



From The Director

Lent Term 2008: Number 9

"This term's been packed with events and with our 25th Anniversary coming up, the Centre's never been so busy!"

James Crawford

The First Africa Project

The joint First Africa (Pty) Ltd and Lauterpacht Centre project on Corporate Complicity is aimed at conducting a legal analysis of the concept of corporate complicity in human rights violations. The research is based at the Lauterpacht Centre and will be conducted over a period of 18 months. The project is funded by First Africa, a leading investment bank in Africa.

A steering committee consisting of Chester Crocker (Chairman and James R. Schlesinger Professor of Strategic Studies at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service), James Crawford (Director of the Lauterpacht Centre), John Barker (Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre), Guglielmo Verdirame (Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre), Kofi Adjepong-Boateng (Chief Executive of First Africa) and Andre Pienaar (Good Governance Group) provides oversight of the project. Research is undertaken by Vuyelwa Kuuya. The Steering Group met in Cambridge on 8-9 February 2008 and approved research plans, including a conference to present the work to be held in 2009. The project's aim is to assist legal and financial advisory firms by providing clearer parameters for due diligence investigations into the affairs of companies operating in conflict zones.



Project research will be conducted by Vuyelwa Kuuya (vk264@cam.ac.uk)

In Memoriam: Sir Arthur Watts KCMG QC

Arthur's death, on 16 November 2007, came as a shock to us all; he had seemed such a permanent feature of the international law profession. I particularly remember his role as coordinator of the FCO course at the Centre in the 1990s, a role performed – as all he did – with grace, good humour and with all the benefits of his long experience.

There will be a Memorial Service in Gray's Inn Chapel at 5 pm on Thursday 17th April. Sir Eli Lauterpacht's record of Arthur and his work will appear in the 2007 *British Yearbook of International Law*.

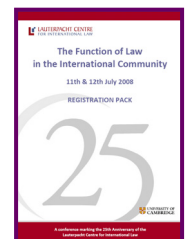


Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture Papers

The 2007/8 Sir Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture was given in January by Mr Ralph Zacklin CMG, who served as Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs at the United Nations from 1998 to 2005. The lecture, on *the UN Secretariat and the Use of Force in a Unipolar World* was delivered in three parts, the papers for which are now available from the Centre's website.

25th Anniversary Celebrations - 11-12 July

Further to our initial letter containing preliminary information on the Centre's 25th Anniversary celebrations, which will take place on 11-12 July 2008, a Registration Pack including a provisional programme of events has recently been sent to our alumni and affiliates. If you did not receive a Registration Pack, please contact Anita Rutherford at events@lcil.cam.ac.uk. Please register early to avoid disappointment.



Roundtable: Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters

On Saturday 8th March 2008, the Centre hosted a roundtable discussion on the protection of persons in the event of disasters – a topic recently taken up for consideration by the International Law Commission. The roundtable was organised by the Centre in conjunction with Special Rapporteur Eduardo Valencia-Ospina and 20 experts on international law and disaster relief attended. A fruitful and lively discussion took place, which will hopefully assist the Special Rapporteur in his work.

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Centre life in pics:



The Zacklins with Sir Eli Lauterpacht at the Lauterpacht Lectures



Directors in chairs: a rare moment in a busy schedule



Our 25th Anniversary celebrations in July promise to be one of the great events in this year's international law calendar. The provisional programme is attached to this FTD.

If you have any Alumni or Centre-related news you would like others to hear about, do let us have it via email to admin@lcll.cam.ac.uk



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Lent Term Visiting Fellows Photo 2008



Clockwise from top left: Christina Binder, Yoshinori Abe, Ottavio Quirico, Steve Tharakan, Chia Lenhardt, Musrifah Sapardi, Aage Falkanger, Anne Lagerwall, Roger O'Keefe, James Crawford, Raffaella Nigro, and Sharjil Kharal

News from Fellows and Alumni:

Margaret Young has been appointed Assistant Editor of the *British Yearbook of International Law*. Margaret joined Pembroke College as the William Charnley Research Fellow in Public International Law in 2007, a position that is jointly funded by a generous private donor, the College's Thornton Law Fund and the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law.

Vuyelwa Kuuya is a research fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre and a research associate of First Africa (Ltd). She is working on the joint First Africa (Pty) Ltd and Lauterpacht Centre Project on Corporate Complicity. She is a graduate of the University of Cape Town (LLB) and University College London (LLM). Her research interests also include the justiciability and privatisation of the provision of socio-economic rights, indigenous rights in natural resource extraction, international sustainable development law, international terrorism law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Elies van Sliedergt, a former Visiting Scholar, writes:

"I have been awarded the Giorgio la Pira Prize 2007 for the best paper by a 'young scholar' in the *Journal of International Criminal Justice* (a prize Roger O'Keefe won in 2005). The article was written during my 3 month stay as a visiting fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre (Lent Term 2006). The Centre's working environment contributed hugely to the quality of my work. This is why I thought I should pass on the news."

Professor Dobrochna Bach-Golecka, who was a Visitor at the Centre in 2002, has donated to the Centre's Library a copy of her book (in Polish) *Democracy in International Law*. She writes that her time here was essential to completing it.

Professor AF Maniruzzaman, a former Visiting Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre and currently Professor of International and Business Law, University of Portsmouth, has been elected Visiting Professor of Law (in the academic year 2007/8) at the Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario. He has also been elected a Council Member of the International Chamber of Commerce Institute of World Business Law, Paris.

The lead article in the current issue of AJIL is by Michael Waibel, who was a Visiting Fellow here in 2006. He writes in the first footnote that '[t]he London School of Economics and the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law were stimulating environments to complete this article'.



Lent Term Lectures

This Term's lectures have included:

- Lord Mustill** on *State corruption in international arbitration*;
- Mr Ralph Zacklin** giving the Hersch Lectures on the *UN Secretariat and the Use of Force in a Unipolar World*
- The ICRC Research Team** on a report from the trenches: the *ICRC Humanitarian Law Project*
- The Hon Sir Richard Plender** on the ECJ's decision in the *MOX Plant Case and its implications*
- Professor Philip Allott** on *international law and the transcending of politics*
- Dr Chester Brown** on *procedure and remedies before different international courts and tribunals: convergence or divergence?*
- Dr Charlotte Ku** on a new framework for understanding the international legal system
- Major General David Howell** on the *military lawyer: commander's accomplice or voice of conscience?*
- Ms Shaheed Fatima** on the *House of Lords decision in Al Jeddah: the Security Council and State responsibility for internment*

Easter Term Lectures

The lectures for Easter Term will include:

- Alastair Sutton** on the *evolving legal status of the UK crown dependencies under UK, European and international law*; and
- Tim Potier** on *reunifying Cyprus: the legal sticking points to a settlement*

More details on these lectures will appear on the Centre website in due course

Visiting Fellows' Roundtables

Roundtable presentations this term have included:

- Christina Binder** on the *pacta sunt servanda rule in the Vienna Convention on the law of treaties: a pillar and its safeguards*
- Peter Bowers** on a *consideration of UN Security Council resolutions as a basis for the conduct of maritime interdiction operations. Focus on Iraq operations post-2003*
- Aage Falkanger** on *coastal State intervention against vessels representing a danger of oil pollution*
- Sharjil Kharal** on *international peace enforcers and indicted war criminals: the Haradinaj Trial*
- Chia Lehnardt** on *dogs of war, pussycats of peace? The role of private military companies in UN peace support operations*
- Raffaella Nigro** on the *Islamic headscarf and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights*
- Musrifah Sapardi** on *Straits of Malacca: the call for cooperation under Article 43 of UNCLOS III*
- Marcel Szabó** on the *implementation of the Gabcikovo-Nagymaros decision rendered by the International Court of Justice*
- Roundtable discussion** - *is the recognition of Kosovo as a State in conformity with public international law?*

FRIDAY 11th JULY 2008

15:30 - 16:30	REGISTRATION: Faculty of Law, 10 West Road, CB3 9DZ	19:30	PRE-DINNER DRINKS: Nevile's Court, Trinity College, Trinity Street, CB2 1TQ
16:30 - 19:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION: David Li Kwok Po Lecture Theatre [LG18]</p> <p>Presentation: The Function of Law in the International Community Speaker: Professor Martti Koskenniemi</p> <p>Open Discussion Chair: Professor James Crawford, Director, Lauterpacht Centre Discussants: Professor Vaughan Lowe, Professor Michael Reisman and Sir Michael Wood</p>	20:00	<p>ANNIVERSARY DINNER: The Hall, Trinity College</p> <p>Welcome: Professor Alison Richard, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge; and Professor Lord Rees of Ludlow, Master, Trinity College, Cambridge</p> <p>After Dinner Speeches Speakers: Dame Rosalyn Higgins, President, International Court of Justice; and Judge Stephen Schwebel, former President, International Court of Justice Response: Professor Sir Elihu Lauterpacht</p>

SATURDAY 12th JULY 2008

09:30 - 11:00	INTEREST GROUP DISCUSSION SESSIONS - FIRST ROUND: Faculty of Law		
	<p>Session 1A The International Judicial Function Moderator: President Gilbert Guillaume Rapporteur: Professor Georges Abi-Saab</p>	<p>Session 1B The Use of Force: <i>de maximis non curat praetor?</i> Moderator: Professor Christine Gray Rapporteur: Professor Philippe Sands</p>	<p>Session 1C Investment Arbitration: A Wilderness of Single Instances? Moderator: Maître Yves Fortier Rapporteur: Mr Jan Paulsson</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Morning Coffee Atrium, Faculty of Law		
11:30 - 13:00	INTEREST GROUP DISCUSSION SESSIONS - SECOND ROUND:		
	<p>Session 2A International Criminal Jurisdictions: Nuremberg to The Hague Moderator: Professor John Dugard Rapporteur: Ms Elizabeth Wilmshurst</p>	<p>Session 2B International Law in National Courts Moderator: Lord Bingham of Cornhill Rapporteur: Professor Christopher Greenwood</p>	<p>Session 2C The Lauterpacht Tradition and its Successors: Towards Theory? Moderator: Professor Martti Koskenniemi Rapporteur: Professor Philip Allott</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Sandwich Lunch Atrium, Faculty of Law		
14:00 - 15:15	<p>PLENARY SESSION: David Li Kwok Po Lecture Theatre [LG18] Chair: Mr Daniel Bethlehem, Legal Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office The Rapporteurs will briefly summarise the debates from their groups and draw their own conclusions</p>		
15:15 - 15:45	Afternoon Tea Atrium, Faculty of Law		
15:45 - 16:45	<p>PLENARY SESSION (continued): David Li Kwok Po Lecture Theatre [LG18] Open discussion Chair: Mr Daniel Bethlehem, Legal Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Future Perfect: the Continuing Role of the Lauterpacht Centre Speaker: Dr Charlotte Ku, former Acting Director, Lauterpacht Centre</p>		
From 16:45	DRINKS AND BARBECUE RECEPTION Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, 5 Cranmer Road, Cambridge CB3 9BL		