, and both comparative and U.S. constitutional law. He is a frequent visiting lecturer at Osaka University and at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, in Milan, Italy. He was recently a visiting scholar at Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, and the Amsterdam Center for International Law, University of Amsterdam. He serves on the executive committees of sections of such associations as the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and the American Association of Law Schools (AALS).

Born in Montreal, Prof. Martin grew up in St. Lucia, West Indies. He graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada (B.A. Hons. His.), and after serving four years as a naval officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, during which time he served as a junior Naval Attaché with the Canadian Mission to the U.N., he undertook graduate studies, first at Osaka University, Graduate School of Law and Politics, (LL.M), and then at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law (J.D.). After being called to the bar in Ontario, Martin practiced law for several years as a trial and appellate lawyer in the firms Stikeman Elliott LLP, and Lenczner Slaght LLP, in Toronto, Ontario. He left practice to complete his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law (S.J.D.), after which he entered the academy.

The Rideau Institute announced Prof. Martin's appointment as its inaugural Senior Fellow on 29 November, 2021, at the same time as the launch of a new report, authored by Professor Martin, entitled *Economic Sanctions under International Law: A Guide for Canadian Policy*. The report is co-published with the [Human Rights Research at Education Centre](#), University of Ottawa and is part of a co-project with the [Group of 78](#).