Mayer Brown Research Fellow in International Law

Sarah Nouwen has been appointed the new Mayer Brown Research Fellow in International Law in succession to Dr Margaret Young. The Research Fellowship is held jointly at the Lauterpacht Centre and at Pembroke College and is made possible through the generous support of Mayer Brown, represented on the Appointments Committee by Senior Corporate Partner William Charnley.

Sarah Nouwen is completing her PhD in international law at Cambridge. Her thesis explores whether, how and why the complementarity principle in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court has had a catalyzing effect on the legal systems of Uganda and Sudan. She spent many months in both countries, interviewing officials, observing proceedings and searching documents to discover whether domestic legal reforms have taken place in order to end the Court’s involvement. She also served as a Visiting Professional for an ICC judge in order to experience the Court from the inside. Before starting her PhD, Sarah worked for the Netherlands Ministry for Foreign Affairs in New York, The Hague and Sudan, for a law firm in Rotterdam and Paris, for an NGO in Senegal and obtained an LLM in Utrecht and Cape Town and an MPhil in International Relations in Cambridge. She takes up her fellowship in October.

The Bohdan Winiarski Scholarships for 2009

The Selection Committee for the Bohdan Winiarski Scholarship is pleased to announce that the selection process for the 2009 scholarships has been completed.

The successful candidates are:

First scholarship: Dr Marcin Czepelak of the Jagellonean University, Krakow;

Second Scholarship: Dr Filip Jasinski and Mr Konrad Marciniak, both of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (jointly).

The Scholarships, named after the Polish Judge and international lawyer, Bohdan Winiarski, are funded by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in London and are intended to cover a stay of 8-12 weeks at the Lauterpacht Centre. Information on the Scholarships for 2010 will be provided later this year.

Regime Interaction in International Law Conference

26th - 27th June 2009

A number of events will be held at the Lauterpacht Centre this summer, including a conference, sponsored by the Lauterpacht Centre and the Institute for International Law and the Humanities (Melbourne Law School), on 26-27 June on Regime Interaction in International Law.

The Conference aims to provide a forum to explore theoretical and practical challenges posed by regime interaction. The premise for discussion is that international law is shaped by a disparate and largely covert legal framework of regime interaction. Invited speakers include members of international tribunals, advisers to international tribunals, legal staff of state delegations and NGOs and academics.

Update: Cambridge Alumni on the ICJ

Judge Hisashi Owada has been elected President of the International Court for a 3-year term. Judge Christopher Greenwood, who became a Member of the Court in February 2009 and who also edits the International Law Reports, was made a Knight Bachelor in the 2009 New Year Honours List. Our warm congratulations to both of them.
International Law on a Pedestal: Sir Eli in Bronze

The Centre has recently received the very generous gift of a bronze sculpture in the form of Sir Eli Lauterpacht. The bust, which was originally commissioned by Sir Eli’s children as his 80th birthday present, was made by the well-known portrait sculptor Bryan Ellery, who kindly donated an extra copy to the Centre.

The modelling work for the sculpture was done in clay ‘from life’ and Sir Eli recalls “it took about six three-hour sittings. Bryan is a very agreeable man and it was no hardship sitting for him”.

Bryan Ellery is a member of the Society of Portrait Sculptors and his works can be found in public and private collections all over the world. More information on Bryan and his works is available via his website at www.bryanelly.com.

The bust of Sir Eli, which is likely to become a feature in the Old Library, is in good company as it complements the one already at the Centre of his father Sir Hersch Lauterpacht. We are extremely grateful to both Bryan Ellery and Sir Eli for their wonderful gift, which will be much treasured by the Centre.

News of Centre
Visiting Fellows and Friends

Yuji Iwasawa elected Chair of the Human Rights Committee

Mr Yuji Iwasawa, who has long associations with the Lauterpacht Centre, having been a Visiting Fellow in 1991-1993, 1997 and 2000-2001, has just been elected Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee.

A message from Dr Anne Lagerwall (Visiting Fellow 2007-8):

I hope that life at the Center is as full of enthusiasm as during my stay. There is no doubt I will remember 2008 as a rather intense year. I submitted my PhD on ex injuria jus non oritur a few weeks ago and had my viva at the end of the year, an unforgettable and challenging experience with a happy ending! I have to say I now realize fully how much my stay in Cambridge has helped me giving my PhD larger perspectives and keeping close to my timetable.

This book, co-edited by Dr Antje du Bois-Pedain of Magdalene College, Cambridge has now been published by Cambridge University Press as part of the Cambridge Studies in Law and Society series. Draft chapters were presented at workshops held in Capetown in December 2005 and at the Lauterpacht Centre in November 2006. A South African edition of the title will also be available from April.

If you have any Alumni or Centre-related news you would like others to hear about, please do send it to us by email to admin@lcil.cam.ac.uk

Easter Term Lecture Programme

The Centre has a bumper programme of lectures this Easter Term, welcoming six guest speakers:

24 April
Dr Christina Knahr on Reform of the Administration of Justice System within the United Nations

1 May
Professor Gabrielle Marceau on Climate Change and the WTO

8 May
Dr Magdalena Kmak on Kosovo’s Declaration of Independence and the ICJ Advisory Opinion

11 May (Monday)
Professor Pierre Lalive on Transnational Public Policy in International Arbitration

15 May
Dr Tim Potier on Cyprus: the Consequences of Failure

27 May (Wednesday evening)
Professor Ryan Goodman on Socializing States: Promoting Human Rights through International Law

Visiting Fellows Talks

The Visiting fellows meet regularly to present their research and discuss ideas. The following talks took place recently:

Salem Nasser on the Rule of Law and International Law

Roland Klaeger on Fair and Equitable Treatment in International Investment Law

Kjetil Larsen on the Attribution of Conduct of Military Forces in Peace Operations from the Perspective of Human Rights Law

Matthias Goldman on the Exercise of International Public Authority through National Policy Assessment - the OECD’s PISA Policy as a Paradigm for a New International Standard Instrument

Yihe Qin on the Compulsory Jurisdiction of the ICJ