



“The fact that more than 250 people from all over the world will be in Cambridge to celebrate the Centre’s 25th Anniversary speaks volumes”

James Crawford

From The Director

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Sir Elihu Lauterpacht Added to Eminent Scholars Archive



Professor Sir Elihu Lauterpacht CBE QC in his study in February 2007

http://www.squire.law.cam.ac.uk/eminent_scholars/

The Centre's founder, Professor Sir Elihu Lauterpacht has been added to the Squire Law Library's Eminent Scholars Archive. The archive includes seven interviews, conducted by the Squire's International Law Library Lesley Dingle between January and May 2008, in which Sir Eli reminisces about his association with the Cambridge Faculty of Law, including his founding of the Research Centre.

The Eminent Scholars Archive is an expanding resource in which the careers and achievements of eminent scholars associated with the Squire Law Library and Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge are documented. The archive contains extensive bibliographies, biographies, photographs and interviews with some of the world's most renowned academic and practising lawyers. Other eminent scholars already featured include Professor Kurt Lipstein and Professor Sir Derek Bowett.

Centre Life: Visitors' Views

Undoubtedly, our stay at the Lauterpacht Centre has proven to be unforgettable. Not only did the Centre provide a quiet and peaceful haven where we could escape the buzz of our universities, but it also gave us easy access to an impressive collection of documents, within the Centre or in the nearby University Library and Squire Law Library - not to mention the electronic databases. The Centre offered us an intellectually stimulating atmosphere with its ambitious programme of lunchtime lectures every Friday and our Thursday Visiting Fellows Talks allowing us to engage in critical discussions about our current research projects. Furthermore, there was plenty of opportunity for more informal exchange, during the traditional 11 o'clock coffee break for example. It also helped that the logistics were greatly taken care of and that Bahrain House, where the visiting fellows are usually accommodated, was next-door to the Centre. We fully enjoyed the Centre's beautiful gardens where we had lunches, organized delicious barbecues or read our favourite books, when the weather so permitted. We also discovered the lovely cycling routes in Cambridge and the joy of rowing on the river Cam. In short, the setting and atmosphere of the Lauterpacht Centre provided an excellent framework not only to progress our research but also to spend a highly enjoyable time.



Visiting Fellows Christina Binder (University of Vienna) and Anne Lagerwall (Free University of Brussels) in the Centre Gardens in June 2008

Christina Binder and Anne Lagerwall
Visiting Fellows, 2007-08

Lauterpacht Celebrations: 11-12 July 2008

Due to the extraordinary demand for places it has been necessary to close the list of participants. My apologies for any who may be disappointed as a result.

In connection with the celebrations, Joshua Rozenberg did a lively piece in the Law Gazette based on an interview with Sir Elihu Lauterpacht. The article, entitled *World of Difference: The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law has made a distinguished contribution to global legal affairs*, can be viewed on the Law Gazette website.



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Centre life in pics:



Roger O'Keefe, Merel Alstein and Stephanie Ierino



Whether the weather will shine: hoping for more of this on 11 and 12 July



Keeping it sweet: Deputy Director Roger O'Keefe swaps mugs for waffles at Aage Falkanger's mugging



Iris Müller, Raffaella Nigro, Yoshinori Abe and Wang Jian appreciate the addition of sunshine with their coffees

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

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EC Legal Service Seminar

On 30 May 2008 the Centre hosted a seminar for WTO lawyers from the European Commission Legal Service, with presentations by members of the Centre and the Faculty of Law. Isabelle Van Damme and Margaret Young spoke on the uses of international law in the WTO legal system, and Lorand Bartels and Zachary Douglas on the most-favoured-nation obligation in trade and investment law. This was followed by a lengthy and spirited discussion tackling these questions from the (sometimes different) perspectives of academics, negotiators and litigators.

News from Fellows and Alumni:

Congratulations to **Roger O'Keefe**, the Centre's Deputy Director, on his recent promotion to a senior lectureship in law.

Congratulations also to **Margaret Young**, William Charnley Research Fellow in International Law at Pembroke College and Fellow of the Centre, who takes up a senior lectureship in law at Melbourne Law School in January 2009. Margaret will continue for the time being her work as Assistant Editor of the *British Yearbook of International Law*, based at the Centre.

Dr Michael Waibel will be the first British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Cambridge Faculty of Law and will be based at the Lauterpacht Centre. As a fellow, he plans to write a monograph on the insolvency of states in international law. His primary research interest is public international law with a focus on international economic law and arbitration. The American Society of International Law recently awarded him the Deak prize for his *AJIL* article "Opening Pandora's Box: Sovereign Bonds in International Arbitration". Michael graduated with Mag. iur. and Dr. iur. degrees from the University of Vienna, an MSc (Econ.) from the LSE, and is currently an LLM candidate at Harvard Law School. His work experience includes the ECB, the IMF and the World Bank, and he has taught economics at the LSE and at Harvard.

Dr Rumu Sarkar, a former Visiting Fellow and benefactor of the Centre, has been awarded the Grand Prize by the Saint-Cyr Foundation (www.f-sc.org/) for her essay, "A Fearful Symmetry: A New Global Balance of Power?" The Saint-Cyr Foundation supports the Saint-Cyr military academy – in effect, France's West Point. The paper addressed the topic of "Stabilization and Reconstruction" – how to achieve coherence among all of the players in post-conflict reconstruction." Dr Sarkar is a Member of the Millennium-IP3 Board of Directors.

Professor Campbell McLachlan's recent *ICLQ* article "Investment Treaties and General International Law", written whilst he was a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre, contains a very nice acknowledgement of that fact.

Visiting Fellows' Roundtables

Recent Roundtable presentations have included:

Ottavio Quirico on *Negligence in the Statute of the International Criminal Court - regulation, problems and prospects*

Steve Tharakan on *State referrals in the light of the Principle of Complementarity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court*

Christina Binder on *Elections, observations, missions: Nepal*

Marcel Szabo on *When do foreign Heads of State have standing in municipal courts? Is there an obligation in international law to prevent a coup d'etat organised in your State against another State? Lessons from the Emperor of Austria v. Day and the Kossuth case*

Anne Lagerwall on *Do States consider themselves entitled to treat as valid the consequences of an act in which legality is disputed?*

Christina Binder on *Non-performance of treaty obligations in cases of necessity*

Musrifah Sapardi on *Pulau Batu Putih: An Island to Singapore but a rock to Malaysia*

Publications Update

International Law Reports:

Volume 133 has now been published and includes:

- (1) The 2007 decision of the ECHR in *Behrami and Saramati*;
- (2) The Singapore Court of Appeal decision in *CAA v. Singapore Airlines* and related Canadian decision
- (3) English High Ct, Court of Appeal and House of Lords judgments in *Al-Skeini*



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