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25th Anniversary of the Centre

We recently wrote to all alumni and affiliates of the Centre with preliminary information about our 25th Anniversary celebrations to be held on 11-12 July 2008. This coincides with Sir Elihu Lauterpacht’s 80th birthday (on 13 July). We have had a very enthusiastic response and more details of the event with information about how to book etc will be forthcoming shortly. In the meantime, if you did not get the letter, please contact Kristin Hollis at kmh41@cam.ac.uk.

International Law Fund provides scholarships for Hague Academy of International Law

From 23 July to 10 August the Public International Law Session of the Hague Academy of International Law took place in the Academy’s new building annexed to the Peace Palace. Five students attended the course with funding from the International Law Fund, which provides opportunities for students at UK universities to attend a session of the Academy. This year the General Course was presented by Professor W. Michael Reisman from Yale Law School, who provided an excellent overview of significant areas of challenge for international lawyers in the 21st Century, including the confines of permissible unilateral action and the problems of failed States. In addition, adjunct courses were presented by professors from Argentina, France, Italy, Japan, Poland and Switzerland.

Rare volumes enhance Library collection

The Centre’s library was the beneficiary of an extremely generous donation of rare early volumes of the American Journal of International Law. The donation, which comprised volumes 1 to 6, 8 to 16 and 19, was made by legal scholar Werner de Saeger, who presented the volumes to the Centre on 5th October. The volumes have filled a significant gap in the Centre’s serials collection and we are enormously grateful to Werner for his generosity.

Werner, who attended the Law Faculty’s summer school in 2006, is in the process of setting up a research centre on law and religion in Brussels.

Hannah Buxbaum to give Ninth Snyder Lecture

The Ninth Annual Snyder Lecture will be delivered at the Lauterpacht Centre on 1st November 2007 by Hannah Buxbaum, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington. The lecture, entitled National Jurisdiction over Global Business Networks begins at 6pm and will be followed by a wine reception. More information about this and other lectures at the Centre is available on the Centre’s website.
ILFA program comes to Cambridge

On Tuesday 18th September, the Centre hosted the 'first intake' of African interns in the International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) program, sponsored by a number of London firms. Seminars were given on State responsibility (James Crawford), human rights (Guglielmo Verdirame) and investment protection (Zachary Douglas). There was also some time for sightseeing and a BBQ – shared with the FCO course participants.

Centre hosts FCO training course

From 16-21 September the Centre hosted the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) training course for UK civil servants from the FCO and other relevant departments. The course convenor was Dame Audrey Glover. The course was a great success - a particular highlight being the Thursday dinner with an after-dinner speech by the Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute, Professor Julian Dowdeswell, on global warming and its implications. Our thanks to all the lecturers (no fewer than 20) who participated.

In Memoriam: Frank Dawson

It is with much regret that I have to record that Frank Dawson, Fellow of Hughes Hall and long-time associate of the Lauterpacht Centre, passed away on Monday 23 July 2007. Our condolences to his wife, Julia, and their family.

Michaelmas Term Lectures

The new lecture programme for the Friday Lunchtime Lectures is attached to this issue of the FTD. More detailed information on speakers and lectures is available on the Centre’s website. Centre lectures have traditionally been delivered by highly respected practitioners and academics in the field of international law and we are delighted to be able to welcome ten such experts during Michaelmas Term. Eight Friday lunchtime lectures plus the Annual Snyder Lecture are scheduled and together illustrate the range of specialisms within the field of international law.

Biotech 'Brown Bag' Lunch

The next 'Brown Bag' lunchtime session for PhD and interested faculty members only is on Monday 29th October at 1pm. Margaret Young will be speaking on the WTO Biotech decision, focusing on the Panel’s use of sources external to the WTO. Please see the Centre’s website for more information on this event.

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Friday Lunchtime Lecture Programme 2007

Lectures take place in the Finley Library at the Lauterpacht Centre, 5 Cranmer Road, Cambridge.

A sandwich lunch, sponsored by Cambridge University Press, is provided for all participants from 12.30 pm. Centre lectures are recognised by both the Law Society and the Bar Council as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) accredited courses. CPD credits can be claimed for each lecture by signing the attendance sheet provided.

5 October
1.00 – 2.00 pm
“The making of international law”
Professor Christine Chinkin, Professor of International law, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Member of Matrix Chambers; and
Professor Alan Boyle, Professor of Public International Law, University of Edinburgh, General Editor, International and Comparative Law Quarterly

9 November
1.00 – 2.00 pm
“International law in the Arctic: emerging issues from a Norwegian perspective”
Dr Aage Falkanger
Professor of Law, University of Tromsø; former Judge at the Norwegian Court of Appeal and former temporary Judge in the Norwegian Supreme Court

12 October
1.00 – 2.00 pm
“Parallel proceedings in international litigation”
Professor Campbell McLachlan, Victoria University of Wellington; former Partner, Herbert Smith, London

16 November
1.00 – 2.00 pm
“The road from Kyoto: toward a more realistic international climate change policy”
Professor Daniel H. Cole, R. Bruce Townsend Professor of Law, Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis

19 October
1.00 – 2.00 pm
“Intellectual property law across borders: the view from WIPO”
Mr Edward Kwakwa, Legal Advisor, World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva

23 November
1.00 – 2.00 pm
“The ICJ and the Genocide Convention”
Professor Hugh Thirlway
Institute for International Studies, Geneva; formerly of the ICJ Registry

26 October
1.00 – 2.00 pm
“Making multilateralism meaningful - the work of the Commonwealth Secretariat”
Mr Matthew Neuhaus
Director of Political Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

30 November
1.00 – 2.00 pm
“The Iraq elections: law and power politics”
Mr Michael Clegg
International Adviser for post-conflict elections

The lecture programme is subject to revision without notice. Please check the Centre’s website for updates and information.