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[...] Conventional wisdom finds that international banking law is an applied field. In contrast to a traditional field like constitutional law, in which well-developed bodies of literature exist that draw upon feminist legal theory, critical race theory, law and economics, and critical legal studies, international banking law seems bereft of jurisprudential perspectives. Finance professors may ruminate about whether exchange rates move in accordance with the interest rate parity theorem, but what possible contribution could legal theorists make to understand international banking? [...]