

Annual report for 2016 for the Stockholm Center for International Law and Justice

Introduction

The activities of the Center have developed considerably during 2016. Nineteen events of various kinds have been organized. Among these, the following can be noted. The first, greatly successful Gimo doctoral retreat on Critical Research in International Law (CRIL) with Martti Koskenniemi from Helsinki, Pål Wrangé, Mark Klamberg and ten doctoral students was organized. SCILJ organized two well received and well attended events during the annual Swedish Human Rights Forum, which is the largest annual human rights event in Sweden. The plans for 2016 to organize a conference on cyber intervention in collaboration with the National Defence College has been postponed to 2017.

Management

The board has consisted of Hans Corell (chair), Kaj Hobér, Marie Jacobsson, Agneta Johansson, Said Mahmoudi, Jonas Tallberg and Pål Wrangé, who is also the director. Corell, Mahmoudi and Wrangé constituted the executive committee. Mark Klamberg is the deputy director.

The Board held two meetings (14 January and 14 September).

Activities

2016-01-26, Västsahara. Erkännande som stat? Mänskliga rättigheter på undantag? Var står EU? (Western Sahara: Recognition? Human rights? The policy of the EU?), Hans Corell, Göran Lysén (Uppsala), John Stauffer (Civil Rights Defenders), Teresia Carlgren (The Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation), Pål Wrangé, Moderator: Said Mahmoudi. Organized in cooperation with ILA Sweden.

- 2016-02-15, Thinking Outside the Box (Literally): Reconceptualizing the Scope and Meaning of Human Rights, Mark Gibney (the Raoul Wallenberg Institute)
- 2016-02-29, Sweden, Child Rights and the UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs, Lina Pastorek, Damon Barrett, Christina Paulsrud and Karin Röbbäck de Souza
- 2016-03-21, Countermeasures against low intensity cyber attacks, Nicholas Tsagourias (Sheffield)
- 2016-04-05, Hur de mänskliga rättigheterna används (men inte borde användas) för att rasifiera människor och grupper (How human rights are used [but should not be used] to racialize people), Elena Namli (Uppsala)
- 2016-04-14--15, Doctoral retreat in Gimo with Martti Koskenniemi (Helsinki)
- 2016-05-24, Should There be a Responsibility Not to Veto in the UN Security Council in Cases of Grave Atrocities Committed Against Populations?, Katinka Svanberg
- 2016-05-26, Palestine on the road to independence, Riad Malki (Foreign Minister of Palestine)
- 2016-09-20, The South China Sea Arbitration, Marie Jacobsson, Said Mahmoudi and Martin Ratcovich
- 2016-09-27, Men are the Guardians of Women – Advancing Women’s Rights in Islamic Law, Mona Samadi (Örebro)
- 2016-09-30 A fragmented international legal order and the consequences for international environmental law, Ellen Hey (Rotterdam)
- 2016-10-06 - 2016-10-08, Historicising International (Humanitarian) Law? – Could we? Should we?, English Park Campus, Uppsala University, convened by Hugo Valentin Centre, Uppsala University and Stockholm Center for International Law and Justice
- 2016-10-10, Third-Party Countermeasures in International Law , Dr. Martin Dawidowicz (Oxford)
- 2016-10-25, Raphaël Lemkin in Stockholm, Mark Klamberg
- 2016-11-08, Försvarsunderrättelsesdomstolen (the Defence Intelligence Court), Håkan Per Sjöblom
- 2016-11-16–17 Human Rights Forum, Malmö

The Ruggie Principles and Economic and Social Rights, Pål Wrangé, Radu Mares (Lund), Kathleen McCaugheys (Amnesty International), 16 November

Är undantagstillstånd det nya normaltillståndet? (Is the state of exception the new normal?), Elisabeth Dahlin, Rädde Barnen, Markus Gunneflo (Lund), Björn Wangse, Mark Klamberg, 17 November

2016-11-24, International Law Aspects of the Right to Self-Determination in Western Sahara, Katlyn Thomas

2016-12-06, International concern or domestic empowerment? Rethinking the political conception of human rights, Johan Karlsson Schaffer (Göteborg)

From 28 April, the Center organizes weekly brown bag lunch seminars for researchers in international law at the center, during which doctoral students or senior researchers present their ongoing work.

The Center has initiated a review of the website.

Research

Regarding the research at the Center, see the "Research" on the Center's website (<http://www.scilj.se/research/>).

Fellows

The Center has the following fellows: Ola Engdahl, David Fisher, Pär Hallström, Mark Klamberg, David Langlet, Gustaf Lind, Katak Malla, Mona Samadi, Maria Sjöholm, Fredrik Stenhammar and Katinka Svanberg. The following colleagues are junior fellows: Damon Barrett, Nikola Hajdin (from 2016), Fredrik Holst, Linnea Kortfält, Sally Longworth (from 2016), Tove Nyberg (from 2016), and Martin Ratcovich. The Center had two visiting doctoral students during 2016: Claudia Luebbers (University of Strasbourg) and Reza Rahmati (University of Teheran).

International Advisory Board

The International Advisory Board has consisted of Morten Bergsmo, Ove Bring, Ellen Hey, Abdul Koroma, Martti Koskenniemi, Said Mahmoudi (Coordinator), Susan Marks, Djamchid Momtaz, Phoebe Okowa and Dinah Shelton. In its operations, the Board of Directors took into account the valuable proposals that the Council provided during its meeting with the Board on 16 October 2014.

Cooperation

At the national level, the Center cooperates regularly with the Swedish Branch of the International Law Association, as well as with other institutes at the Department of Law, such as the Child Rights Center, as well as with other national partners, such as the National Defence University.

The Center has a partnership with the Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law (Brussels). The Center also collaborates with the Center for International Law and Justice in Copenhagen and with the Erik Castrén Institute in Helsinki. The relations with the International Law Institute at Peking University were strengthened through Pål Wrange's participation at a seminar in Beijing in October and an invitation to Peking University to send a doctoral student to the next Gimo doctoral retreat.

The Center completed its first commissioned research from the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, "to examine relevant legal, historical and other aspects of approaches and terminology regarding historical mass atrocities," when Pål Wrange reported on January 11. It received a new commission from the Ministry to provide a special course in international law for one of the key officers at the Ministry; this course is ongoing.

Financing and Economy

During 2016 the Center had no own incomes or expenditures and has neither assets nor liabilities. The Director has received no remuneration.

Guest lectures by Helena Namli, Mark Gibney, Nicholas Tsagourias, Mona Samadi, Martin Dawidowicz, Hases Per Sjöblom and Johan Karlsson Schaffer as well as the doctoral retreat in Gimo and the Center's participation at the Human Rights Forum were funded wholly or partly through generous contributions from the Edward Cassel Foundation. Other expenditures have been funded with support from the Department of Law. To finance the planned conference on cyber intervention, the Center has received funding from the Marcus Wallenberg Foundation for International Scientific Cooperation (SEK 125 000). For the commissioned study from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Center received 249 000 SEK, which by law may only cover the Center's expenses for the mission.

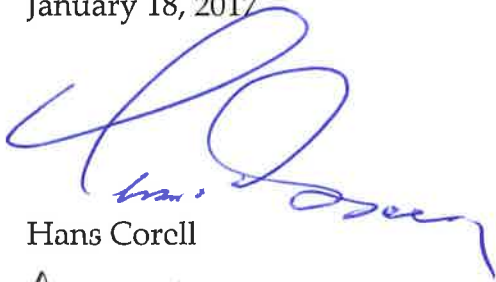
All the funds that are put at the Center's disposal are managed by the Department of Law on a project basis, and any excess amount is refunded to the donors.

Since the Center has no assets, and also no secure incomes, and because it was likely that the activities primarily would be funded on a project basis, the Board decided not to adopt a budget for 2016.

Administration, m m

The Center has been managed by the director and the deputy director with the assistance of colleagues in the Law Department, in particular the course administrator for international law.

January 18, 2017



Hans Corell



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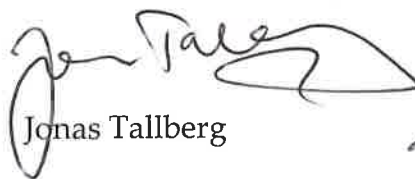
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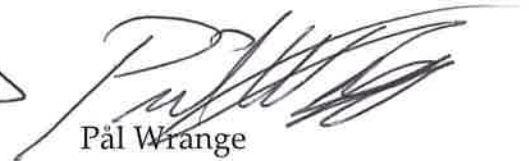
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