



NEWS

**DECEMBER 2017 – JANUARY 2018
(2018-01)**

Featured research: Accountability, Courts And Tribunals (ACT)

What should policy-makers do when it comes to the **nexus between migrant smuggling and human trafficking**? ACIL member **Dr. Jill Coster van Voorhout** (Assistant Professor of International and Transnational Criminal Law), led the presentation of the research findings and recommendations of the [T-STAN](#) project the at UvA on Thursday 11 January. T-STAN provides a new, evidence-based toolkit for Dutch, EU and UN policy-makers focusing on preventing and responding to ‘mixed migration’. It takes a holistic approach to both crimes, migrant smuggling and human trafficking, on the route from Libya to the EU.

T-STAN is part of ***Accountability, Courts And Tribunals (ACT)***, which Jill established in The Hague in 2014. ACT is an interdisciplinary research program aimed at formulating research-based solutions for policy-makers and courts. It helps to counter challenges, such as gross human rights violations and international and transnational crimes, across two areas:

Fact-finding: Policy-makers and courts tend to emphasize the legal qualification of facts, rather than the process of finding those facts (fact-finding). This has had real-life consequences, including collapsed cases and miscarriages of justice.

Criminal justice: Policy-makers and courts face serious challenges regarding international and transnational crimes. New approaches, such as public-private partnerships and cross-learning between international and transnational crime regimes, are urgently required.

- [Read more](#) of Jill’s work looking at recommendations for synergies between criminal and human rights investigations (*Bridging the Geneva-The Hague Divide* on fact-finding and accountability, together with Ambassador Stephen Rapp).
- [Read more](#) on an anti-human trafficking public-private partnership initiated by Jill.

Vacancy

ACIL is looking for a Student Assistant, above all to assist in the execution of workshops, conferences, and other events. The appointment will be on a temporary basis for 7,6 hours per week, starting preferably on 1 March or closely thereafter. Applications should be sent to acil-fdr@uva.nl; the deadline is 19 February. [Read more](#)

Reminder – Research projects

At the ACIL meeting on the 24 January we agreed to collect descriptions of your research projects. A research project should be about 3-5 years, preferably drawing together the research agendas of different researchers. The exceptions to the latter are PhD projects. It would also be good if the (language of the) research mission is at least modestly reflected in the description. Since this may well involve a moment of co-ordination, please send those descriptions to acil-fdr@uva.nl by 1 March. Please see Ingo's email of 1 February for further details.

Upcoming events over the next two months

- Monday, 12 Feb.** **ACIL Luncheon: Reparations in International Law**
12:00-13:00 Miguel López Martínez and Niki Siampakou
A10.65
- Monday 19 Feb.** **Law and Justice Across Borders Internal Seminar**
14:00 – 15:30 Iris van Domselaar
A3.01
- Monday 26 Feb.** **Law and Justice Across Borders Event**
15:30-17:00 Sabine Frerichs, Vienna University of Economics and Business
A3.01
- Tuesday 27 Feb.** **Law and Justice Critical Theory Reading Group**
15:30-17:00 A3.01
- Friday 9 March –** **Frankfurt Investment Law Workshop 2018**
Saturday 10 International Investment Law and Constitutional Law
March Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
- Monday, 9 April** **Law and Justice Across Borders Event**
15:30-17:00 Eva Heidbreder (Otto-von Guericke Universität Magdeburg)
A3.01

Note: ACIL Luncheons, with and without speakers, will take place every Monday from 12:00-13:00 in A10.65 and Law and Justice Across Borders internal seminars will take place monthly. Please check the [ACIL events page](#) regularly for the latest events.

Of note

Janne Nijman Visiting Professor in Geneva

Janne Nijman, professor of History and Theory of International Law, will be Visiting Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, for the 2018 *Spring Term* (February-June). She will be teaching the 14 week course 'History of the Idea of International Law' and participating in the research community at the Institute.

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Geraldo Vidigal added to WTO Roster of Panelists

The World Trade Organization's Dispute Settlement Body approved on Monday the nomination of Dr. Geraldo Vidigal, Assistant Professor at the UvA Faculty of Law, to the WTO's Indicative List of Governmental and Non-Governmental Panelists. The roster of panelists, kept by the WTO Secretariat, features names of individuals qualified to be members of WTO panels that settle high-profile trade disputes.

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Research Output

Articles

Brems, E., Heri, C., Ouald Chaib, S., Verdonck, L.

Head-Covering Bans in Belgian Courtrooms and Beyond: Headscarf Persecution and the Complicity of Supranational Courts. *Human Rights Quarterly*, Volume 39, Number 4, November 2017.

Donders, Y.

'Het mensenrecht om deel te hebben aan wetenschappelijke vooruitgang', *Liberaal Journaal*, TeldersStichting, December 2017, p. 12-13.

Meguro, M.

Distinguishing the Legal Bindingness and Normative Content of Customary International Law, 6:11 *ESIL Reflections* (2017).

Books and book chapters

Ducheine, P., van Haaster, J., van Harskamp, R.

'Manoeuvring and Generating Effects in the Information Environment', in: Ducheine, F. Osinga (Eds.), *Winning without killing – The Strategic and Operational Utility of Non-Kinetic Capabilities in Crises*, NLARMS Netherlands Annual review of Military Studies 2017, TMC Asser Press-The Hague & Springer – Berlin, pp. 155-180

Ducheine, P. and Osinga, F. (eds.)

Winning without killing – The Strategic and Operational Utility of Non-Kinetic Capabilities in Crises, NLARMS Netherlands Annual review of Military Studies 2017, TMC Asser Press-The Hague & Springer – Berlin.

Gill, T.D., Fleck, D., Boothby, W.H. and Vanheusden, A. (eds.)

Leuven Manual on the International Law Applicable to Peace Operations, Cambridge University Press (2017).

Gill, T.D., Geiss, R., Krieger, H. and Paulussen, C. (eds.)

Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law Volume 19, TMC Asser Press/Springer Academic Publishers (2017)

Gill, T.D., van Haaster, J. and Roorda, M.

“Some Legal and Operational Considerations Regarding Remote Warfare: Drones and Cyber Warfare Revisited” in Jens David Ohlin (ed.) Research Handbook on Remote Warfare, Edward Elgar (2017), 298-331

Meguro, M.

Customary International Law and Non-State Actors: Between Anthropomorphism and Artificial Unity

Forthcoming, Iain Scobbie and Sufyan Droubi (eds.), *Non-State Actors and the Formation of Customary International Law*, Melland Schill Perspectives on International Law (Manchester University Press, 2018).

Muller, E., Bosch, J.M.J, de Jong, I.M. and Ducheine, P.A.L. (eds.).
Krijgsmacht, Deventer: Wolters Kluwer (2e en herziene druk, 2017)

- **Ducheine, P. and Walgemoed, G.**
'Juridische kaders', in: E. Muller, J.M.J. Bosch, I.M. de Jong & P.A.L. Ducheine (eds.), *Krijgsmacht*, Deventer: Wolters Kluwer (2e en herziene druk, 2017), pp. 153-170.
- **Ducheine, P. and Walgemoed, G.**
'Juridisch kader inzet en optreden', in: E. Muller, J.M.J. Bosch, I.M. de Jong & P.A.L. Ducheine (eds.), *Krijgsmacht*, Deventer: Wolters Kluwer (2e en herziene druk, 2017), pp. 731-748.
- **Ducheine, P.**
'Defensie in het digitale domein', in: E. Muller, J.M.J. Bosch, I.M. de Jong & P.A.L. Ducheine (eds.), *Krijgsmacht*, Deventer: Wolters Kluwer (2e en herziene druk, 2017), pp. 799-821.
- **Muller, E., Bosch, J.M.J., de Jong, I.M. and Ducheine, P.A.L.**
'Krijgsmacht in perspectief'. In: E. Muller, J.M.J. Bosch, I.M. de Jong & P.A.L. Ducheine (eds.), *Krijgsmacht*, Deventer: Wolters Kluwer (2e en herziene druk, 2017), pp. 883-892.

Venzke, I. and Mendes, J. (eds.)
Allocating Authority in European and International Law (Oxford, Hart 2018).

Papers

Brölmann, C.M.
'The Coming of Age of International Organizations as Willful Subjects of International Law', *Graduate Institute Geneva*, 14 December 2017.

Presentations

Ducheine, P.
Participation (as member of the international group of experts) in a workshop on Customary Law in Cyberspace and Cyber Operations (Tallinn Manual 2.0 workshop), Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 10 December 2017.

Heri, C., Keller, H. and Christ, M.
'50 years of Women at the European Court of Human Rights: Success and Failure of the Council of Europe's Gender Agenda'. Leiden University, Campus: The Hague. 12 January 2018.

Meguro, M.
Speaker at a workshop on the Neglected Methodologies of International Law, University of Leicester Law School, on the 31 January 2018.

Brölmann, C.M. and Meguro, M.
Speakers at a workshop on The Sources of International Law and the International Law Of Sources, the Oxford Handbook of the Sources of International Law & University of Fribourg, on the 26 January 2018.

Venzke, I.
Hindsight Bias in the Path of International Law, Conference 'The Neglected Methods of International Law: Empirical, Socio-Legal, and Comparative', University of Leicester. 31 Jan. 2018.

Venzke, I.
Hindsight Bias in the Path of International Law, Third Empirical Legal Studies Workshop, University of Amsterdam. 29 Jan. 2018.

Other activities

Duchiene, A.L.

'Chaos creëren en geld verdienen. Zo werken Noord-Koreaanse hackers', Nando Kasteleijn, NOSinterview, 2 December 2017.

Meguro, M.

'EJIL Debate - The Whaling case and the Duty to Cooperate: Responding to Professors Thirlway and d'Aspremont' - EJIL Talk! (Blog).