Dear All,

A highlight of the month was Sir Michael Wood’s Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures on “The United Nations Security Council and International Law” given in early November. The lectures are available online from the Centre’s website. Sir Michael’s insider assessment of the powers and functions of the UN Security Council will be an important contribution to the literature on this subject when published in book form by Cambridge University Press. We are grateful to Sir Elihu Lauterpacht for having conceived this lecture program and to Sir Michael Wood for his excellent contribution to the series.

As the Michaelmas term draws to a close, we also look forward to welcoming former LCIL Director Daniel Bethlehem back to give the last Friday talk of the term on “The role of the FCO Legal Adviser: first impressions.” Although the term is ending, work at the Centre continues with the revamp of the Centre’s website, planning for upcoming programs and preliminary planning for the celebration of the Lauterpacht Centre’s 25th anniversary in 2008. Coinciding with Sir Elihu Lauterpacht’s 80th birthday, we hope that the Centre’s supporters, former fellows and friends will hold 11th and 12th July 2008 for a celebration in Cambridge of these two milestone events. Please let me know if you are interested in contributing to these programs (ck340@cam.ac.uk).

There is much to report from the Centre this month:

- Congratulations to Dr Roger O’Keefe, the Centre’s deputy director, on the publication of his new book “The Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflict”. The book, published by CUP as part of the Cambridge Studies in International and Comparative Law series is available from the CUP website.

- Centre Publications:
  - Volume 128 of the International Law Reports is due to be published in early December and includes the arbitral decisions and award and US decision in the Loewen case; the award in arbitration between Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia concerning Portions of the Limits of their Offshore Areas; and state immunity cases from Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden.
  - Volume 10 of the ICSID Reports is due to be published on 14th December and includes the awards in Zhinvali v. Georgia; Semos v. Mali; Tecmed v. Mexico; Generation Ukraine v. Ukraine; Autopista v. Bolivia; the decisions in Fireman's Fund v. Mexico, Champion Trading v. Egypt and Azurix v. Argentina; and the last two decisions in the Loewen saga.
The Centre has received confirmation that, as part of the Faculty of Law, it is authorised by the Law Society of England & Wales to issue Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits to solicitors attending its Friday Lunchtime and other ad hoc public lectures. This accreditation not only raises the Centre’s external profile but recognises the quality and expertise of the speakers on the Centre’s lecture program to whom we are indeed indebted. Similar recognition is also expected in due course from the Bar Council.

The Friday Talks Program continued in November with:

- Professor Theunis Roux on land restitution and reconciliation in South Africa;
- Sir Michael Wood discussing his three-part Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture on the UN Security Council and international law;
- Rt Hon Sir Ian Barker on Fiji – the coup and the constitution; and
- Professor Carmen Gonzalez on markets, monocultures and malnutrition: agricultural trade policy through an environmental justice lens

The Visiting Fellows Roundtable featured presentations by Giulio Bartolini, University of Roma Tre, Italy on reparation for violations of human rights; Annemarieke Vermeer-Kuenzli, Leiden University, The Netherlands on reconciling the invocation of responsibility erga omnes and diplomatic protection; and Michael Waibel, Universität Wien, Austria on Sovereign Bonds in International Arbitration. Judith Welling, this year’s Snyder Scholar, will present on indicators and economic, social and cultural rights at the next Roundtable on 7th December.

People at the Centre The end of November saw the departure of Thomas Schultz who left after a productive year at the Centre during which he published two books: Information Technology & Arbitration: a practitioner’s guide (Kluwer, 2006); and Réguler le commerce électronique par la résolution des litiges en ligne (Bruylant, 2005). Thomas returns to Switzerland as a Senior Research Fellow at Geneva University’s Faculty of Law. Also leaving us is Giulio Bartolini of the University of Roma Tre, who returns to Italy after a two-month stay at the Centre. To the Centre, we welcome:

- Michael Waibel is a PhD candidate at the Universität Wien, Austria and teaches classes in European Economic Policy at the London School of Economics. His thesis, supervised by August Reinisch, deals with public debt and sovereign insolvency in international law.

Alumni News Congratulations to Jeffrey Dunoff, who was a visiting fellow at the Centre in 2005, on the publication of his paper “Constitutional Conceits: The WTO’s ‘Constitution’ and the Discipline of International Law” in the European Journal of International Law (EJIL (2006), vol. 17 No. 3, 647 – 675)

With the upcoming holidays, this will be the last FTD of 2006. We will resume the Updates in January with information about the Lent term Friday talks program and a schedule for a resumed PhD roundtable series. In the meantime, we wish LCIL friends and colleagues very happy holidays.

Charlotte Ku
30 November 2006

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