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Scholars of international law and international relations have rediscovered one another. This article reviews the burgeoning "IR/IL" literature of recent years, examining how lawyers have employed IR theory in the analysis of international law and institutions and how they have challenged IR theory by reasserting the distinctive role of law in explanations of international affairs. The authors conclude by posing six substantive research questions around which an interdisciplinary research agenda might be built.

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