



Amsterdam Center for International Law
University of Amsterdam

ACIL NEWS

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Upcoming events:

Luncheon with Antoinette Hildering: Tuesday, November 14th, at 13.00– 14.00

Antoinette present a paper that she is currently co-authoring entitled 'A Child Right to Water'. The luncheon will take place in the seminar room on the 10th floor (A10.65).

ACIL lecture by Professor Beatrice Bonafé, University of Rome: Thursday 16 November at 15.30

Professor Beatrice Bonafé will give an ACIL lecture on '*The judicial function and multilateral disputes*'. The lecture will take place in room REC A7.23. Prof. Bonafé's paper will be distributed by separate announcement. More details can be found [here](#) on the ACIL website.

Inaugural Lecture Janne Nijman: Friday, 24 November at 16.00

On the occasion of her appointment as Professor of History and Theory of International Law at out Law School, Janne Nijman will deliver het inaugural lecture *Seeking change by doing history* on Friday 24 November at 16:00 in the Aula ('Oude Lutherse Kerk') of the University of Amsterdam.

How to Practice Law Responsibly? Expertise, Virtues, and Relexivity: A workshop with Amalia Amaya, Jan Klabbers and Erik Rietveld: Tuesday, 28 November at 16.00-18.00

The interdisciplinary workshop, co-organized by Iris van Domselaar and Ingo Venzke, will seek to assess the merits of practice-oriented concepts such as virtues, expertise, skills, and affordances. More details can be found shortly on the website. It will take place in the Research Seminar room A 3.01. Registration per email to Yvonne ter Horst (lawandjustice-fdr@uva.nl) is appreciated.

ACIL Lecture by Professor Jand Klabbers, University of Helsinki: Monday, 4 December at 15.30

Professor Klabbers will give a lecture: '*On the Market for Migration: The Curious Functionalism of the IOM*'. Professor Klabbers is Professor of International Law at the University of Helsinki. The event will take place in the Research Seminar Room A3.01. More details will be published on the website closer to the date.

Luncheon event with Professor Daniel D. Bradlow, University of Pretoria: Thursday, 14 December at 13.00-14.00

Professor Daniel D. Bradlow will give a presentation on the '*International financial regulatory standards and human rights*'. Professor Bradlow is SARCHI professor of International Development Law and African Economic Relations at the Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. The event will take place in room REC A10.65. More details can be found [here](#) on the ACIL website.

Of note:

New Visiting Researcher

Niki Siampakou is a PhD Candidate at the Center for International and European Studies and Research (CERIC) of Aix-Marseille University where she also obtained her Master's Degree in Public International Law. During her visit at the ACIL (November 2017-April 2018), Niki Siampakou will work on a comparative analysis of the existing legal framework of reparations in international law with a special focus on international criminal law.

Reminder: Call for Papers - Contingency in the Course of International Law: How International Law Could Have Been (Deadline for submission 1 December)

The workshop will ask a question that is deceptive in its simplicity: How might international law have been otherwise? We want to question the present state of international law by challenging its pretence to necessity and by better understanding the forces that have shaped it. Put simply with Robert Musil: "If there is a sense of reality, there must also be a sense of possibility." The overarching aim will be to expose the contingencies of international law's development by inquiring into international law's past. The deadline for submissions is 1 December 2017. The workshop will be held from 14-16 June 2018 at the University of Amsterdam. The workshop will feature an opening address by Professor [Fleur Johns](#) (University of New South Wales) and a closing address by Professor [Samuel Moyn](#) (Yale) and is organised by Ingo Venzke and Kevin Jon Heller. More information and the Call for Papers are available [here](#).

Denis Abels to teach a training course for Rwandese public prosecutors

At the request of the Center for International Criminal Justice of the VU, Denis Abels will teach a training course for Rwandese public prosecutors on human rights in pre-trial detention. The training course is financed by NUFFIC and is part of a 10-day programme. The Rwandese lawyers follow lectures on e.g. pre-trial detention, sentencing, rehabilitation and incarceration mainly from the ECHR's and international criminal courts' perspective and visit international organizations, such as the ICC and Europol.

Ingo Venzke to deliver keynote lecture at High-Level Expert Conference of Council of Europe

As part of its Chairmanship of the Council of Europe, Denmark is hosting a High-Level Expert Conference in Kokkedal near Copenhagen, on 22 - 24 November 2017, entitled: "2019 and Beyond – Taking Stock and Moving Forward from the Interlaken Process." At the Conference, representatives of Council of Europe Member States will meet with judges of the European Court of Human Rights and officials from Secretariat of the Council of Europe, national parliamentarians and judges, and legal experts from civil society to address both the immediate problems facing the Convention system and develop ideas for the long-term future. Ingo Venzke has been invited to build on his work, together with Armin von Bogdandy, on the authority of international courts to deliver a keynote lecture on "Political Dialogue as Positive Strategy: Enhancing Communication and Participation".

Research Output:

Articles

Brölmann, C.M.

Review of the Cotif Amendment Procedure: 'Assessment of the Public International Law Dimension' in 125 Bulletin of International Carriage by Rail, no. 3, 2017, pp 12-17.

Nijman, J.E.

Grotius' *Imago Dei* Anthropology: Grounding *Ius Naturae et Gentium*, in Martti Koskeniemi, Mónica García-Salmones Rovira, and Paolo Amorosa (Eds.), *International Law and Religion* (OUP 2017) 87-110.

Schill, S.W.

Stephan W. Schill, 'Reforming Investor–State Dispute Settlement: A (Comparative and International) Constitutional Law Framework' (2017) 20(2) *Journal of International Economic Law* 649–672.

Makane Mbengue and Stephan W. Schill (eds), 'Special Issue: Africa and the Reform of the International Investment Regime' (2017) 18 *Journal of World Investment and Trade* 367-584.

Benedict Kingsbury and Stephan W. Schill, 'Public Law Concepts to Balance Investors' Rights with State Regulatory Actions in the Public Interest—the Concept of Proportionality' *Sepehredalat*, Monthly Magazine, 13, Oct. 2017 (translation into Persian by Vahid Hedayati), see <http://www.sepehredalat.ir/NewsDetails.aspx?id=1785>

Donders, Y.M.

The Human Right to Enjoy the Benefits of the Progress of Science and its Applications", Open Peer Commentary, *The American Journal of Bioethics* (with Sebastian Porsdam Mann, Helle Porsdam, Christine Mitchell) (2017, 17:10) 34-36.

Zieck, M

Annotatie van de uitspraak Rechtbank Den Haag zp Amsterdam, 8 mei 2017, nr AWB 16/17782, ECLI:NL:RBDHA:2017:5945, *Jurisprudentie Vreemdelingenrecht*, JV 2017/11, 1112-1117.

Book chapters & papers

Gill, T. and Ducheine, P.

February 2016, 2nd Edition of the Tallinn Manual on the Applicability of International Law to Cyber Operations. Edited by Prof. Michael Schmitt, published by Cambridge University Press. Please find more information [here](#).

Gill, T.

The Final Report of the ILA Study Group on the Conduct of Hostilities in the 21st Century, posted on the ILA website, published online in the *International Law Studies* journal of the U.S. Naval War College last July. He was Chairman of the Study Group alongside rapporteurs Robin Geiss (Glasgow) and Robert Heinsch (Leiden). Members of the Study Group included Paul Ducheine and Jeroen van

den Boogaard who are both members of research group LACPO. Please find more information [here](#) and [here](#).

Brölmann, C.M. (with Christina Binder)

'The Law of Treaties Before Domestic Courts and Human Rights Bodies', Amsterdam Law School Research Paper No. 2017-41/ Amsterdam Center for International Law No. 2017-27
Number of pages: 46, read more [here](#).

Brölmann, C.M.

26 October 2017 *Oxford International Organizations (OXIO)* was launched. Editors-in-Chief are Jean d'Aspremont, Kiki Brölmann and Iain Scobbie, read more [here](#). Accessibility is free of charge until July 2018. See also [International Law Reporter](#).

Venzke, I.

Theories of Interpretation and Sources of Law, in Oxford Handbook of the Sources of International Law (Jean d'Aspremont and Samantha Besson eds, Oxford University Press 2017) 401-421.

Schill, S.W.

Stephan W. Schill, 'Authority, Legitimacy, and Fragmentation in the (Envisaged) Dispute Settlement Disciplines in Mega-Regionals' in Stefan Griller, Walter Obwexer and Erich Vranes (eds), *Mega-Regional Trade Agreements: CETA, TTIP, and TiSA - New Orientations for EU External Economic Relations* (OUP 2017) 111.

Stephan W. Schill and Heather L. Bray, 'The Brave New (American) World of International Investment Law: Substantive Investment Protection Standards in Mega-Regionals' in Thilo Rensmann (ed.), *Mega-Regional Trade Agreements* (Springer 2017) 123.

Donders, Y.M.

"The Enjoyment of Cultural Rights by Women on an Equal Basis with Men" in: Lucky Belder and Helle Porsdam (eds.), *Negotiating Cultural Rights: Issues at Stake, Challenges and Recommendations* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017) 100-120.

Presentations

Brölmann, C.M.

7 September, Naples, Presentation 'SDG6 and the contribution to international water law', , European Society of International Law Annual Conference.

20 October, 'Territory in late-modern international law', in Conference *Borders, Fences, Firewalls: Assessing the changing relationship of territory and institutions*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen.

Nijman, J.E.

20 October, the Hague, Turning to Grotius once more? Writing Northern Humanism into International Legal History', Leiden Journal of International Law, 30th Anniversary Symposium on *The Trajectories of International Legal Histories*, .

Heller, K.J.

29 September, Lecture on ICL and the *Ntaganda* case in Geneva as part of the ICRC's annual training for lecturers from the Global South.

2-3 October, Lecture on the idea of specially-affected states in the formation of custom at Stockholm University and the University of Lund.

3-6 November, IHL training in Jerusalem on behalf of the International Association of Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection. Students came from the UN, the Red Cross, and various NGOs.

Venzke, I.

20 September, 'Der Begriff der internationalen öffentlichen Gewalt—10 Jahre danach' ('The concept of international public authority—10 years later'), Workshop on 'Internationale öffentliche Gewalt' ('International Public Authority'), 20-21 September 2017, MPI Heidelberg.

13 October, , Why is a Political Understanding of Political Conditions not Obvious?, Workshop, 'De sociaal-democratische greep op de globalisering' ('The Social-Democratic Take on Globalization'), Wiardi Beckman Stichting, The Hague.

Zieck, M

9-10 October, "Observations from a Vantage Point of View" in panel on "The Refugee Protection Regime: Shortcomings at the International, Regional and National Levels and Possible Remedies", at the International Conference on International Cooperation in Responsibility Sharing for Refugees in the Euro-Mediterranean Space, Cairo, The American University in Cairo, Egypt.

Stephan W. Schill

24 October, 'The Future of the Investment Treaty Regime: Legitimacy Challenges and Options for Reform', Centre for the Law, Regulation & Governance of the Global Economy (GLOBE), University of Warwick, 24 October 2017.

25 October, 'International Investment Law and Community Interests: Towards a Public Interest-Based Rationale for Protecting Foreign Investors under International Investment Agreements', Faculty Seminar, Law School, University of Warwick.