



# From The Director

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Dear All,

The Lauterpacht Centre has started the new year and the new term with activity in all its key program areas:— the Friday lunchtime talks, the Visiting Fellows programme, and publications

Next month's FTD will include news on the PhD Roundtable series and other Centre initiatives and more on the 25th anniversary celebrations.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year,

Charlotte Ku  
January 2007

## Planning continues for 25th anniversary celebration



Friends and supporters of the Centre including former Visiting Fellows will soon receive a notice of plans to mark the Centre's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. Events including a conference will take place 11-12 July 2008 here in Cambridge and will be organised to mark three important occasions:

- ▶ The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Centre's founding;
- ▶ The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appearance of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht's *Function of Law in the International Community*;
- ▶ The 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Sir Elihu Lauterpacht

Please make note of the dates and let us know if you might like to participate when you receive the anniversary notice.

We will be using this occasion to organise several groups of friends and supporters of the Centre with some specific contacts that will be circulated in future FTDs. The Visiting Fellows, for example, will be one particular group that we will work to facilitate as an active network. So, please watch out for future communications by post and by email. And, thank you to those who have volunteered to help with these activities.

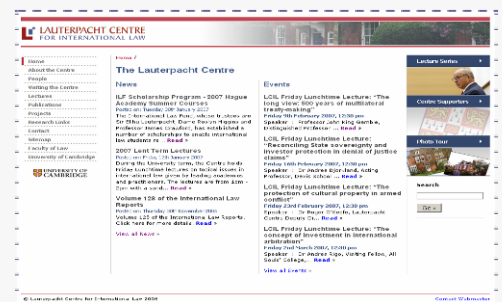
Finally, in connection with planning for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we would like to collect photos and stories about how the Centre facilitated or otherwise helped in your research and professional development. These will be used for general communications and outreach so that the Centre's value and contribution can be more widely known and appreciated. Please submit materials in **electronic format only** to Anita Rutherford at ar293@cam.ac.uk

## New Research Fellowship initiated

The new year also saw the launch of a new initiative — a three year research fellowship jointly funded by McDermott Will and Emery LLP, the Thornton Law Fund at Pembroke College, and the Lauterpacht Centre. We welcome Margaret A. Young to the Centre as the McDermott Will and Emery Research Fellow in Public International Law. Margaret's research area is how international law solves problems of sustainability in a "fragmented" legal order. Her current focus is on the normative and institutional conflicts between trade and environmental laws within fisheries governance.

Margaret Young's presence here at the Centre will provide the opportunity for portions of Centre programming and activity - including the development of web resources - to focus on related issues including in global administrative law. We are particularly looking forward to the conference program titled "Taking Account" tentatively planned for early 2009 that will examine how international organisations in a fragmented legal order can "take account" of work in related fields in both international negotiations and dispute settlement, and how this affects the theoretical understanding and normative impact of international law.

## New Centre website launched



The Centre's website ([www.lcil.cam.ac.uk](http://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk)) underwent a major makeover and now sports a new logo as well as interactive features and greater synchronisation with the Law Faculty's website.

Work to add new sections and more dynamic content is on-going as we seek to take best advantage of the web technology offered by the Faculty's content management system – so watch this space!

Particular thanks go to Centre's Publications Assistant, Tara Grant, and the Computer Officers at the Faculty of Law for all their hard work in making this possible.

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## Centre life in pics January 2007:



David Feldman in full flow



Friday lunchtime gathering before lectures begin



Research Fellow Michelle Bradfield with PhD students Isabelle Van Damme and Sonia Rolland



Hannah Robinson minding the front desk

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@lcil.cam.ac.uk](mailto:admin@lcil.cam.ac.uk)

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## Friday lecture programme

The Centre's Friday lunchtime programme of lectures for January included:

**Professor David Feldman**, Rouse Ball Professor of English law and Chair of the Faculty Board (right) on: "Constitutional courts and human rights in nation-building: the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina"

**Dr Catherine MacKenzie**, Environmental Law Lecturer, Department of Land Economy and Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge on: "Sovereignty, corruption and failed agreements: international law and tropical forests"

*The Centre's lunchtime lectures are now recognised by both the Law Society and the Bar Council as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) accredited courses. Credits are claimed using the forms provided at each lecture.*

## Centre Review

Part of the preparation for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a review of Centre programs and activities that I prepared for the Centre's Committee of Management.

One thing was clear as I completed that review - the Centre's strength comes from the research community created by our common experience of working here at 5 Cranmer Road. Although our actual time on site may be long or short, we each share a bond of interest in and contribute to the scholarly development of international law.

The upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary provides an ideal opportunity to renew contacts and to consider ways in which we can support and further advance the Lauterpacht Centre research community.

## Publications News

**International Law Reports:** *Volumes 129 and 130* are now in press. They will include:

*ILR 129:* (1) The Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission's 2002 *Decision on Delimitation* and 2006 *Statement on Demarcation* (2) *Decision on Preliminary Objection, Counter-claim and Merits Judgment in the Case concerning Oil Platforms* (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America) in the International Court of Justice (3) the Privy Council Judgment in Pitcairn Islands case *Christian v. The Queen*.

*ILR 130:* (1) Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice in the *Wall Case* together with two related Israeli Supreme Court decisions (2) decisions in *SGS v. Pakistan* and *SGS v. Philippines* (3) judgments in *Jones v. Saudi Arabia*.

**ICSID Reports:** *Volume 11* is expected in mid-February and includes, the ICSID award and English High Court judgment on its enforcement in *AIG Capital v. Kazakhstan*, the full proceedings in *CDC Group v. The Seychelles* and the NAFTA award in *Waste Management (No. 2)*.

**Judge Jean-Pierre Cot's 2006 Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture**, which took place in February last year, has appeared in the *Revue Generale de Droit International Public* (July - September 2006) as "Tableau de la pensée juridique américaine."

## Visiting Fellows' Roundtable

Recent Roundtable presentations were given by:

**Michael Waibel** on sovereign debt restructuring;

**David Berry** on the use of international law by domestic courts in the area of the death penalty - a Caribbean perspective; and

**Melissa Perry** on the use of international law in the development of Aboriginal land and sea rights in Australia

## New People at the Centre

### Visiting Fellows:

**Claudia Cinelli** is a Doctoral Fellow at the International Law and International Relations Department, University of Seville. Her PhD focuses on the interplay between international politics and human rights raising systematic enquires into how the present phenomenon of political globalization is transforming the conditions under which international human rights law operates.

**Nurhalida Mohamed Khalil** is a senior lecturer of law at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya, Malaysia. While at the Centre, she is working on the link between Article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the rights of minorities.

**Ron Levy** will be completing a PhD in law this spring at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. At the Centre, he investigated legal decision-making bodies, using ideas on institutional trust to try to understand why some bodies come to enjoy trust across broad social cross-sections.

**Melissa Perry QC**, who practises at the Bar in New South Wales, Australia, returned to the Centre for a brief stay. She has been continuing work on a book on state succession and boundaries which is based upon her Cambridge doctoral thesis.

**Ignacio Rodríguez Álvarez** is a PhD candidate at Tilburg University, The Netherlands. His thesis deals with the development through the last two centuries of international legal argument on the recourse to force in international relations.

**Qingyang Tang** is President of the College of Trade and Economy, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China. While at the Centre he is researching legal hermeneutics and interpretation and the application of WTO regulations.