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Front Cover: Professor Eyal Benvenisti greets students on the International Lawyers for Africa Programme in 2019.

Letter from the Centre Director

Dear Reader

Welcome to the Centre's Spring 2024 newsletter.

It is with delight, but also a certain amount of trepidation, that I write my first letter as Director.

After eight years, including the difficult pandemic years, Professor Eyal Benvenisti has decided to step down as Director. His contribution to the life and work of the Centre has been enormous. He leaves the Centre in a strong place with a vibrant community at its heart. We will have a chance to express our appreciation to Professor Benvenisti for all his work later in the year.

The Lent term is a busy one, with a full suite of events. We look forward, in particular, to hosting the Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture in March, delivered this year by Professor Beth Simmons. More information on the lecture as well as other events can be found on pages 6 - 9.

This edition of the newsletter also includes information on work undertaken by Centre Fellows on page 16.

The Centre's visiting fellows and scholars programme continues to thrive (page 28). It is a particular pleasure to welcome new visitors and greet returning ones.

With best wishes

Professor Sandesh Sivakumaran

Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law | University of Cambridge



Professor Eyal Benvenisti steps down as Director of the Lauterpacht Centre

Professor Eyal Benvenisti stepped down as Director of the Lauterpacht Centre on 31 December 2023. Professor Sandesh Sivakumaran takes on directorship of the Centre and will be supported by Professor Surabhi Ranganathan, who will continue in her role as Deputy Director.



Professor Benvenisti took on the role of Centre Director in January 2016 overseeing a busy 8-year period of growth for the Centre with a wide variety of lectures and events and ever-increasing numbers of visiting academics and students from around the world. His friendly and approachable

nature and willingness to help the next generation of international lawyers with his guidance and knowledge of international law was appreciated by colleagues and visitors alike. We look forward to thanking him for all his work and celebrating his accomplishments later in the year.

"It has been an absolute honour and special privilege to be at the helm of such a unique and indeed unparalleled Centre of excellence in international law. I have been truly fortunate to work with such knowledgeable and wonderful colleagues. Thank you all very much for your friendship and invaluable support during my time here.

I want to thank our dedicated and immensely capable and pleasant administrative team, Karen, Vanessa, Sarah and Zar, who have been a constant source of help. I wish to thank Surabhi and Sandy for sharing the burden so willingly and for their always thoughtful advice. I know that the two of them, with the help of everybody else, will lead the Centre to reach new heights."

 - Professor Eyal Benvenisti



Conference on the UK's Accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (CPTPP)

On 1 December 2023, the Centre hosted a conference on the UK's recently negotiated CPTPP accession as one of its 40th anniversary events.

Attendees and speakers included trade negotiators from the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Canada and the United States, as well as academics and trade law policymakers. The conference addressed the political and security aspects of the UK's pivot towards the Pacific, as well as the implications of the CPTPP agreement for the UK's trade policy in goods, services, and intellectual property, among other topics.

The conference was co-organised by Professor Lorand Bartels and Professor David Gantz, of the University of Arizona, and was kindly sponsored by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. A video record of the conference is available on request from communications@lcll.cam.ac.uk.



Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture 2024

Three-part lecture series

‘International Borders in an Interdependent World’

Prof Beth Simmons
University of Pennsylvania



Venue: *The Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law
5 Cranmer Road, Cambridge, CB3 9BL*

Please register for this event at: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2024/03/hersch-lauterpacht-memorial-lecture-2024-international-borders-interdependent-world-prof-beth>

Beth Simmons is Andrea Mitchell Penn Integrates Knowledge University Professor of Law, Political Science and Business Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania. She researches and teaches international relations, international law and international political economy. She is best known for her research on international political economy during the interwar years, policy diffusion globally and her work demonstrating the influence that international law has on human rights outcomes around the world.

Simmons is currently working on a project that attempts to document and explain the paradox of hardening international borders between states in an era of globalization. She uses satellite imagery to document evidence of state presence at international border crossings and the location in time and space of border walls and fences round the world. Her goal is to write a book probing the politics, economics and social anxieties behind international border “thickening.”

Two of her books, *Who Adjusts? Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policy During the Interwar Years* (2004) and *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics* (2009) won the American Political Science Association’s Woodrow Wilson Award for the best book published in the United States on government, politics, or international affairs. The latter was also recognized by the American Society for International Law, the International Social Science Council and the International Studies Association as the best book of the year in 2010.

Her current and recent research has been supported by the Carnegie Foundation, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Smith Richardson Foundation, the Radcliffe Institute at Harvard University and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Simmons directed the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard, is a past president of the International Studies Association and has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, The American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society.

LECTURE 1: 6 pm, Tuesday 12 March: ‘Setting the stage: Border Anxiety in an Interdependent World’

Even as interstate territorial aggrandizement has waned over the decades, border anxiety around the world is on the rise. A rich array of physical and rhetorical evidence from satellite imagery to discourse analysis supports this point. International borders have become a flashpoint for political demands and policies that insist on unilateralism. Yet “sovereign borders” misconstrue the very purposes – and consequences – of bordering. Can an International Law of borders move from its traditional focus on border fixity to border management? That will be the focus of Lecture 2.

LECTURE 2: 6 pm, Wednesday 13 March: ‘Treaties and Neighbors: Recovering the Cooperative Roots of International Bordering’

Territorializing political authority was a violent affair. Borders are implicated in that violence. But this lecture foregrounds their cooperative international legal roots as well. In theory, borders divide by agreement. That is their purpose. Any border worth its salt impacts relationships between states, communities and individuals. The obligation, then, is to address that impact. This lecture explores international legal resources for cooperative border management, which is subject, as always, to international legal obligations.

LECTURE 3: 6 pm, Thursday 14 March: ‘Where Cooperative Border Governance (Should) Lead: Interstate Borders as Though People Mattered’

The lecture culminates by addressing ways forward in the light of Lectures 1 and 2. First, it explores the ways that border unilateralism has had some results that are inconsistent with international human rights. Second, it suggests possibilities for addressing rights violations committed in the name of “border sovereignty.” While international law is not equipped to address all of the injustices and anxieties associated with international borders, it does offer cooperative levers and lenses that can help address and arrest some of its worst consequences.

Q&A - 1 pm, Friday 15 March (Sandwich lunch at 12.30 pm, The Old Library)

Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture

The Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture is an annual three-part lecture series given in Cambridge to commemorate the unique contribution to the development of international law of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht. These lectures are given annually by a person of eminence in the field of international law.

Further information: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/lectures-events/hersch-lauterpacht-memorial-lectures> and <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/publications/hersch-lauterpacht-memorial-lectures>



Lent Term 2024

LCIL Friday Lunchtime Lectures

Venue: Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, 5 Cranmer Road, Cambridge CB3 9BL
Sandwich Lunch for attendees from 12.30 pm in the Old Library
All lectures are hybrid unless stated

1 pm, Friday 19 January



'Cultural rights: Cinderella and the ball'

Alexandra Xanthaki
Brunel University London

1 pm, Friday 16 February



'Re-imagining International Monetary and Financial Law'

Michael Waibel
University of Vienna

1 pm, Friday 26 January



'Let Us All Agree to Die a Little':
TWAIL's Unfulfilled Promise'

Naz Modirzadeh
Harvard Law School

1 pm, Friday 23 February



'Natural Resources in International Law
- The Political Economy of Sovereignty
and the Postcolonial Order'

Sigrid Boysen
Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg

1pm, Friday 2 February



'International Law and
Communications Infrastructure:
A History'

Daniel Joyce
UNSW Sydney

1 pm, Friday 1 March



'Phasing Out Fossil Fuels under
International Law: Why and How?'

Harro van Asselt
University of Cambridge

1 pm, Friday 9 February



'Victimhood: Gender as Tool and
Weapon'

Vasuki Nesiah
NYU GALLATIN

1 pm, Friday 8 March



'Elephants not in the room:
Decoupling, dematerialisation and
dis-enclosure in the making of the
BBNJ Treaty'

Siva Thambisetty
London School of Economics

6 pm Tuesday 12 March - Thursday 14 March, Q&A, 1 pm Friday 15 March 2024

HERSCH LAUTERPACHT MEMORIAL LECTURE 2024

'International Borders in an Interdependent World'

Professor Beth A Simmons
University of Pennsylvania



DATE: 06 March | Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall

CONFERENCE

LAW OF THE SEA Climate Change and Other Recent Developments



09:00 | Introductory words

Joanna Gomula | LCIL, University of Cambridge
Fernando Loureiro Bastos | LPL, University of Lisbon

09:15 | Panel I: Law of the sea and dispute resolution

Chair: Manuel Almeida Ribeiro | LPL, University of Lisbon
Douglas Guilfoyle | University of New South Wales

Litigation as statecraft: small states and the law of the sea

James Harrison | University of Edinburgh

Judicial review of national state action by international courts and tribunals in law of the sea matters

Konrad Marciniak | ITLOS

Dispute settlement mechanisms under the BBNJ Agreement

Monica Faria-Tinta | Twenty Essex, London

Deep sea mining and potential future disputes before ITLOS

Fernando Loureiro Bastos | LPL, University of Lisbon

Ten years after the Virginia G Case: some unfinished issues

Commentator: Alfred Soons

11:00 | Coffee break

11:30 | Panel II: Promoting climate change action through the advisory jurisdiction of the ICJ and ITLOS

Chair: Surabhi Ranganathan | LCIL, University of Cambridge

Payam Akhavan | University of Toronto

Promoting climate change action through the advisory jurisdiction of ITLOS

Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh | University of Amsterdam

Promoting climate change action through the advisory jurisdiction of the ICJ

Patricia Galvão Teles | LPL, University of Lisbon

The potential for synergies between the different ongoing advisory proceedings

Philipp Nickels | NCLOS

Reflecting on the normative relationship between the UNCLOS and the UN Climate Change Regime

Commentator: Monica Faria-Tinta

13H15 | Lunch Break

14h15 | Panel III: Other developments in the law of the sea

Chair: Carla Amado Gomes | LPL, University of Lisbon

Malgosia Fitzmaurice | QMUL, University of London

Current problems of whaling and animal rights

Vasco Becker-Weinberg | LPL, Universidade Lusófona, Portugal

Marine protected areas

Stratis Georgilas | G-H Law Chambers, Athens

Naval blockade: old laws – novel practices

Alfred Soons | Utrecht University

Submarine cables and pipelines

Joanna Gomula | LCIL, University of Cambridge

Law of the sea and the WTO: the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement

Conference rapporteurs:

Shiyue Lu
Daniela Martins Pereira da Silva



Venue: The Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

Please register for this event at: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2024/03/symposium-law-sea-climate-change-and-other-recent-developments>

For further information, please contact Dr Joanna Gomula, jg218@cam.ac.uk.



CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL

13th Annual Conference: 8–9 April 2024

‘The Intersection of Peace and Sustainability in International Law’

The Cambridge International Law Journal (‘CILJ’) is pleased to invite submissions of abstracts of papers to be considered for presentations at the 13th Annual Conference of the CILJ. The Conference will take place at the Faculty of Law of the University of Cambridge on 8–9 April 2024. The topic of the Conference is ‘The Intersection of Peace and Sustainability in International Law’.

The separate concepts of peace and sustainability feature in a significant number of international legal instruments, and are of notable interest to all stakeholders in international law. The former is foundational to international law, whilst the latter is emerging – but both concepts are in a constant process of evolution and development.

Despite the growing importance of the relationship and inter-dependence between the concepts of peace and sustainability, little attention has been paid to this nexus in international legal scholarship. The Conference therefore invites the joint consideration of the concepts of peace and sustainability in international law, and the contemplation of their intersection.

The Conference encourages the broad exploration of any relevant themes, including:

- 1) Historical and theoretical reflections on the nexus of ‘peace’ and ‘sustainability’ in international law;
- 2) The various facets of ‘sustainability’ in international law – from environmental action to the promotion of lasting peace;
- 3) The treatment of the concept of peace in international environmental law instruments;
- 4) The aftermath of armed conflicts – navigating the transition from fighting to peaceful and sustainable solutions;
- 5) The pursuit of peace and environmental justice, including as part of climate change action; and
- 6) The contributions of the notion of sustainability in investment treaties to the maintenance of peace in bilateral and multilateral relations.

For further information, please contact the Conference Conveners at conference@cilj.co.uk.

Brandon Research Fellowship in International Law 2024-2025

The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law is pleased to invite applications for the 2024-2025 Brandon Research Fellowship, funded by generous gifts by Mr Michael Brandon MA, LLB, LLM (Cantab), MA (Yale) (1923–2012) and by Mr Christopher Brandon.



Brandon Research Fellowship

The successful scholar will become a *Brandon Scholar* and as such will be one of the community of visiting scholars at the Lauterpacht Centre. The Brandon Fellowship is a postdoctoral research fellowship and has a maximum value of £5,200. The award is intended to cover fees and costs associated with a stay of a minimum of one acceptance period at the Lauterpacht Centre (approximately 11-13 weeks).

Requirements

The Brandon Scholar will:

- Undertake a project, specified on application, on some aspect of public or private international law or international arbitration while based at the Lauterpacht Centre.
- Produce a report of their work in English at the end of their stay and deposit with the Centre any publication resulting from the work undertaken. The support received from the Brandon Research Fellowship at LCIL should be acknowledged in the publication.
- Candidates must be fluent in English and at least one other language of French, German or Spanish.

Preference will be given to candidates who are nationals of members of the European Union; members of the Commonwealth; Argentina; Brazil; Chile; China; Japan; Panama; Serbia; Switzerland; and the United States of America. Preference will be given to candidates who do not have the means to come to the Centre, and who have not yet been to the Centre. Applications from regions or countries underrepresented among former LCIL visiting fellows are particularly welcome.

How to apply

Applications should consist of the following documents:

- a completed application form (including an outline of the proposed research);
- the candidate’s CV (curriculum vitae) (maximum 4 pages);
- two letters of reference.

Application guidance notes and an application form can be downloaded from the LCIL website at: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/brandon-research-fellowship-2024-2025>

Application deadline

The deadline for applications is **Friday 5 April 2024**.

Prof Emily Crawford receives the Max Planck – Cambridge Prize for International Law (MaxCamPIL) 2023 in Heidelberg



Prof Emily Crawford receives her prize from Prof Armin von Bogdandy, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg



On 23 November 2023 Prof Emily Crawford was awarded the Max Planck-Cambridge Prize for International Law 2023 at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg in a prize-giving ceremony.

The Prize was established in 2019 by the Max Planck Institute and the Lauterpacht Centre with the generous donation of the Max Planck Society's Supporting Members. It is awarded biennially to a mid-career scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to the study of international law and promises to continue to engage in substantial, innovative, and cutting-edge research. The Prize seeks to highlight existing research and to support the prize winner's future work.

The Prize Committee was greatly impressed by Prof Crawford's scholarship in international humanitarian law characterized by innovativeness, rigor, and analytical depth. Professor Crawford has made significant theoretical contributions to international humanitarian law as well as to general international law. Her work is distinguished by her ability to combine historical and doctrinal methods to

support practice-oriented research. Her scholarship, including three field-defining monographs in a decade, pioneered a multi-perspective analysis of the evolution of central norms and debates in international humanitarian law that is highly topical for the laws of war. She has been a significant proponent of soft law norms and codes of conduct to develop international law in times of crisis.

Prof Crawford is a Professor at the University of Sydney Law School, where she teaches and researches international law, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law. She has published widely in the field of international humanitarian law. She is an associate of the Sydney Centre for International Law at the University of Sydney, and a co-editor of the Journal of International Humanitarian Studies.

Further information: [Max Planck-Cambridge Prize for International Law](#)

Centre co-hosts London lecture with Arnold & Porter

On Monday 13 November 2023, the Centre and law firm, Arnold & Porter, co-hosted a lecture presented by Sir Daniel Bethlehem KC of Twenty Essex. Sir Daniel was a Director of the Lauterpacht Centre from 2003 to 2006.

This was the fourth event in a series of public international law lectures initiated by Patricio Grané Labat, who is a [Linked Partner](#) of the Centre and Professor Eyal Benvenisti, Centre Director.

The lecture, held at The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, London, was a call to the international law community to engage in a debate about what the rules-based international legal system should look like by the year 2100.

You can read the full text of Sir Daniel Bethlehem's lecture at:

[Project 2100: Looking Back, Looking Forward A 2020's Perspective on the International Legal Order](#)



Sir Daniel Bethlehem KC, Twenty Essex



Prof Eyal Benvenisti, Lauterpacht Centre



Dr Lena Holzer receives the 2023 Prix Senior Maurice Chalumeau



Dr Lena Holzer receives her prize from Prof Juan Rigoli, Scientific Director of the Centre

Many congratulations to Dr Lena Holzer, Centre Fellow, who has been awarded the 2023 Prix Senior Maurice Chalumeau from the Centre Maurice Chalumeau of Social Sciences of the University of Geneva. The award is given to the best PhD thesis written on issues of sexuality in Switzerland.

The title of Dr Holzer's thesis is *The Binary Gendering of Individuals in International Law: A Plurality of Assembled Norms and Productive Powers of the Legal Registration of Gender*. Dr Holzer is an Assistant Professor in Gender, Race and the Law in the Law Faculty at the University of Cambridge and serves as Sheila Lesley Fellow at Girton College. Her research focuses on critical feminist, queer and intersectional approaches to international law with a focus on human rights law and sports law. Prior to joining the University of Cambridge, she worked as a Lecturer in Law at Goldsmiths, University of London and as Academic Supervisor at the Geneva Graduate Institute.

Dr Holzer obtained her PhD in International Law, with a minor degree in International Relations,

from the Geneva Graduate Institute and has acted as consultant for several European human rights NGOs aside her academic work. She is currently working on a book project tracing how international law has played a role in making binary gender categories part of people's individual legal identity. Another project of hers examines the gendered and racialised nature of international sports regulations and global inequalities in the governance of sports.

More on the award and Dr Holzer's thesis can be found at: <https://www.unige.ch/cmcss/recherche/prix-maurice-chalumeau/prix-senior/gender-binary-international-law-prix-senior-2023>

Centre takes part in 2023 International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) Programme

On 18 October 2023, after a three year gap due to the COVID pandemic, the Lauterpacht Centre was delighted to welcome back participants on the Africa (ILFA) Flagship Secondment Programme. The Centre has been involved in this initiative for over 10 years.

The annually-held international secondment programme allows lawyers practising in various African jurisdictions to be selected and sponsored for a three-month secondment (September to December) at highly reputed international law firms and corporations based in London, Paris, Lisbon and Dubai. The programme provides an academic enrichment series that incorporates training modules on various topics relevant to the African legal sector. A wide variety of practice areas and sectors are covered as part of the training modules which take place in London in the first two weeks of the programme before the lawyers then go to the various host cities. Finally, the ILFA lawyers undergo seminars at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The overall objective is to 'educate, equip and empower' African lawyers.

Centre Director, Prof Eyal Benvenisti, welcomed the visitors to Cambridge and delivered a seminar on the Law of Global Governance. Research Student, Jennifer Tridgell talked about Global Cybersecurity

in the Age of Techno-Nationalism and Centre Fellow, Dr Orfeas Chasapis-Tassinis talked about Indeterminacy in the Identification of Customary International Law. Held in the Centre's Berkowitz Lecture Hall, the three seminars sparked many interesting conversations and discussions.

International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) was created in 2006 by partners from leading London law firms with an interest in Africa, who wanted to use their positions and contacts to assist in "top-down" African development. ILFA is an Africa-focused capacity building organisation whose mission is to build legal excellence in Africa by providing access to advanced legal training, networking opportunities and education for African lawyers and senior professionals engaged in the negotiation of complex transactions in Africa. ILFA's goal is to enhance the quality and delivery of legal services to clients across Africa and to strengthen the rule of law in Africa.



Dr Orfeas Chasapis-Tassinis (4th from left) with participants on the Africa (ILFA) Flagship Secondment Programme in the Centre's Old Library

Fellows' News

Surabhi Ranganathan is enjoying being back in Cambridge after a year in Germany as a Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin. She is co-teaching a new paper on the History and Theory of International Law and Decolonisation. She will spend Fall 2024 at NYU Law School as a Hauser Global Professor. In January 2024, Surabhi completed one year as an Editor in Chief of the Leiden Journal of International Law.



Federica Paddeu: The Centre ran two events last year with members of the International Law Commission. On 5 July 2023, the Centre hosted Special Rapporteur Ambassador Marcelo Vásquez Bermúdez for a day-long workshop on the topic of General Principles of Law, currently under consideration by the International Law Commission. The workshop with Ambassador Vásquez Bermúdez was the first of our now established series of events with ILC Special Rapporteurs since the Covid Pandemic, and it was an excellent way to reprise the Centre's engagement with the work of the International Law Commission.



The workshop took place at Queens' College, Cambridge, and was attended by international lawyers from academia, practice, government, and international organisations. Throughout the day, participants discussed the draft conclusions and commentaries on General Principles of Law that have so far been adopted by the International Law Commission, focusing in particular on the concept and identification of general principles of law, the notion of general principles of international law, as well as the function(s) of these principles. The discussion was lively, stimulating and enriching.



Attendees at the workshop held at Queen's College, Cambridge

On 10 November 2023, we hosted Prof Martins Paparinskis for a roundtable discussion on the topic of compensation at the International Law Commission. Prof Paparinskis talked about the engagement of the Commission with the topic of compensation throughout its work (not just on State responsibility), and participants reflected on the importance of this topic in contemporary international law, with a particular eye to the role played in the overall framing by the work of the International Law Commission.



Prof Paparinskis (far left) and Dr Paddeu (next left) lead the roundtable discussion in the Old Library at the Lauterpacht Centre

Brendan Plant: On 10 November last year, I participated in a closed workshop convened by the Institute for Integrated Transitions to examine and discuss the Draft Articles of the Convention on Conflict Prevention and Resolution being developed by the Institute's Peace Treaty Initiative. The workshop brought together academics, practitioners and diplomats in an effort to identify lessons from international arbitration in practice for the Peace Treaty Initiative.



On 29 November I took part in an expert roundtable on 'Reparation for Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence', convened by REDRESS UK and Matrix Chambers.

At the event, a select group of academics and practitioners were joined by representatives of a number of NGOs and civil society groups to discuss the many legal and practical difficulties which victims of conflict-related sexual violence must overcome if they are to obtain reparations for their suffering. In my remarks, I discussed issues relating to the Convention Against Torture, sovereign immunity and universal civil jurisdiction, drawing on my experience representing a group of Yazidi women in bringing their claim for an effective remedy before the UN Committee Against Torture.

On 12 October 2023, I organised, together with James Anderson from Skadden, an evening seminar: 'Avoiding the Vacuum: Legal Pressures in the New Space Age' which considered the numerous regulatory challenges posed by the recent surge of innovation and activity in relation to space.

The panel of speakers, composed of government representatives, industry experts, academics and practitioners debated whether contemporary frameworks of law and governance, both international and national, are sufficient for addressing the various technological, exploratory and commercial developments which are rapidly taking shape in the space sector. In particular, the panel analysed the different sources of space laws, environmental and liability issues relating to space debris, protection of investment and intangible intellectual property in space, and matters involving tax, benefit-sharing and settlement of space-related disputes.

The speakers included: Centre Fellow Prof Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan, Dr Gershon Hasin (Yale), Karl-Kane Collery and Stephen Plant (UK Space Agency), Erika Isabella Scuderi (WU Wien), James Anderson, Kate Davies KC and Alex Rigby (Skadden).



Attendees at the evening seminar: 'Avoiding the Vacuum: Legal Pressures in the New Space Age' in the Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall at the Centre

Jorge Viñuales: At the 150th session of the Institut de Droit International, held in Angers, France, in August 2023, Professor Viñuales became a member of the Institut. He had been elected as an associate member in 2019, at the Hague session.



The Institut was founded in September 1873. It is an organisation devoted to the study and development of international law, whose membership comprises the world's leading public and private international lawyers. Other members in Cambridge include Professor Eyal Benvenisti, Whewell Chair of International Law and LCIL Director and Sir Christopher Greenwood, Master of Magdalen College. The organisation is generally considered the most authoritative world academy of international law. In recognition of its action in favour of arbitration among States, a peaceful means of settling disputes, the Institute has received the Nobel Peace Prize.

On 20 October 2023, the Centre hosted the first Annual Lauterpacht Centre Conference on International Dispute Settlement. This year, the focus was on 'Resort to International Advisory Proceedings', and it was organised in partnership with the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Governance, the LUISS Centre for International and Strategic Studies, Amsterdam Centre for International Law and the American Journal of International Law Unbound.

The conference featured presentations from prominent academics and practitioners from around the world: Prof Payam Akhavan, Prof Freya Baetens, Samuel Wordsworth KC, Dr Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh, Dr Fernando Lusa Bordin, Dr Naomi Hart, Dr Brendan Plant, Prof Yuval Shany, Elizabeth Wilmshurst CMG KC, Prof Harro van Asselt, Prof Nicolas Angelet, Dr Federica Paddeu, Prof Pietro Pustorino, Prof Lavanya Rajamani. The conference was opened by introductory speeches of Prof Jorge Viñuales and Prof Eyal Benvenisti, LCIL Director, and closed with a keynote address of Prof Jean-Marc Thouvenin, Secretary General of the Hague Academy of International Law.



Annual Conference on International Dispute Settlement held at the Lauterpacht Centre on 20 October 2023. Prof Jorge Viñuales (centre) opens the conference with his introduction "The strategic function of advisory opinions."

BRC/ICRC Customary International Humanitarian Law Project

The research team working on the Customary International Humanitarian Law Project of the British Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) enjoyed a successful term. The project has been hosted at the Lauterpacht Centre since its start in 2007.

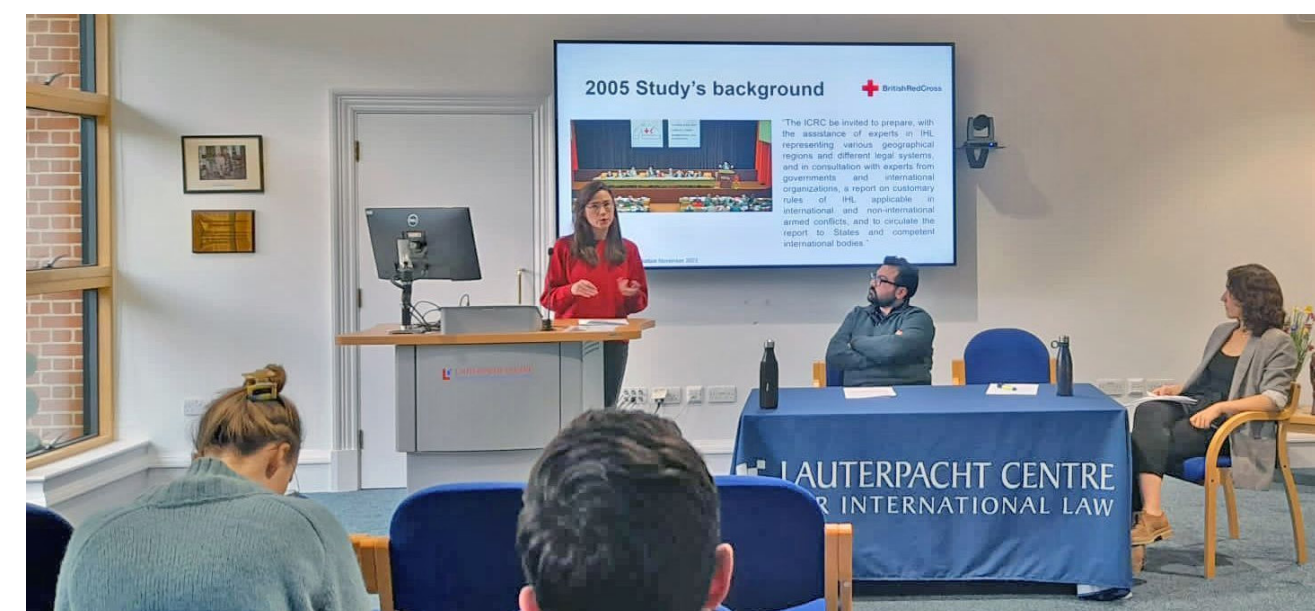
The project provides geographically diverse information in the field of international humanitarian law (IHL) by up-dating the practice part of the ICRC's award-winning online Customary IHL Database. The Database contains the 161 rules of customary IHL identified in the ICRC's 2005 seminal Study and the practice related to these rules. Its aim is to provide accurate and extensive information in the field of customary IHL and to make this information readily accessible online. The Database covers national practice of States worldwide, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, as well as practice found in international materials.

In October 2023, the database was updated with new practice from Peru up to 2012 and South Africa up to 2016. While the practice section continues to make worldwide practice available in English, since

December 2019, the rules section of the database has been available in six additional languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Moreover, in November 2023, the research team also had the opportunity to present their work and the project to the Lauterpacht Centre visiting fellows and PhD students (see photo below). This represented a valuable opportunity of exchange with the academic community at the Centre.

The team continues to enjoy being a part of the Lauterpacht Centre, contributing to its marketplace of ideas, as well as benefitting from the wide expertise of its members, and looks forward to another useful year ahead.



Emilie Fitzsimons
Team Leader



Andrea Farres-Jimenez
Research Fellow



Antoana Nedyalkova
Research Fellow



Carlos Juliano Simões-Ferreira
Research Fellow

Former Cambridge LLM student, Dominic Bielby, shares his experiences at the International Court of Justice

Dominic is a postgraduate international lawyer currently working at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as a Judicial Fellow. He studied his undergraduate Law degree and postgraduate LLM in International Law at the University of Cambridge where he received the Whewell Scholarship in International Law. He is interested in public international law, including international human rights law.



In September 2023, I commenced work as a Judicial Fellow at the International Court of Justice for H.E. Judge Georg Nolte. After having spent years getting to grips with the Court's jurisprudence in lectures and supervisions, it was quite surreal to arrive at the Peace Palace on an (uncharacteristically) hot autumn morning knowing that it would be my workplace for the next ten months.

The *Vredespaleis* (pictured opposite) is a stunningly beautiful building on the outside and is equally remarkable on the inside: the Palace is peppered with gifts donated by States, each fascinating in their own right, whether they form part of the building's structure (such as the stained-glass windows depicting the progress of humankind in the Great Hall of Justice) or loiter in the corridors (like the huge, mock Fabergé egg so heavy that the building's foundations had to be reinforced underneath it!). Unfortunately for the Judicial Fellows, our offices are not in the Palace itself, but in the 'New Building' tucked behind it. Fortunately, the New Building has good heating, a feature whose importance has grown as the Dutch winter has borne down on The Hague.



before the Court. More than one in ten of all the cases entered onto the Court's General List are currently in its docket.

Moreover, the Court's work is increasingly legally complex and involves subject matters which are particularly politically contentious. For example, the Court has before it no fewer than six cases concerning alleged violations of international human rights conventions, namely the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD), the Genocide Convention, and the Convention against Torture. This is alongside other cases with self-evident legal and political importance beyond their immediate context, such as a second round of *Jurisdictional Immunities* cases between Germany and Italy, alleged Iranian

violations of the Montreal Convention in relation to the downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 in January 2020, and alleged Canadian violations of the State immunities of Iran. This is not to mention the two advisory opinions sought by the General Assembly relating to the Occupied Palestinian Territories and climate change obligations, and the first advisory opinion request ever received by the ICJ from the ILO, seeking an interpretation of the right to strike. For good measure, there are a handful of territorial disputes also awaiting determination.

Not only have the first few months at the Court been interesting and insightful, but they have also been exceptionally busy. By the end of the summer in 2023, the Court had announced that hearings would be held in September and October regarding the preliminary objections in *Allegations of Genocide under the Genocide Convention (Ukraine v. Russia)* and the provisional measures request in *Application of the Torture Convention (Canada and the Netherlands v. Syria)*. Unexpectedly, before the end of the year, two more hearings would take place in response to significant events. The first concerned the dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan under CERD: both States had filed claims against each other for violations of that Convention before the Court. Following what Azerbaijan described as "local counter-terrorism measures in its sovereign territory to respond to an acute security threat in Garabagh" in September 2023 and subsequent UN reports of the displacement of around 100,000 ethnic Armenians from the disputed region, Yerevan requested the Court's intervention to protect the displaced and remaining Armenian population. The second concerned the ongoing territorial dispute between Venezuela and Guyana over the Essequibo region. Earlier in the year, the Court had rejected

challenges to its jurisdiction over the case. Guyana requested the Court's assistance to stop Venezuela holding a referendum which questioned, *inter alia*, whether the people supported the creation of a new Venezuelan state in the region.

It is hopefully not too clichéd to remark that it is one thing to engage with international legal conflicts in the important, but nonetheless isolated, context of a degree course, but quite another to be contributing, even in a minor way, to the functioning of an institution tasked with resolving such disputes. As a Judicial Fellow, I work as part of a team of four along with the Judge, the Associate Legal Officer, and the Assistant. The Associate Legal Officer and I work with the Judge in legal matters; typically we are drafting memoranda and participating in discussions. The Assistant provides administrative support for the team. Although we are (far too) often mistaken for the International Criminal Court, it was surprising to me how small the ICJ is by comparison with its colleague: whereas the ICC has around 900 staff, the Court (including its Registry) consists of about 100. However, this college-like closeness has its advantages: not only is it nice to recognise almost everyone in my office, the opportunity to engage with and see inside the Court's working is simply unmatched.

I count myself as unbelievably lucky to have been selected by the Lauterpacht Centre to benefit from this opportunity, and I thoroughly encourage anyone interested and able to apply to do so. I would also like to express my thanks to those at the Lauterpacht Centre who have taught me and offered their words of wisdom for my academic life and beyond, especially Dr Andrew Sanger to whom I owe a great deal for his interest in, and support for, my international legal education since Tripos.



Fellows' Publications

Giovanni Mantilla

‘Deflective Cooperation: Social Pressure and Forum Management in Cold War Conventional Arms Control.’ International Organization 77, no. 3 (2023): 564-98

‘The Politics of Armed Non-State Groups’ and the Codification of International Humanitarian Law’ in Armed Groups and International Law: In the Shadowland of Legality and Illegality, Katharine Fortin and Ezequiel Heffes, eds. Edward Elgar Publishing (2023).

Federica Paddeu

‘Investment Tribunals and the Duty of Compensation in Cases of Necessity: A Customary Law Void?’ in P Merkouris, A Külick, JM Álvarez-Zarate and M Żenkiewicz, Custom and its Interpretation in International Investment Law (CUP, 2023)

The ICJ and the Law of State Responsibility’ in Kate Parlett & Carlos Esposito (eds), Cambridge Companion to the International Court of Justice (CUP, 2023)

‘Investment Arbitration and the Development of Defences in the Law of Responsibility’ in Tams, Schill & Hofmann (eds), International Investment Law and General International Law: Radiating Effects? (Edward Elgar, 2023)

‘Defences to State Responsibility and International Humanitarian Law’ (2022) 25 Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law 71-108 (with Prof Kimberley Trapp)

Jorge Viñuales

‘The International Legal Order in the 21st Century: Essays in Honour of Professor Marcelo G. Kohen’ (Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff, 2023) J. E. Viñuales, L. Boisson de Chazournes, A. Clapham, M. Hébié (eds.)

‘The Energy Transition at a Critical Juncture’, Guest-edited special issue of the Journal of International Economic Law, forthcoming 2023 (co-edited by Dr Ollie Hailes and Prof. Jorge E. Viñuales)

‘The energy transition at a critical juncture’ (2023) 26 Journal of International Economic Law 1-22 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jiel/jgad045>. O. Hailes, J. E. Viñuales

‘Comparing environmental law systems’ (2024) 73 International and Comparative Law Quarterly 247

‘The role of advocates in the conception of advisory opinion requests’ (2023) 117 American Journal of International Law Unbound 277. M. Wewerinke-Singh, J. E. Viñuales, J. Aguon

‘Second thoughts? The international adjudication of environmental disputes 30 years later’ (2023) 3 Italian Review of International and Comparative Law 223

‘The Ukraine War and the Energy Transition’ (2023) 5 Revue européenne de droit 113

‘Corruption par les hauts représentants de l’État et immunité de juridiction pénale étrangère’, in J. E. Viñuales, L. Boisson de Chazournes, A. Clapham, M. Hébié (eds.), The International Legal Order in the XXIst Century / L’ordre juridique international au XXIeme siècle / El orden jurídico internacional en el siglo XXI (The Hague: Brill/Nijhoff, 2023), pp. 422-454

‘Of fragments, concepts and missions: General principles of law in the work of the Institut de Droit International’ in Sesquicentennial Book of the Institute of International Law 1873 – 2023 (Paris: Pedone, 2023), pp. 395-410

‘Les sources du droit international sont-elles adaptées aux défis environnementaux ?’ in C. Santulli, P. Martin-Bidou (eds.), Le droit international pour un monde nouveau (Paris : Pedone, 2023), pp. 23-38.

Centre Publications

International Law Reports (ILR)

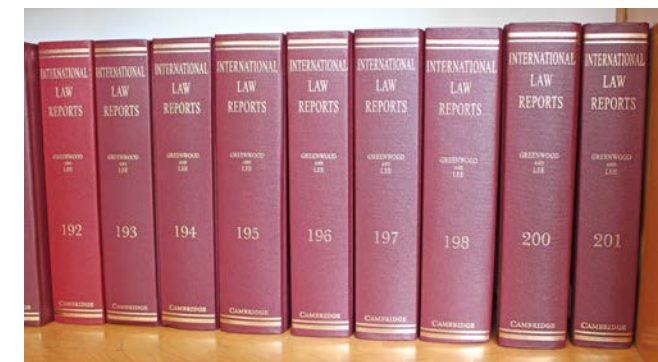
The ILR reports are edited by Sir Christopher Greenwood GBE CMG KC and Karen Lee, Centre Fellow and Fellow and former Vice-Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge.

The International Law Reports (ILR) have been reporting the decisions of national and international courts and tribunals on issues of public international law for over ninety years. The series captures the full range of judgments and awards on issues of international law from the increasing number of international courts and tribunals while expanding coverage of national judgments.

The International Law Reports (ILR) series is also available online via [Cambridge Core](#) as well as Justis.

Volumes 203-206 of the ILR will be published in the first 6 months of 2024.

Further information: <https://www.icil.cam.ac.uk/publications/international-law-reports>



Fellows' Blogs

February 2024: ‘A dilemma for the ICJ’ - Prof Marc Weller

December 2023: ‘The Emperor’s Clothes’ - Dr John Barker

November 2023: ‘Writing international law at the border: A view from Samos’- Dr Tugba Basaran

November 2023: ‘Pirates in the Legal Imagination’ - Dr Tor Krever

October 2023: ‘Every War must aim for peace’ - Prof Marc Weller & Malik Dahlan

March 2023: ‘Climate change and the advisory function of international courts and tribunals’ - Prof Jorge E Viñuales

Read the full posts at: <https://www.icil.cam.ac.uk/blog>

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Judge Dr Maria Alexopoulou (May - August 2009). Research area: EU and WTO public procurement law. I am a Judge (first instance) in Athens Greece, having LL.B. (Hons) from the University of Athens (Law School), LLM from King's College London, DJur and Post-doc from the University of Athens (Law School).



Filip Balcerzak (Sept - Dec 2020) Filip was a Visiting Fellow at the Centre during Michaelmas Term 2020. During this time, Filip worked on his book: 'Renewable Energy Arbitration – Quo Vadis?' (<https://brill.com/display/title/61784>) which was published in March 2023.

Based on analysis of 21 arbitral awards rendered in the "Spanish saga" cases, his book discusses the current challenges faced by international investment law in the renewable energy sector, addressing questions such as which facts led to the unprecedented number of investor-state arbitrations filed against Spain, whether arbitral awards rendered against Spain have an impact on future proceedings commenced against other states, and which legal grounds in international law serve, or may potentially serve, as the basis for investors' claims in the renewable energy sector. Filip offers critical insight into generally applicable lessons for the future—both for adjudicators of renewable energy disputes and for policy-makers.



David Gantz addresses attendees at the opening of the conference 'The UK's Accession to the CPTPP: Legal and Policy Issues' held at the Centre on 1 December 2023

David Gantz (Oct - Dec 2014) Prof Lorand Bartels and I co-sponsored an in-person, well-attended conference at the Centre on 1 December 2023: "The UK's Accession to the CPTPP: Legal and Policy Issues." It was a pleasure to return to the Centre, albeit briefly, after a nine-year absence.

Donato Greco (Jan-July 2022) I am delighted to share with the Centre that I got a new position as Junior Assistant Professor of International Law at the LUISS Guido Carli Rome, Department of Law.

In addition to this, a paper I was working on during my stay at the Centre was published in 2023: "Su natura e limiti della trasposizione di principi comuni 'in foro domestico' nell'ordinamento internazionale", in *Rivista di diritto internazionale*, vol. 106(2), 2023, pp. 297-339, where I addressed the topic of general principles of law in light of the ongoing work of the International Law Commission. I tried to shed light on how principles of law generally applied 'in foro domestico' can be transposed to the international legal system and what are the limits to their transposition.

Congratulations on your new appointment and publication, Donato!



Donato (far right) presents his research to fellow visitors in the Old Library during his visit in 2022.

Lea Schneider (Sept 2022 - March 2023) visited the Centre as a PhD student from the University of Zurich. Whilst at the Centre she worked on her thesis which has recently been published: 'The Regulatory Landscape of Transnational Corporations - *Embracing its Complexity by Adopting a Transnational Perspective*'. Congratulations Lea!



Carlo de Stefano (April - June 2023) from Roma Tre University, Department of Law has published a chapter titled Giving "Teeth" to Climate Change Related Obligations Through International Investment Law, in S. MALJEAN-DUBOIS, JACQUELINE PEEL (eds.), *Climate Change and the Testing of International Law / Le droit international au défi des changements climatiques*, Brill, 2023, 253-288. Carlo was the Brandon Scholar at the Centre in 2023.



Antje Wiener (2016 & 2019) is a professor at the University of Hamburg and a By-fellow of Hughes Hall, Cambridge. Her recent publication include: Lang, Anthony F and Antje Wiener eds (2023) *Handbook on Global Constitutionalism*, 2nd fully revised and expanded edition; Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing (<https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/handbook-on-global-constitutionalism-9781802200256.html>); Kang, Susan, Havercroft, Jonathan, Eisler, Jacob, Wiener, Antje and Jo Shaw (2023) *Climate change and the challenge to liberalism*, *Global Constitutionalism*, 12(1), 1-10; Constitutionalism, in; van Aaken, Anne et al. (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of International Law in Europe*, Oxford: Oxford Academic, Norm(ative) Change in International Relations: A Conceptual Framework. In Krieger, Heike & Liese, Andrea (eds.), *Tracing Value Change in the International Legal Order Perspectives from Legal and Political Science* Oxford: Oxford University Press. 25-46: (<https://academic.oup.com/book/46452/chapter/407737025>) and *Practising Civic Freedoms in Global Governance: Contestation, Agency, Sites*. In Karmis, Dimitrois & Maclure, Jocelyn (eds.), *Civic Freedom in an Age of Diversity: The Public Philosophy of James Tully* (pp.). Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press. 146-170. Antje will visit the Centre in Michaelmas Term 2024.



Visiting the Centre

The Lauterpacht Centre welcomes academic visitors and visiting postgraduate students from around the world with interests in international law. Visitors are a key aspect of the Centre's activities and stay for a period of research between one and three terms.

Visitors come to pursue their own research in a tranquil and congenial atmosphere where they have an opportunity to meet other scholars and to discuss matters with the Centre's Fellows. Or they may come simply to spend a period in quiet reading.

Visitors are left to get on with their work in the manner that best suits them, but they are also encouraged to participate in the Centre's various activities, especially the Friday lunchtime lectures which are given by visiting speakers and followed by discussion.

The Centre also arranges other occasional meetings and conferences, most notably the annual Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture and the Eli Lauterpacht Lecture which visitors are very welcome to attend.



Over the course of their stay, visitors also arrange regular sessions and round tables to present their research. This provides a great forum for discussion and debate.

For more information about the Centre and how to apply as an academic visitor, please visit:
www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/about-centre/visiting-fellows-and-scholars



"I really liked the infrastructure the Centre is providing for the visiting research fellows. I especially appreciated the online access to all important online publications in my research area. Due to this, I was able to complete more than half of my written PhD-thesis at the Centre. I am also thankful for the opportunity to talk to Prof Eyal Benvenisti and Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran about my research project and to be able to give a presentation at the Visiting Scholars Talk. Last but not least, I want to thank the wonderful staff Karen, Zar and Vanessa for always being here and helping me and for all the lovely coffee breaks and the nice talks. I will miss you! All the best to the Centre."

"I am glad that I have been a visiting fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. I had access to material useful for my research, I met Fellows of the Centre and fellow researchers and attended interesting events. I would also like to thank the administrative staff for creating a friendly atmosphere."



"If there is a decisive experience on my PhD journey that has inspired me, enriched my thinking and driven my projects forward, it is my research stay at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (LCIL). Summer and winter alike, it is the crucible of the LCIL that stimulates exchanges with scholars from all over the world and the creation of new universes of thought. The Centre is excellently integrated into the structures of the University of Cambridge and other research centres. The networking opportunities are unparalleled and access to an incredible number of research sources is guaranteed, even in the garden of the Lauterpacht Centre, where the history of international law, balmy evening breezes, and sometimes classical music blend into a uniquely stimulating atmosphere. The LCIL thrives on progressiveness, most wonderful staff and the magic of community across all borders."

"The time that I spent at the Centre helped me progress my research. The calm environment and incredible resources were key to my research progress. A welcoming and stimulating environment, inspiring colleagues and a wonderful staff."



"The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law is a fantastic place to conduct research and truly progress in a research project. The way that the Centre is organized sets it apart from other research centres. The coffee meeting encourages people to come together and share ideas every morning. Every week, the Visiting Fellows' talks allow a more formal forum to discuss methodology, research findings and perspectives on International Law. The opportunity to share ideas with the Fellows and Visiting Researchers has greatly enhanced my own perspectives. Beyond that, I have to highlight how much the staff of the Centre is supportive and how much they contribute to a fantastic environment. Overall, fantastic people, a wonderful atmosphere, and access to all the materials one would need to research international law. Undoubtedly, a world-class place to conduct research."

Visiting Fellows and Scholars

The Lauterpacht Centre is delighted to welcome the following academic visitors for the new Lent Term 2024. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and that your visit is productive and fruitful.

Takayo Ando is a Professor of public international law at Nihon University, College of Risk Management (Japan). She graduated from the University of Tokyo, holds an MA (2001) from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo, and received a PhD (2014) from Nihon University. Prior to her current position, she worked as an Assistant Professor and Associate Professor at Nihon University, College of International Relations. Takayo participated in the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court (2002) and the Assembly of the States Parties of the ICC (2002) as a member of the Japanese Delegation. She also worked as a fixed-term official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (2006-2009) and has served as a Refugee Examination Counsellor, Immigration Services Agency of Japan since 2016. Takayo was awarded the 54th Mineichiro Adachi Memorial Prize in 2021 for her monograph, *The Structure of Legal Control of International Terrorism* (Kokusai Shoin, 2020).



Juliane Beck is a PhD candidate in law at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. Currently, she works on an interdisciplinary research project entitled "Meaningful Human Control of Artificial Intelligence in Security Systems." In her thesis, Juliane investigates the fundamental rights impact of (existing and prospective) AI systems designed to support humans in deciding on the admission of third-country nationals to EU territory and their status under EU law. She is concerned with how regulatory safeguards may be crafted and human control ensured so that fundamental rights do not get undermined in the process of increased technologization. Before commencing her PhD, Juliane studied International Relations (BA) at Technical University Dresden and Lunds University and pursued a law degree at Humboldt University in Berlin.



Anna Derzhypilska is a legal professional and a PhD candidate at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, specializing in international human rights law. Her academic pursuits include significant time as a Visiting Scholar at both the University of Alberta and Wroclaw University, deepening her understanding in comparative human rights studies. Additionally, her scholarly endeavors were enriched through her tenure as a Visiting Scholar at the Free University of Brussels.



Her current role at the International Federation for Human Rights involves meticulous work in documenting international crimes in Ukraine, a task crucial for ensuring accountability and justice. In this capacity, Anna is deeply committed to advocating for the rights and justice of victims, demonstrating her dedication to human rights and legal integrity. Her expertise and efforts are vital in addressing the complexities of international law and human rights in a conflict-ridden region.

At the Centre, Anna is conducting research that revisits and applies Professor Hersch Lauterpacht's human rights concepts to current armed conflicts, specifically examining Crimes Against Humanity and Atrocities Committed in Ukraine. Her work aims to bring back Lauterpacht's Concept into contemporary discussions and applications, particularly in the context of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

Sarah El-Amouri is a PhD candidate at the Centre for International Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and a fellow of the Research Foundation Flanders. She holds a Master's degree in International and European Law from that same university. During her studies, she completed several internships, among others, as a research assistant to Prof Dr Stefaan Smis at the VUB's Centre for International Law, the Council for Alien Law Litigation, the Embassy of Belgium in Qatar and the Legal Service of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Public International Law). After graduating in 2018, she was nominated as one of six Bernheim laureates who were offered the opportunity to deepen their knowledge about European integration matters over a ten-month, paid traineeship. As a Bernheim trainee, she spent five months at the Directorate-general European Affairs of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as a Deputy Antici (Coreper II) for another five months, before joining the Centre for International Law of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel as a PhD student and teaching assistant. In 2020, Sarah was granted a four-year PhD fellowship of the Research Foundation Flanders to conduct fundamental research on home state regulation of private business conduct in illegally occupied territories.



Eleonore Gauthier is a PhD Candidate, and a teaching and research assistant in Global Health Law at the University of Geneva. She is originally from Montreal, Canada. She holds a Master's Degree in International Law from the Graduate Institute in Geneva (with exchange semester at Harvard Law School), a JD and LL.B from Osgoode Hall Law School and the University of Montreal. Eleonore's background is in human rights and her current research focuses on the topic of health, human rights, as well as critical theories and approaches to international law.



LiviaENZler I studied Law at the University of Zurich specializing in Public International Law. Since 2021 I am a PhD candidate and worked as an assistant at the chair of International Law, European Law, Public Law and Political Philosophy of Prof. Dr. O. Diggelmann. Besides Public International Law I had a special focus on Migration Law. In autumn 2022 I was a visiting student researcher at Stanford Law School.



Laia Roxane Guardiola is a PhD student from the University of Zurich (UZH). From 2021 to 2023, she was a Research and Teaching Fellow at the Institute for International Law and Comparative Constitutional Law at UZH. In this position, she taught Swiss public law and EU law and coached the team winning the 20th edition of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on WTO law. During her time at UZH, she was co-president of a feminist association and led projects focusing on integrating feminist perspectives into legal teaching. Laia holds a Master of Law (MLaw) from the University of Zurich and a Magister Juris (MJur) from the University of Oxford. In early 2023, she was a LERU PhD exchange student at University College London. Her PhD project is funded by a UZH Doc.Mobility Fellowship and a Candoc Grant.



Jan-Henrik Hinselmann is a PhD candidate at Georg-August-University Göttingen where he worked as a Research and Teaching Fellow (2017-2021), mainly in Constitutional Rights Law and Foreign Relations Law. He was assistant to Commissioner August Reinisch during the 72nd Session of International Law Commission (2021) and graduated in International Legal Studies from New York University (2022) on a full scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Since 2022, Jan-Henrik teaches Public International Law and European Union Law at Europa-Kolleg Hamburg and serves as Editor at Völkerrechtsblog. Before his stay at the Lauterpacht Centre, funded by the FAZIT Foundation, he was a Visiting Researcher at PluriCourts Oslo.



Yacouba-Sylla KOÏTA is a PhD candidate in law, jointly supervised at the University of Geneva (Professor Moïse Makane MBENGUE) and the University of Toulon (Professor Guillaume PAYAN). In early 2023, he was a LERU Law PhD exchange student at the University of Cambridge. His thesis focuses on the study of the intricate relationships between arbitration and legal order and is titled "Arbitrage et ordre juridique. L'éclipse des métanormes" ("Arbitration and Legal Order. The Eclipse of Metanorms").



Yacouba-Sylla was a teaching assistant at the University of Toulon for three years, covering subjects such as civil procedure, family law, torts law, and methodology. In the role of a coach for mock trial competitions, he has successfully prepared and guided student teams from the Félix Houphouët-Boigny University. He holds a master's degree in Litigation (valedictorian) from the University of Toulon and a master's degree in International and Humanitarian Law (valedictorian) from the Institut Universitaire d'Abidjan. He has received awards in various competitions, including academic contests such as 'Ma thèse en 180 secondes', the Prize for the Best Article in OHADA law, and the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

Xinchao Liu is a public international law PhD candidate at Tsinghua University Law School. He obtained his LLM in International Business and Economic Law at Georgetown University Law Centre in 2019. His research covers corporate damages to developing States, corporate subjectivity under international law, and the function of ISDS in breaking and rebalancing the world economic order. Xinchao has experience in the Jessup Moot Court Competition for over 10 years, achieving top oralists and best memorials at international round for both himself and teams he coaches. He also publishes his non-profit Jessup Guide, contributing to a progressive increase of active Chinese Jessup teams in the international round.



Momchil Milanov is a PhD candidate and teaching assistant (2016-2023) in public international law at the University of Geneva, Global Studies Institute. Previously, he has worked as a BlueBook trainee at the Legal Service of the European Commission (2014) and an attaché at the UN department of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2014-2015). In 2015-2016, he was holder of the Swiss Government Excellence scholarship. In 2018-2019, he was a Judicial Fellow in the team of HE Judge Mohamed Bennouna at the International Court of Justice. He was assistant to Prof Patricia Galvão-Teles during several sessions of the International Law Commission. He is the co-editor of vol. X of The Cambridge History of International Law: International Law at the Time of the League of Nations (1920-1945). He has attended twice the Centre for Studies and Research of The Hague Academy of International Law (2016 and 2019). Momchil is a Brandon Scholar at the Centre.



Zvenyslava (Slava) Opeida is an Associate Professor at National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine. Her research interests include international trade law, WTO, trade remedies and regulation of the state intervention in the market (such as public subsidies). Slava was a visiting scholar at the University of Pittsburgh, University of Cologne, and Durham University. She also worked in the Ukrainian law firm Asters, where her practice focused on trade remedy investigations. She holds an LLM degree from the University of Illinois and an SJD (Doctor of Juridical Science) degree from the University of Pittsburgh.



Andre-Philippe Ouellet is an international law PhD Candidate at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, a Swiss National Science Foundation Doc. Ch researcher and a doctoral fellow of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. His PhD research focuses on the notion and role of the object and purpose in treaty law (operation, interpretation and termination).



Until recently he was a visiting researcher at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (September and December 2023). He worked as a legal assistant for a former Chairman of the UN International Law Commission, law professors in Geneva and Montreal and has been coaching the Graduate Institute's Jessup moot team since 2021. His publications and communications (in English, French and Spanish) relate to international economic law, international organizations and human rights law. He is also involved with the Réseau francophone de droit international which organizes the Charles Rousseau International Law Moot Court Competition.

Mr Ouellet also completed a master's degree in international law at the Graduate Institute. Prior to studying in Geneva, he completed a degree in international relations and international law at the

Fabina Araujo Santos Piccoli is a PhD candidate at the Graduate Institute Geneva. She is a qualified lawyer in Brazil, with a focus on criminal litigation. She is an LL.M graduate at the University of Cambridge (Class 2021, First Class Honours), where she specialised in international water law and the principle of equitable and reasonable utilisation of water resources. She was awarded the Kate Bertram Prize for First Class Results in LLM Examination. She is the coordinator of the Natural Resources Programme of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law. After her LL.M, Fabiana moved to Paris, where she worked with the International Arbitration Team of Dechert LLP. She was then awarded a PhD scholarship for academic excellence in Geneva, where she is currently based. Her supervisor is Prof Zachary Douglas. She speaks Portuguese, English, French, and Spanish. Also, she is a runner, currently training for a marathon.



Quing Ren is a distinguished academic in the field of law, holding an LLB and LLM from the esteemed China University of Political Science and Law. Building on his foundational expertise, he pursued further research at the University of Liverpool, where he achieved his PhD with a specialization in International Investment Law. He will visit the Centre for the academic year 2023/2024.



Tianchan Ren is a PhD candidate at the Peking University in Beijing, China, under the guidance of Professor Wei Gao, who specialises in International Dispute Resolution and Platform Regulations. Tianchan holds an LLM in International Business Law from the London School of Economics and Politics, and a BA in law from Sun Yat-sen University. Her research interest includes international data regulation, cyber law and International commercial arbitration. Tianchan is visiting the Centre for Michaelmas Term 2023 and Lent Term 2024.



Priscellia Robinson is a PhD candidate at the University of West London under the supervision of Professor Maddie Ohi, Professor Verene Shepherd, and Professor Kwame Akuffo. Serving as the President of Birthmark of Africa, a research institute focused on Human Rights and Climate Change, Priscellia leads research initiatives in Law, Criminology, and Sociology. Her primary research areas include International Law, Human Rights Law, Humanitarian Law, Environmental Law, Racial Justice, Reparatory Justice, and the legacies of African Chattel Slavery and Colonialism.



A qualified Barrister of England and Wales, Priscellia holds the position of Head of Chambers at Queens Court Chambers. Additionally, she is a United Nations Fellow and serves as the Chair of the Expert UN Fellows Working Group for People of African Descent (EFWGPAD).

Priscellia Robinson is also an appointed member of the Mayor of London's Community Advisory Group for the Transatlantic Slave Trade & its Abolition. Furthermore, she contributed to the Brattle Group report on Quantification of Reparations for Transatlantic Chattel Slavery in the Americas and the Caribbean in 2023. This report was commissioned by International Court of Justice, His Excellency, Judge Patrick Lipton Robinson.

James Simeon is an Associate Professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, and a former Head of McLaughlin College, Director of the SPPA, and a former Acting Director and Deputy Director at the Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), at York University, Toronto, Canada. Prior to joining the faculty at York University, James served as the first Executive Director of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ), now the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ). He is currently an Associate Member of the IARMJ and serves as the Coordinator of its Inter-Conference Working Party Process. He is also one of the founding members of the IARMJ America Chapter. He is a past President of the Canadian Association for Refugees and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), a member of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC).



James served on the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) as a Member and Coordinating Member from September 1994 to October 2005. While a Member and Coordinating Member of the IRB he sat on a number of high profile cases, including, Pushpanathan, an exclusion case under Article 1F of the 1951 Convention that had been argued at the Supreme Court of Canada.

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