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Welcome to the Autumn/Winter issue of the Centre's newsletter.

For the first time in two and a half years, the Centre will be holding the bulk of its events programme in person. Some lectures will continue to take place online in order to benefit from speakers around the world and to reach an audience that would otherwise be unable to participate. It is our hope and expectation that, in the near future, we will be able to hold hybrid events.

In holding events in person, we will be able to take advantage of our new seminar room, which was recently completed. You can read all about the official opening of the new Dr Ivan and Francesca Berkowitz Seminar Room on pages 4 and 5.

In addition to a terrific line-up of speakers for the Friday Lunchtime lecture series, this term will see the 2022 Eli Lauterpacht Lecture delivered by Professor Noah Feldman; the Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures 2022 delivered by Professor Benedict Kingsbury; and the awarding of the Max Planck-Cambridge Prize for International Law to Professor Sundhya Pahuja. Please do check the Centre's website as more events become announced throughout the term.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr Nafay Choudhury, who has been appointed a Fellow of the Centre, as well as our Visiting Scholars. We hope that your stay with us is enjoyable and productive.

A special welcome is due to Zarine Russell, who joined as Centre Coordinator in June 2022. Zarine has already proven to be a tremendous addition to the Centre. I look forward to all of you getting to know her.

I wish you all the very best for the remainder of 2022.

Professor Sandesh Sivakumaran
Acting LCIL Director
New Seminar Room at the Centre is Officially Opened

On Thursday 6 October 2022, the Centre was delighted to welcome Dr Ivan and Francesca Berkowitz to officially open the newly-completed seminar room at the Lauterpacht Centre which was made possible through their generous donation.

The celebratory event was held in the new space and the Centre’s beautiful gardens where invited guests could make the most of the unexpected autumnal sunshine and enjoy refreshments and the musical entertainment by Cambridge University music students.

Dr Rumiana Yotova, Centre Fellow, opened the event welcoming friends, supporters and visitors of the Centre before introducing Dr Anthony Freeling, Acting Vice-Chancellor who thanked Ivan and Francesca Berkowitz for their most generous support.

Honorary Fellow of the Centre, Sir Christopher Greenwood KC followed Dr Freeling with a lecture on ‘The Future of International Law’ before Dr Ivan and Francesca Berkowitz formally cut the ribbon to officially open the new lecture space. Centre Director, Professor Eyal Benvenisti invited Francesca Berkowitz to unveil the plaque on the wall.

The new space will enable the Centre to increase capacity to host lectures and events - a continuation of Sir Eli Lauterpacht’s vision for the Centre. It also includes a moveable dividing wall separating the new room from the current Finley library so that both spaces can be utilised as standalone rooms.

The new room will be known as the Dr Ivan and Mrs Francesca Berkowitz Seminar Room.

Mrs Francesca and Dr Ivan Berkowitz officially open the new seminar room.
Eli Lauterpacht Lecture 2022

‘Does the Metaverse Dream of Electric Rights? International Law in the Era of Late Social Media’

Professor Noah Feldman, Harvard Law School
1 pm, Friday 7 October 2022

Summary by Maayan Menashe, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow and Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge

Professor Noah Feldman delivered the Sixth Annual Eli Lauterpacht Lecture, marking the Centre’s first Friday Lecture for this academic year. The event also took place for the first time in the Centre’s newly inaugurated extended seminar room; with an enlarged seating capacity fully put to use for the lecture. Gathering close to 80 scholars, practitioners, students and visitors, from different countries, disciplines and backgrounds, the event reflected the vibrant community of international law that the Centre has been successfully fostering for so long.

Professor Feldman explored the relationship between international law and the new technological developments in our social life, and in particular, the metaverse. The lecture aimed to outline some of the juridical challenges and the regulatory gaps that this complex relationship presents. Through this relationship, Feldman described his interest around this topic as influenced by a sentiment we can all relate to in our own research; that there must be a constructive role to play here for international law. In other words, we are witnessing the emergence of a transformative set of interactions, with which international law will undoubtedly interact.

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In addressing this broad relationship, Prof Feldman narrowed the discussion by offering a series of five hypotheses. The first is that we are experiencing a transition from the way we think conceptually about social media, namely as a form of content or speech, to a form of social interaction which increasingly resembles conduct and social life, only in a virtual space. The second is that this newly emerging virtual space is posing challenges to our traditional structures of regulations via domestic and international law, which accordingly requires new ideas and new responses. The third, is that there are two kinds of demands for governance in the emerging virtual space, which he categorises as broadly Hobbesian and broadly Grotian. By that, he refers respectively to a demand that this space is appropriately regulated, and, a demand that individuals be treated in this space in accordance with a natural right to dignity and safe treatment. The fourth is that we are already witnessing the emergence of new kinds of governance within the social media world. He described this process with an analogy to the law merchant. That is, governance that is developing gradually and spontaneously by the non-state actors that are using this form of self-regulation to address their needs. The final claim is that this emerging form of platform governance has some resemblance or connection to international law.

Taken together, these assumptions advance the idea that online platforms are responding to users’ demands and the resultant need for regulation by generating a self-enforced governance regime. And, that this emerging regime has developed into a substantial body of detailed decisions that both resembles the law and provides a role for international law. These claims gesture to significant ramifications for international law. Employing the example of Facebook’s Oversight Board, Prof Feldman discussed how it has been drawn on principles and conventions of international law. This discussion points to a crucial point which is common to all ongoing attempts for self-regulation in the contemporary transnational sphere: while private companies address societal demands to respond to the current ‘governance deficit’, they cannot simply fill in this gap by drawing on any norms they wish. The norms, procedures, and institutions that are adopted must be done in such a way that they are perceived by the relevant societal actors as acceptable and appropriate, to appease their concerns and expectations. Prof Feldman touches upon this issue through the notion of legitimacy. Thus, when platforms tackle their need for regulations, these regulations must be perceived as legitimate. Platforms are satisfying this need for legitimacy by drawing on international law.

As scholars of international law, we are left with thoughts about the role that international law ought to have alongside, or within, these influential regulations. It requires us to think about the suitability of international law in addressing these transformative issues; how to prevent the possibility of deflecting the content of international law norms in these processes; and of ways to ensure the continuous relevance of international law in this emerging regulatory sphere.

A recording of this lecture will be available shortly on the Centre’s website: https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2022/10/eli-lauterpacht-lecture-2022-does-metaverse-dream-electric-rights-international-law-era-late-social

Professor Noah Feldman delivers the Eli Lauterpacht Lecture 2022 at the Lauterpacht Centre

Professor Noah Feldman is Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Chairman of the Society of Fellows, and founding director of the Julis-Rabinowitz Program on Jewish and Israeli Law, all at Harvard University. He specializes in constitutional studies, with particular emphasis on power and ethics, design of innovative governance solutions, law and religion, and the history of legal ideas.

The Eli Lauterpacht Lecture was established after Sir Eli’s death in 2017 to celebrate his life and work. This lecture takes place on the first Friday lunchtime at the Centre at the start of the Michaelmas Term in any academic year.

These lectures are kindly supported by Dr Ivan and Francesca Berkowitz who are Friends of the Centre.
The Centre is delighted to share the news that English Heritage has installed a blue plaque for Sir Hersch Lauterpacht at his former home at 103 Walm Lane, Cricklewood, London.

The blue plaques scheme celebrates the links between notable historical figures and the buildings in which they lived and worked. Hersch, and his wife Rachel, lived at Walm Lane between 1928 and 1938 at which time they moved to Cambridge. Walm Lane was also where their son, Eli Lauterpacht, who founded the Centre, was born in 1928.

The plaque (pictured) was unveiled by Professor Philippe Sands and followed speeches by Dr Jeremy Ashbee, English Heritage Head Properties Curator; Dr Michael Ingram, proposer of the plaque; Sir Stephen Irwin, Gray’s Inn; and Conan Lauterpacht, youngest son of Sir Eli Lauterpacht. The Centre was represented at the ceremony by Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran, Acting Director of the Centre.

Further details: https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/blue-plaques/hersch-lauterpacht/

English Heritage cares for over 400 historic buildings, monuments and sites - from world-famous prehistoric sites to grand medieval castles, from Roman forts on the edges of the empire to a Cold War bunker. Through these, they bring the story of England to life for over 10 million people each year. English Heritage is a registered charity.

Sir Hersch Lauterpacht

Sir Hersch Lauterpacht was one of the leading international lawyers of the twentieth century. He was born on 16 August 1897 at Zolkiew, a small village in Galicia (then part of Austria-Hungary), into a middle-class Jewish family. After completing his secondary schooling and studying law at the University in Lemberg, he moved to Vienna in 1919 for further university studies. There he worked under Hans Kelsen and obtained two degrees, first a Doctor of Laws and then a Doctor of Political Science. It was also in Vienna that he met his wife, Rachel Steinberg, who had travelled there from her home in Palestine to study piano. They married in 1923 and later that year settled in England.

Read more at: https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/about-centrehistory/sir-hersch-lauterpacht

Bohdan Winiarski Scholarship in International Law 2023

The Lauterpacht Centre is pleased to announce the opening of a competition for a scholarship funded by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The scholarship has been named after the Polish Judge and international lawyer, Bohdan Winiarski.

Applications are open to PhD candidates, PhD holders and other academics who are nationals of:

- Visegrád Group States and Western Balkans States (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, as well as North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo)

The scholarship has a value of £2,600 and is intended to offer additional support towards the candidate’s costs of a research visit of 8 weeks at the Lauterpacht Centre. Any costs in excess of that amount shall be the responsibility of the candidate.

The Lauterpacht Centre provides a centre for research in Cambridge for legal practitioners and academics from around the world. The Winiarski scholar will be welcomed as part of the community of visiting scholars at the Centre. While in Cambridge, visiting scholars have the opportunity to meet with other researchers in their field and are encouraged to participate fully in the activities of the Centre, including the Friday lectures and the work-in-progress seminars of the visiting fellows/scholars. Visiting scholars have automatic access to the Centre’s Library and access by application to the University Library and the Faculty of Law’s Squire Law Library.

For guidance notes and an application form please visit:
https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/bohdan-winiarski-scholarship-2023

The application deadline is Monday 14 November 2022
Fellows’ News

For the Michaelmas Term Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran, Co-Deputy Director, will stand in as Acting Director of the Centre while Prof Eyal Benvenisti is on sabbatical leave at Columbia Law School in New York where he is the Samuel Rubin Visiting Professor of Law (2022). Eyal will be teaching two courses on International Organizations and The Political Economy of International Law.

Prof Surabhi Ranganathan, Co-Deputy Director, will also be taking sabbatical leave at the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin, which is an Institute for Advanced Study that brings together a cohort of approximately 40 Fellows together from all parts of the world, and various academic disciplines as well as arts and literature. Surabhi will be away for the whole year, focusing on research on the ocean and international law, and a few collaborative projects.

Lorand Bartels, Professor of International Law at the Faculty, and a Fellow of the Centre has been listed by the EU as a person eligible for appointment as a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) arbitrator and FTA sustainable development chapter panelist.

Lorand is Chair of the Trade and Agriculture Commission which has published its first two advices on the UK-Australia and UK-New Zealand FTAs respectively.

Nafay Choudhury has been appointed as a Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre. Nafay is a Junior Research Fellow at St Catharine’s College and Associate Member of the Centre for Global Knowledge Studies. His research explores the fragmented and plural forms of order that exist within the state, alongside the state, and beyond the state. His current research looks at the role of market associations in providing normative order in fragile settings. As a socio-legal researcher, he is interested in understanding how global legal norms, such as those promoted by international organizations, take shape at the local level. Nafay’s research interests include socio-legal studies, legal pluralism, economic development, and the rule of law.

Zarine Russell - Centre Coordinator

The Centre is delighted to welcome Zarine Russell to the Centre as the new Coordinator. She will work closely with Karen and Vanessa to keep the Centre running smoothly!

Zarine is new to the University of Cambridge, joining from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office where she worked in several different areas for twelve years, including the Press Office, Consular and Human Resources. She was lucky enough to do short term stints in Los Angeles, New York, and Barbados. She also worked as HM Vice Consul in Tokyo for four years helping British people who needed support with anything from a missing passport to help after being arrested.

In her spare time, Zarine volunteers for a women’s health charity, and works as a Ceremony and Registration Officer for Cambridge County Council, conducting weddings and civil partnership ceremonies.

Lecture Recordings

Whenever possible, all lectures at the Centre will be recorded and uploaded after the event to the Centre’s website at: www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/media/lecture-recordings

So if you are not able to attend on the day you can catch up at a later date :)
Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor at the University of Cambridge and Affiliated Fellow of the Centre has been elected to Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) - Academy of Social Sciences. Nominated by their peers and institutions for their outstanding scholarly, scientific and artistic achievement, Fellowship in an Academy of the Royal Society is one of the highest academic honours that a Canadian can be awarded in the Arts, Social Sciences and Sciences.

Marie-Claire's election laudation credits her work as a pioneering professor and renowned jurist in sustainable development law and governance, advancing innovative responses to climate change, biodiversity protection, natural resources management, indigenous rights, intergenerational justice and other global sustainability challenges while interactionally informing treaty design, implementation, compliance and dispute settlement.

Federica Paddeu is Associate Professor and Derek Bowett Fellow in Law at Queens' College, Cambridge, and a Fellow of the Centre. She is a general international lawyer, and her main research interests are the law of State responsibility, in particular the legal theory and practice of exceptions, and the law on the use of force. She has also published on matters concerning investment law, and the recognition of governments under international law. Her work has been published in leading international law journals, including the British Yearbook of International Law, the European Journal of International Law and the American Journal of International Law. Federica is delighted to be recently elected to serve on the ESIL Board for the period 2022-2026: https://esil-sed.eu/intr-to-the-new-esil-board/

Having joined Twenty Essex chambers in February, Brendan Plant has been appointed to the legal team acting on behalf of Ukraine in the latest inter-state case initiated against Russia before the European Court of Human Rights (Ukraine v Russia (X), 11055/22). The application concerns the Ukrainian Government’s allegations of a wide range of human rights violations committed by Russia in its military operations on the territory of Ukraine since the invasion of 24 February 2022. The completed application, submitted in June, follows a series of requests for interim measures made earlier in the year, in response to which the ECHR directed the Russian Government to comply with its obligations under the Convention to ensure civilians safe access to evacuation routes, food, essential supplies, and humanitarian aid. This marks the fifth inter-state application lodged by Ukraine against Russia before the Strasbourg Court, which has jurisdiction over the Russian Federation until 16 September 2022, when it ceases to be a party to the European Convention on Human Rights. The team, acting pro bono, is being led by Tim Otty KC and Guglielmo Verdiani KC, working together with lawyers at Quinn Emmanuel.

Earlier in the year Brendan was promoted to College Associate Professor by Downing College as he continues to pursue research and teaching in Cambridge alongside his work as a practitioner in all aspects of international law. Brendan is a Fellow of the Centre.

At its 80th biennial conference, the International Law Association adopted the Lisbon Conclusions and Recommendations on Positive Complementarity. Serving as Rapporteur to the Committee of 40 experts on complementarity for 6 years, LCIL Fellow Sarah Nouwen drafted the report, conclusions and recommendations. Positive complementarity is a policy that aims to enhance the capacity and willingness of states to investigate and prosecute international crimes, specifically war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and aggression.

The report has identified over twenty potential obstacles to such proceedings at the national level and has identified concrete steps that states, international organisations and scholars can take to help address such obstacles. The recommendations also tackle existing tensions over terminology and strike a balance between international concern and national ownership.

Andrew Sanger, Associate Professor of International Law and Centre Fellow, was the recipient of an award from the Cambridge Students Union Student-Led Teaching Awards (SLT) earlier this year.

The SLT awards exist to reward outstanding teaching and student support across Cambridge. This year, the SU received just under 400 nominations, which truly is a testament to all the amazing work done by university staff and clearly demonstrates the gratitude felt by students. The shortlist and winners were decided by panels of students, and the winners were announced a ceremony held in May.

Andrew said: “It was a huge honour just to be nominated, let alone to receive the Award, not least because there are so many wonderful supervisors out there. Teaching is a privilege and a real pleasure, and I feel very lucky to have such kind, engaged, thoughtful and intelligent students.”

Jamie Trinidad, Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Wolfson College, Cambridge, and Centre Fellow has been awarded the prestigious Round Table Peter Lyon prize for his article, Self-determination and contested peoplehood in Gibraltar: separating the law from the rhetoric, published in the June 2021 issue of The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs.

As well as teaching in Cambridge, Jamie is a barrister at Isolas LLP (Gibraltar’s oldest law firm) and a door tenant at 7 Bedford Row chambers. His research and practice cover many areas of international law, including territorial disputes (land and sea), self-determination, and the relationship between the British Overseas Territories and the UK.

The Round Table is the oldest English-language international affairs journal, and provides analysis and commentary on all aspects of international relations. The Peter Lyon prize is an annual prize for the best policy-oriented article on a theme of significance for the contemporary Commonwealth published in the journal each calendar year.

Jamie was appointed King’s Counsel in early October 2022.
Rumiana Yotova published an article on Gene Editing of Human Embryos is not Contrary to Human Rights Law: A Reply to Drabiak (2021) in 35:9 Bioethics 956 co-authored with Andrea Boggio. She was elected as a Member of the Co-Ordinating Committee of the Interest Group in International Bio Law of European Society of International Law. Rumiana presented a paper at the annual ESIL conference on ‘Making International Biomedical Law in the Face of Scientific Uncertainty: Actors, Processes, Outcomes’ and co-organised and chaired a panel on ‘James the Advocate, Judge and Arbitrator’ at the University of Cambridge and Lauterpacht Centre for International Law memorial conference Teacher, Scholar, Lawyer, Judge: Celebrating James Crawford. Rumiana gave a guest lecture at the University of Tbilisi on Human Rights and Solidarity in the Face of Global Health Challenges.

Sundhya Pahuja

Sundhya is currently visiting the University of Cambridge as a Leverhulme Visiting Professor. Sundhya is based in Melbourne, and is the author of Decolonising International Law (2011), and co-editor of International Law and the Cold War, the Routledge Handbook of International Law and the Humanities (2021) and the Oxford Handbook of International Law and Development (coming soon). Sundhya delivered the Hersh Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures at the Centre in 2018 and was awarded the Max Planck - Cambridge Prize for International Law in 2021. She is currently working on a large research project on Global Corporations and International Law.

Campbell McLachlan KC

Campbell is author of Foreign Relations Law (CUP 2014) and International Investment Arbitration: Substantive Principles (2nd edn, OUP 2017). His book The Principle of Systemic Integration in International Law will be published by OUP in 2023. Elected to the Institut de Droit International in 2015, he served as Rapporteur of its 18th Commission on ‘The equality of the parties before international investment tribunals’, whose resolution was adopted in 2019. He has been invited to give the General Course at The Hague Academy of International Law in 2024. He is an associate member of Essex Court Chambers and Bankside Chambers and currently serves as president of a number of international arbitral tribunals.

Margaret Young

Margaret Young is Professor of Law at Victoria University of Wellington and is Professor of Law at Victoria University of Wellington and will be based at the Lauterpacht Centre. She is an associate member of Essex Court Chambers and Bankside Chambers and currently serves as president of a number of international arbitral tribunals.

Fellows’ Blog Posts

July 2022: ‘Forcing a Referendum on Scottish Independence?’ - Prof Marc Weller

June 2022: ‘A cause worthy of more effort: the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Climate Change decision’ - Dr Stefan Theil

March 2022: ‘The War in Ukraine’ - Prof Marc Weller

Read the full blog posts at: https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/blog

Michaelmas Term 2022

LCIL Friday Lunchtime Lectures

All lectures will be held in the Finley Library at the Lauterpacht Centre unless otherwise stated

Sandwich Lunch from 12.30 pm in the Old Library

1 pm, Friday 14 October

‘Compensation under International Law and the International Law Commission’

Martins Paparinskis

University College London

1 pm, Friday 11 November | ONLINE

‘Rethinking International Law for the Commons’

Isabel Feichtner

Julius-Maximilians University Würzburg

1 pm, Friday 18 October

‘The Public Policy of International Law: Communitarian Norms and their Legal Effects’

Dr Rumiana Yotova

University of Cambridge

1 pm, Friday 25 November

‘Competing Theories of Treaty Interpretation and the Divided Application by Investor-State Tribunals of Articles 31 and 32 of the VCLT’

Judge Charles N Brower

Twenty Essex

1 pm, Friday 28 October

‘Why Systemic Integration Matters now’

Campbell McLachlan KC

Victoria University of Wellington

1 pm, Friday 4 November

‘Implementing International Law: Capacity-Building, Coordination and Control’

Margaret Young

University of Melbourne

1 pm, Friday 11 November | ONLINE

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Please note: Where permission is granted lectures will be recorded and made available as soon as possible on the Centre’s website with notifications appearing on social media channels. The Centre is hoping to be able to live-stream events from next term.
Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture 2022
Three-part lecture series

‘International Law Futures’

Benedict Kingsbury
New York University
Vice Dean and Murry and Ida Becker Professor of Law
Director, Institute for International Law and Justice
Faculty Director, Guarini Institute for Global Legal Studies

LECTURE I: 6 pm, Tuesday 29 November 2022
Futurities: International Law as Planning

LECTURE II: 6 pm, Wednesday 30 November 2022
Infrastructure, Data & AI

LECTURE III: 6 pm, Thursday 1 December 2022
Replenishing the International Law Endowment in the Planetary Epoch

Q&A - 1 pm, Friday 2 December 2022

Venue: The Finley Library, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

‘The Inner Logic of International Law’

Professor Adil Ahmad Haque
Rutgers Law School
1 pm, Thursday 3 November 2022
The Finley Library, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

Lecture summary: How does international law change? Must international law await change by external political intervention from outside the legal system? Or does international law provide reasons for its own development to those empowered to develop it? To address these questions, we should draw on an unlikely source. Joseph Raz was one of the greatest legal philosophers of all time. But he wrote relatively little about international law until the last decade of his life. Nevertheless, we should draw on Raz’s ideas to illuminate three pathways of international legal change: in the law of treaties, in customary international law, and in international adjudication.

‘Global Corporations and International Law’

PhD/Early Career Researcher Workshop

Date: Thursday 15 & Friday 16 December 2022
Time: tbc
Venue: The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

Proposals are invited for short presentations on any aspect of the intersection of international law and the corporation. The task is to offer a narrative in a way which centres on or starts with the company or corporation, rather than with other entities. We encourage proposals from other disciplines that engage with this approach and research questions that centre international law and the corporation.

Organised by (left to right) Professors Sundhya Pahuja (Melbourne) and Surabhi Ranganathan (Cambridge)

For further details please visit: PhD/Early Career Researcher Workshop (unimelb.edu.au)
Teacher, Scholar, Lawyer, Judge: Celebrating James Crawford - a Memorial Conference

Dr Orfeas Chasapis-Tassinis

Orfeas is a Research Fellow at Gonville and Caius College, an Associate Editor for the European Journal of International Law and a Centre Fellow.

Judge James Crawford was a figure that barely needs an introduction among international lawyers. A spirited academic and practitioner, he served as a judge at the International Court of Justice, a member of the International Law Commission, a Whewell Professor of International Law at the University of Cambridge, and a Director of the Lauterpacht Centre of International Law. When he passed away in 2021, the Centre felt the need to honour him by organizing a one-day academic conference to celebrate his life and career which was held on 29 May 2022.

I never had the privilege of meeting Judge Crawford, or ‘James’ as his friends and loved ones used to call him. Yet his impact could be felt all around me at the Centre and its people, even after he left for The Hague. It was thus with genuine curiosity that I attended the one-day conference hosted in his honour earlier this year.

The result did not leave me disappointed. I cannot recall ever having attended an academic occasion more heartfelt and earnest than this. Here was an academic that had indeed touched the life of many. One after the other the people who knew James took the floor to share their stories and experiences, some with tears in their eyes. Judge Crawford who seemed to have had a genuine dedication to make those around him better, whether PhD students (of which I learned that there were more than 60 throughout the years!), research assistants, trainees and co-workers of all kinds.

Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran, Co-Deputy Director of the Centre, opened up the conference by welcoming the participants and inviting short remarks by the Vice-Chancellor Stephen J Toope, President Joan Donoghue, Prof Mark Elliott, Ambassador Matthew Neuhaus, Profs Freya Baetens, Emily Crawford, Christine Gray and Eyal Benvenisti. This was followed by three separate sessions: ‘James the Scholar’; ‘James at the ILC’ and ‘James the Advocate, Judge, and Arbitrator’. ‘James the Scholar’ was chaired by Dr Surabhi Ranganathan, Co-Deputy Director of the Centre, and Dr Fernando Lusa Bordin, featuring remarks by Profs Martti Koskenniemi, Guglielmo Verdirame, and Susan Marks. ‘James at the ILC’ was chaired by Dr Federica Paddeu and Dr Andrew Sanger, and featured remarks by Profs Christian Tams, Cecily Rose and Pierre Bodeau-Livinec. The final session, ‘James the Advocate, Judge, and Arbitrator’ was chaired by Dr Rumiana Yotova and Shaheed Fatima, Sir Michael Wood, Prof Christine Chinkin, Dr Kate Parlett, and Dr Thomas D Grant as panelists.

It is difficult to fit someone’s life in a one-day conference, let alone in a write-up like this. As it often so happens when people gather around to remember a loved one and find solace in each other’s company, tears and laughter were not absent. As one can also imagine, the anecdotes were plentiful throughout the day, whether they were about how James had a last-minute idea about a speech before the ICJ or his passion for cricket. But beyond the many emotions and anecdotes, both more than welcome to such an occasion, the conference, succeeded at going beyond the purely personal. Taking off from Judge Crawford’s many professional qualities, the result was almost a collective meditation on the ideals that should guide international law academics as well as practitioners.

What one keeps from this side of the conference can only be subjective. My own takeaways are the following. First, Judge Crawford embodied to many an exemplary mentor. One who was demanding but also not afraid to recognize, credit and applaud talent. He always seemed to give opportunities to younger colleagues, spar with them intellectually, read their work, and generally invest in them and their future. Second, - and to no one’s surprise - he knew his discipline really well. Judge Crawford was a true generalist who always had in the bigger picture, both as practitioner as well as an academic. As he used to say: ‘there cannot be interdisciplinarity without a well-defined discipline in the first place.’

Third, he had a reputation for being honest as a lawyer and fair as a judge. Judges trusted him for his integrity and no-nonsense approach both to legal argument and evidence. As many attested during the conference, he always had a natural inclination to even the scales by making sure that the weaker party was well-represented and properly heard.

Fourth, Judge Crawford was inventive and playful in his profession and beyond. He always tried to weave in a good (but also didactic) joke in his speeches in a way that showed that even the most serious and complex problems needed to be explained in as simple and accessible of a manner possible.

The event concluded with a wonderful BBQ at the Centre, blessed by a sunny May afternoon. What a better way to close a conference in celebration of a life lived in full.
We believe that all states formed from empires that because we wanted something greater forged in peace. Charter not because our borders satisfied us but Organisation of African Unity and the United Nations had ever known. We chose to follow the rules of the to a greatness none of our many nations and peoples form nations that looked ever backward into history political, economic and legal integration. Rather than that we inherited. But we would still pursue continental Instead, we agreed that we would settle for the borders later.

“Kenya, and almost every African country, was birthed by the ending of empire. Our borders were not of our own drawing. They were drawn in the distant colonial metropoles of London, Paris, and Lisbon with no regard for the ancient nations that they cleaved apart.

Today, across the border of every single African country live our countrymen with whom we share deep historical, cultural and linguistic bonds. At independence, had we chosen to pursue states on the basis of ethnic, racial or religious homogeneity, we would still be waging bloody wars these many decades later.

Instead, we agreed that we would settle for the borders that we inherited. But we would still pursue continual political, economic and legal integration. Rather than form nations that looked ever backward into history with a dangerous nostalgia, we chose to look forward to a greatness none of our many nations and peoples had ever known. We chose to follow the rules of the Organisation of African Unity and the United Nations Charter not because our borders satisfied us but because we wanted something greater forged in peace.

We believe that all states formed from empires that have collapsed or retreated have many peoples in them yearning for integration with peoples in neighbouring states. This is normal and understandable...However, Kenya rejects such a yearning from being pursued by force...We rejected irredentism and expansionism on any basis, including racial, ethnic, religious or cultural factors. We reject it again today.”

The invasion of the Ukraine speaks volumes about the state of human self-organisation, about political systems driven by fabricated ideas of nationhood and identity, and about the aggressive behaviour of regimes that cater to a surprisingly limited number of beneficiaries.

Kenyan Ambassador Martin Kimani’s address to the UN Security Council at the time of the invasion of the Ukraine delivered a profound message. He cautioned against conflating ethnicity and national identity - a recipe for perpetual conflict that would place development on the back burner indefinitely. His message is important and worth excerpting:

“Kenya, and almost every African country, was birthed by the ending of empire. Our borders were not of our own drawing. They were drawn in the distant colonial metropoles of London, Paris, and Lisbon with no regard for the ancient nations that they cleaved apart.

Today, across the border of every single African country live our countrymen with whom we share deep historical, cultural and linguistic bonds. At independence, had we chosen to pursue states on the basis of ethnic, racial or religious homogeneity, we would still be waging bloody wars these many decades later.

Instead, we agreed that we would settle for the borders that we inherited. But we would still pursue continual political, economic and legal integration. Rather than form nations that looked ever backward into history with a dangerous nostalgia, we chose to look forward to a greatness none of our many nations and peoples had ever known. We chose to follow the rules of the Organisation of African Unity and the United Nations Charter not because our borders satisfied us but because we wanted something greater forged in peace.

We believe that all states formed from empires that

vanity project can be leveraged to hold humanity to ransom. Seizuring territory on invented pretexts and fairytale's cherry-picked from history, deploying chemical weapons, butchering civilians in their homes, denying food to millions of people in the global South, weaponising energy and using nuclear blackmail stem from extreme governance failures that can only make other 21st-century problems worse. Looking in the rear-view mirror of history might describe what we are experiencing but should not perpetuate it. Ending dangerous geopolitical contestations will require a more strategic understanding of forms of governance, especially those warped by forms of wealth capture concealed by identity politics.

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The rising ghost of Nazi philosopher Carl Schmitt provides the foundations of a grandiose storyline for Russian audiences to justify aggression in the Ukraine and deflect the fact that sticks are the only tool left for rulers who have eaten all the carrots. Our future depends upon the rejection of such genocidal apparitions as siren calls of instability and strife. It is possible for nations to choose forms of unity rooted not in ethnic identity and cultural homogeneity but in the common cause of creating humane and productive societies. Only then will it be possible to achieve the unity needed to overcome the global problems we face and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Climate change, conflict and displacement, pandemic mismanagement, infrastructure vulnerability, institutional failures, food insecurity, political polarisation and dystopian versions of the metaverse are among the defining challenges of the 21st century. Attempts to return to the imperial ambitions of the 19th century are as incompatible with human survival as the perpetuation of 20th-century cold war games.

From a governance perspective, it is remarkable that our political systems are still capable of concentrating power to the point that one man's
tethered to the public interest and afford citizens remedies if they are betrayed.

To this familiar but not uncontested list must be added respect for the rules governing processes by which healthy societies acquire, curate and utilise knowledge. The future of humanity depends on a grounded understanding of the natural and social sciences, history and other subjects that shape our consciousness and collective efforts. The meta-rules that govern knowledge validation processes also have their counterparts in how we articulate practical ethics based on shared moral precepts, how laws are formulated and adopted and how meaning is assigned in language. Bypassing or tampering with these institutions and processes moves the dial in the direction of totalitarianism and economic decline.

Is it not strange that most of the generic governance failures that drive egregious breaches of international law fall outside its scope. Since every global threat faced by mankind is a manifestation of governance failure, perhaps the time has come to consider how quality of governance and sovereign legitimacy intersect, as well as strong correlations between humane governance and economic productivity.

**Dr John Barker**

John Barker is a Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre and recently retired as Chairman of the Foreign Compensation Commission, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
In the September 2022 issue of the Human Rights Law Review, my supervisor Dr Veronika Fikfak and I published one of a series of papers to come out of the project Human Rights Nudge, led by Dr Fikfak at the Danish National Research Foundation’s Centre of Excellence for International Courts (iCourts).

In this paper, we present our findings on when, how, and why the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR, Court) uses the concept of dignity in its judgments. Considering that dignity does not appear in the text of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), it is notable that the Court refers to the concept in more than 2100 judgments since 1978. Overwhelmingly, these judgments concern violations of Article 3, the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment (Figure 1).

It was no surprise to us that the Court has used dignity to expand the scope of Convention rights. More striking was our finding that, as suggested by Jean-Paul Costa, former Judge and President of the Court, Strasbourg judges also use dignity as a strategic signalling device, to indicate to respondent states that their violation is particularly serious and thus to nudge them towards better future compliance (Figure 1).

Yet, judgments mentioning dignity are 1.28 times more likely not to be complied with. This might be because the most serious violations of human rights require systemic reforms that are simply more difficult to implement and take longer. However, an in-depth study of those judgments where Russia is the respondent state suggests an alternative explanation: dignity is a highly contested concept among member states of the Council of Europe, and while the Court’s definition of dignity may align with the understanding of Western European states such as Germany, it differs markedly from the meaning which Eastern European states, particularly Russia, ascribe to the notion. In Russia’s submissions, dignity appears primarily in Article 10 cases, where its purpose is to justify the interference with the applicant’s freedom of speech as necessary to protect another person’s ‘dignity, honour, and reputation’. Hence, the second largest piece in the pie chart in Figure 1 is Article 10.

Russia’s invocations of dignity to justify restrictions to Convention rights reflects the different understanding of dignity in Russia. Rather than as inherent in humanity and belonging to all individuals, in Russia’s submissions dignity is assigned to specific groups favoured by the state, notably public officials and Orthodox believers. I explore the historical pedigree and contemporary guises of dignity in Russia in my PhD thesis. For the purposes of this paper, our aim was to reveal that the implication of this conceptual misalignment between Russia and the ECtHR is that ECtHR judgments have been far less persuasive in Russia, or indeed not persuasive at all. One would be forgiven for assuming that the Court, being undoubtedly aware of Russia’s incongruous uses of dignity from the point of view of the Convention, would seek to set straight the meaning of dignity and its appropriate function in the context of the ECHR. Yet, we found the opposite. Often going against its own jurisprudence, the ECtHR either does not refer to dignity at all if Russia invokes it in its justifications, or refers to it in ways that avoid direct conceptual confrontation.

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A Brief History of the International Law Collections

Lesley Dingle

Lesley Dingle has recently retired as the Foreign & International Law Librarian at the Squire Law Library. She is a Senior Member of Wolfson College and became a Fellow of the Centre in 2021.

The Squire Law Library (SLL) is the library of the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge. It has one of the most comprehensive collections of legal materials in the UK. Although now an affiliated library of the University Library (UL), the SLL was developed originally as the research and teaching collection of the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge.

Historical Development of the Squire Law Library

International Law was established as a specialist field of study at Cambridge with the creation of the Whewell Chair of International Law by the Trustees of the estate of the polymath William Whewell (1794-1866) in 1868. It was further strengthened by the creation of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law in 1997 in honour of the seventh incumbent of the Whewell chair, Sir Hersch Lauterpacht. The importance of International Law within the SLL was recognised with the creation in 1997 of the post of the Whewell chair, Sir Hersch Lauterpacht. The faculty outgrew its premises in Downing Street and, after thirty years, the Law Faculty moved to the Old Schools site in 1935 it moved back onto the Old Schools site, where the SLL occupied the first floor of the Cockerell Building. There was little, if any, accommodation for readers, and only two small offices with seven alcoves along each side, and a gallery with a small room at the end on each side. The galleries on the North side were enclosed to form rooms for teaching members of the Faculty.

Extra space was acquired in 1968, when the Seeley History library moved out, and the SLL overflowed onto the ground floor, but by the 1980s the University decided to rehouse Law on the Sidgwick site on West Road.

Old Schools (below). After thirty years, the Law Faculty outgrew its premises in Downing Street and in 1935 it moved back onto the Old Schools site, where the SLL occupied the first floor of the Cockerell Building. There was little, if any, accommodation for readers, and only two small offices with seven alcoves along each side, and a gallery with a small room at the end on each side. The galleries on the North side were enclosed to form rooms for teaching members of the Faculty.

David Williams Building, West Road (opposite page). The current SLL occupies three floors at the west end of the building, with International Law occupying the third floor.

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International Law Collections

Since its establishment, the running of the SLL and, inter alia, purchase of stock, was guided in various ways by the Faculty Library Committee, until it was disbanded in 1982. However, tracing the fortunes of the “International Law” collections is not straightforward because historically no distinction was drawn between it and “Foreign Law”.

Until the mid-50s, collections of such materials had no designated place within the SLL. In the Downing Street library, Professor Kurt Lipstein remembered their being housed along with Professor Gutteridge in the mezzanine floor above the main library hall.

When the library moved to the Old Schools (1935), McNair was appointed to the Whewell chair, to be followed by Hersch Lauterpacht who based himself in room 6 in the Old Schools library area (next to Kurt Lipstein in room 5). Hersch tended to corral the International Law books within this area, but the first mention of a designated area for the International Law material was a recommendation in 1957 by Eli Lauterpacht for an oval table to be set aside in Bay 1 of the first floor hall in the Cockerell Building to house United Nations materials.

In 1959, the SLL expanded into the library space on the ground floor of the Old Schools previously occupied by the Modern Language collections, and a request was made for an annex adjacent to this to be designated for International Law. In 1961 it was agreed, with financial support from Lady Lauterpacht and her son Eli, that this would be turned into the Sir Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Room to hold some International Law materials. It was opened in 1962. International (& Foreign) materials have been housed separately ever since.

A further demarcation was achieved by Professor Clive Parry. He was Chairman of the Library Committee from 1975 until 1982 and he arranged for the concentration of all International (& Foreign) collections, in the teeth of some Faculty opposition, back to the first floor of the Cockerell Building at the expense of English Law materials. The latter were moved to the ground floor.

The opening of the Lauterpacht Centre in Cranmer Road in 1983 superseded the Memorial Room as a focus of intellectual activity. However, the Centre does not have its own library, and researchers and users visit the SLL. In this regard mention should be made of the contribution to the fortunes of the SLL, and the International Law collections, by the late James Crawford. Quoting from his ESA interview (Question 62), in his own words “When I came to Cambridge the library was in a fairly bad way. It had a very low budget, and (when) ... I became Chair of the Library Syndicate [I] pushed for an increase in budget, which happened...it doesn’t compare with most North American libraries, but it’s better than it was...It’s obviously essential to research and scholarship in law, including international law:...[but] I was never in favour of the Lauterpacht Centre having its own library...It was much more sensible to have an integrated collection...”

A more comprehensive account of these topics may be found in “The Squire Law Library at Cambridge: the Historical Development and Current Status of the International Law Collections” (2017) 17 LIM 78 – 91.
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 updating 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 from all over the world, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, as well as practice found in international materials.

The research team at the Lauterpacht Centre focuses on the analysis of national practice, while, since 2014, researchers based at Laval University in Canada update international materials.

In April 2022, the database was updated with new practice from Sri Lanka covering the years 2011–2014 and Zimbabwe for the year 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.

The research team also engaged in dissemination activities, with a presentation delivered to the Lauterpacht Centre visiting fellows. This represented a valuable opportunity to promote the Database and the Study to the Centre’s academic community.


Centre Publications

A number of leading publications in international law are edited at the Lauterpacht Centre. These include the International Law Reports (edited by Sir Christopher Greenwood and Karen Lee), the ICSID Reports (edited by Jorge Víñuales and Michael Waibel), the British Yearbook of International Law (co-edited by Eyal Benvenisti), and the European Journal of International Law (Co-Editor-In-Chief, Dr Sarah Nouwen).

International Law Reports (ILR)

The International Law 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.

Volume 199 will be published in October 2022. The series is also available online via Cambridge Core as well as JSTOR. Further information: https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/publications/international-law-reports

International Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes Reports (ICSID)

The ICSID Reports are edited by Professor Jorge Víñuales, Fellow of the Centre, and Professor Michael Waibel, formerly Co-Deputy Director of the Centre.

The International Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Reports provide an authoritative published collection of investor-State arbitral decisions rendered under the auspices of the World Bank’s International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), pursuant to other bilateral or multilateral investment treaties such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT), or involving investment contracts entered by States.

Combining analytical studies with case summaries by practitioners, the ICSID Reports are an invaluable tool for those working in the field of public international law, investment treaty arbitration, or international commercial arbitration, whether advising foreign investors or States.

All 20 volumes are available in hard copy and online at Cambridge Core. Three thematic volumes have been published:


Each volume has featured an eminent guest contributor, including Jan Paulsson, Christoph Schreuer, and Meg Kinnear. The next three volumes, under preparation, will focus on remedies (Volume 21), climate change and sustainability (Volume 22), and European Union law (Volume 23) in investment arbitration. For updates, follow on Twitter: @ICSID_Rep
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Eyal Benvenisti

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Joanna Gomula

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Jamie Trinidad


Jorge Vihuales


Rumiana Yotova

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Alumni News

The Centre is always delighted to hear from its Alumni. Please do send us details of your careers, degrees, honours and distinctions as well as your families and pastimes; please don’t feel that anything is too ‘ordinary’ or ‘boastful’! When sending your news, please give the year you were at the Centre. Please send your news to Vanessa Bystry at communications@lcil.cam.ac.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

Markus P Beham (2020), currently Assistant Professor at the University of Passau, Germany, was awarded the “Sustainability Award” of the University of Passau in the category “Sustainability Related Research” for his work in promoting the concept of “legal sustainability” and for launching a new law journal – printed on recycled paper in a low emission printing process – on the topic in which LCIL Fellow Markus Gehring serves as member of the Advisory Board. Markus Beham visited Cambridge last term to give a talk at Wolfson College as part of the Inter-College Cambridge Green Week. He upholds his links to Cambridge through the Wolfson Sustainability Hub.

Gerard Conway (2019 & 2020) I co-authored a textbook aimed mainly for postgraduate students entitled European Union Law in Context (Bloomsbury 2021), with Prof. Esther Herlin-Karnell (Gothenburg University) and Dr. Aravind Ganesh (Maastricht University). One of the themes discussed in the book is the relationship between EU law and international law, including: a comparison of the internal market with international trade law, Brexit, and external relations law. It provides an explanatory and contextual view of EU law and its impact in a simple and easily accessible yet analytical manner. It illustrates the power struggles behind a given EU law act, to allow for full understanding of how it developed.

Nomi Bar-Yaacov (1996). Nomi was a Visiting Fellow in 1996 and has maintained close ties with the Centre since. Nomi works as an international negotiator, mediator and arbitrator, focussing on back-channel negotiations, conflict prevention and conflict mitigation. She is, inter alia, celebrating her 12th year as an Associate Fellow at Chatham House, and 12 years on the Board of the ACRONYM Institute of Disarmament Diplomacy. She was recently asked to join the Advisory Board of the CBWNNet, an Network for prevention of chemical and biological weapons proliferation launched by Professor Thilo Marauhn (Visiting Scholar at the Centre in 2018) and his colleagues in Berlin. She lectures on international negotiations and conflict prevention at various universities, including the Asser Institute in The Hague.

Alain Germeaux (2011) joined the diplomatic service after working as research fellow at the research centre on Normative Orders, at the University of California, Los Angeles, and at the Lauterpacht Centre in 2011. He is currently legal adviser to the Luxembourg foreign ministry and previously served on the UN Security Council as well as covering EU Trade Policy, the rule of law in the European Union, the Western Balkans region and the relations of the European Union with the EEA/EFTA states. He is further acting as agent to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and head of delegation to the International Criminal Court. He is a regular representative to the yearly international law week at the United Nations and the international law working parties of the European Union and the Council of Europe. Alain is co-authoring an annual review of selected case law of the CJEU since 2013 (https://www.larcier.com/ - in French), in addition to contributing to the forthcoming second edition of the Encyclopaedia of International Economic Law (Edward Elgar) as well as a conference series on international law by the Max Planck Institute for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law. His monograph The International Legal Order in Global Governance: Norms, Power and Policy (Palgrave, 2022) will be released later this autumn.


Patrycja is currently associate professor at the University of Warsaw. She was recently appointed as a Network on Humanitarian Action Director at the University of Warsaw and she has taken the position of the co-editor in chief of the Journal of International Humanitarian Action (Springer) where all LCIL colleagues are welcome to submit their articles.


Recently, I had the great honour to present my research at the International Criminal Court in the Hague and to discuss it with some of the most relevant international criminal law practitioners. After my legal traineeship in the district of the Koblenz Court of Appeal in Germany, I am currently writing my habilitation at the University of Hamburg under the supervision of Prof Dr Alexander Proelß.

Nikola Hajdin (2020). At the beginning of September 2022, I will become a fellow at the Faculty of Law, Oxford University. My recent publications are: Responsibility of Private Individuals for Complicity in a War of Aggression (forthcoming in the American Journal of International Law) and Attribution of Wrongfulness and Culpability to the Individual Perpetrator of the Crime of Aggression (forthcoming in the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law). I also published a couple of articles relating to the Ukrainian war at JustSecurity.

Natalie Klein (2008) I spent a very happy time at the Lauterpacht Centre researching a book entitled Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea. Colleagues from that time might recall I was pregnant with my second child back then – she is now a strapping 13 year old who loves playing Australian rules football and is a good 10 cm taller than me!

During my time at the Centre, I was one of many who benefited from the culinary expertise of Kate Parlett at the morning coffee breaks. Kate and I are now looking forward to the publication of our co-authored monograph, Judging the Law of the Sea: Judicial Interpretations of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. It is being published with Oxford University Press later this year. I’m also delighted to note that a collection edited also came out this year: Unconventional Lawmaking in the Law of the Sea. It was a privilege to work with so many fabulous women law of the sea scholars and practitioners for this book.

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Antje Wiener (2015, 2016 & 2018) holds the Chair of Political Science, in particular Global Governance at the University of Hamburg. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and a Member of the Academia Europea. Previously, she held Chairs in International Studies at Queen's University Belfast and the University of Bath and has taught at the Universities of Stanford, Carleton, Sussex and Hannover.

Antje's book Contestation and Constitution of Norms in Global International Relations (CUP 2018) which she was working on whilst at the Centre during 2017 and 2018 has been ranked number one on the International Affairs “Top 5 Books” list in October 2019. And was then awarded the Best Book Award in 2020 with the International Law Section of the International Studies Association.

Antje's latest article publication refers to the project which she worked on during her research stay at the Centre in 2020 which was deferred because of the pandemic. It is titled Societal multiplicity for international relations: Engaging societal interaction in building global governance from below and appeared in Cooperation and Conflict.

Maureen Williams (2006-2007). I spent two wonderful years continuing my postgraduate research on international law, international organisations and space law. These were the days of the unforgettable Professor James Crawford whose examples and teachings were great, full of new ideas and how to go about them. We, and also my young daughter who joined later on, became very friendly, and this continued for many years at different international fora over the world. We miss James enormously. Professor Dr Maureen Williams, Emeritus is Honorary Chair of the ILA Space Law Committee in London and Professor of International Law at the University of Buenos Aires.

Douglas Yarn (1989 & 2017), College of Law, Georgia State University. Although recently retired and appointed professor emeritus, I remain busy updating my practice treatise annually, writing book reviews (see next issue of the Ohio Journal of Dispute Resolution), and articles (see Evolution and Dueling Dispute Resolution, upcoming in Evolution and Human Behavior (Elsevier)). From 2019-2022, I served as rapporteur for a bar committee drafting legislation on domestic and international mediation, shepherded the act through the Georgia legislature, and redrafted the State's court rules to conform. I hope to finalize the draft of my new book, Reconciliation: A Natural History of Conflict Resolution, within the year. Our daughter, Molly, received her Cantab doctorate in 2019, and CUP published her first book, Shakespeare's Lady Editors, in late 2021. She is currently in consecutive fellowships at Yale, the Newberry in Chicago, and Harvard.

The afternoon we climbed King's College Chapel

Prof Yuka Fukunaga

Yuka is a Professor at Waseda University, where she teaches public international law and international economic law. She was a Visiting Fellow of the Centre from September 2021 to August 2022.

I joined the Centre as a visiting fellow in September 2021. It has been a very productive year both professionally and personally. I have had the privilege to meet many excellent scholars and gain valuable insight and inspiration. In addition, the calm and peaceful atmosphere at Cambridge has allowed me to revisit my old interests, such as history, literature and music.

One of the many interests that I rediscovered here is climbing. I used to like climbing (mountains, trees, rocks, etc), but I forgot about it for quite some time. Living in and travelling across the UK rekindled my passion for climbing, although of a different kind. I climbed from the Ely Cathedral to St Paul's Cathedral and from the Edinburgh Castle to Caernarfon Castle. Recently, I reached the pinnacle of my "climbing journey" when I stepped onto the rooftop of King's College Chapel.

King's Chapel is the landmark of Cambridge. Its foundation stone was laid in 1446 by Henry VI, and its main construction was completed during the reign of Henry VIII. Its magnificent gothic architecture and beautifully crafted stained-glass windows have attracted not only tourists but also students and researchers. To me, it is a constant reminder of how lucky I am to be in Cambridge.

Thanks to the kindness of Dr Surabhi Ranganathan, some of the Centre's staff and visiting scholars had a rare opportunity to climb to the roof of King's Chapel in June. The tour started with a small inconspicuous door in the Chapel. Narrow stairs behind the door brought us to a dimly lit attic. It was fascinating to think that the sound of choirs echoed quietly in the dark empty space for hundreds of years.

We then climbed another flight of stairs. And voila! We were on the rooftop of King's Chapel. The panoramic views of the Cam and the city stretched out below us. It was the warmest day of the year so far in Cambridge. We basked in the sunshine and were filled with the happiness and excitement of being on top of the most iconic building in Cambridge.

It was an unforgettable experience for all of us.

(Further photos next page)
Visiting Fellows

As pandemic restrictions began to ease at the beginning of 2022, the Centre was able to welcome the following academic visitors in person for the Easter Term and Summer Research Period and beyond.

**Artun Akar** is an academic working at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg. He studied law at the University of Vienna specializing in international law. After working in the international law firm Baker & McKenzie, he joined the UNIDO contributing on creating the Open Data Platform within the framework of UNIDO’s Transparency Initiative. After finishing his degree, he worked as a legal trainee at a Regional Court for Civil Matters, a Regional Court for Criminal Matters and a Viennese District Court. Currently, he works as a teaching and research assistant in the Department of Public, International and European Law. At the same time he is a PhD student focusing on the topic of taxpayer participation in international tax dispute settlement mechanisms.

**Dr Cheng Bian** is an academic researcher at Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He studied law in China, obtained his master’s degree in international law, and passed the Chinese bar. He obtained his doctorate in 2018 from Erasmus University Rotterdam, where he completed his thesis on national security review regimes of foreign investment in China, the US and the EU. His research and teaching focus on international investment law, Chinese and comparative investment law, investor-state dispute settlement, and EU-China investment law and policy. He is a country reporter for China for the Common European Law on Investment Screening (CELIS) Institute since 2021.

**Yuka Fukunaga** is a Professor at Waseda University, where she teaches public international law and international economic law. She is also an Executive Council Member of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL), an Executive Council Member of the Japan Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) and a Board Member of the Japan Association of International Economic Law. She currently serves as a Book Review Editor of the Journal of International Economic Law. Yuka was an Assistant Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and an Intern at the Appellate Body Secretariat, World Trade Organization (WTO). Yuka holds an LL.D. (2013) and an LL.M. (1999) from the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo, and an LL.M. (2000) from the School of Law, University of California, Berkeley.

**Ketty Getachew** studied law at Goethe University Frankfurt/Germany with a focus on European and International Law. At Goethe University, she is a research assistant in the university’s House of Finance with the affiliated Leibniz Institute for Sustainable Architecture of Finance in Europe. During her year abroad in Leicester/UK, Ketty studied Public International Law and wrote her final paper on the role of opinio juris in the formation of customary international law. In her PhD project, she focuses on International Trade Law. Being a former participant and coach of Frankfurt’s Vis Moot Team, she is the former vice-president of the Frankfurter Moot Alumni Association. As a scholarship holder of the Heinrich Boell Foundation, she is part of the foundation’s selection committee and diversity officer.
Ted Gleason is a practicing lawyer qualified in the US (Colorado and New York) who is also an Associate Professor at Grenoble Ecole de Management in France. His research and practice interests converge on international investment law, and he is currently preparing his doctoral thesis concerning the reform of the international investment law regime at the Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas.

Donato Greco graduated in Law, with honours, from the University of Naples Federico II in March 2017 with a dissertation in General Theory of Law. In January 2021, he earned a PhD in International Law defending a thesis on the role of soft law in the making of international law. Currently, he is a Postdoc Research Fellow at the same University. His research interests are mostly related to public international law, legal sources, treaty interpretation, and the relationships between international and municipal legal orders. As regards specific legal regimes, he deals with international public health law, World Trade Organization law, and international protection of human rights.

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