

Annual report for 2017 for the Stockholm Centre for International Law and Justice

Introduction

The activities of the Centre have continued to develop during 2017.

Most significantly, the European Society of International Law decided that the Annual Conference of 2020 would be held in Stockholm, at the invitation of SCILJ.

Twenty-one events of various kinds have been organized. Among these, the following can be noted. The third Hilding Eek Memorial Lecture was held by Christine Chinkin (London School of Economics) on 18 September, with an introduction by the Vice-Chancellor, Astrid Söderbergh Widding. In April SCILJ organized the second, enlarged Gimo doctoral retreat on Critical Research in International Law (CRIL) with Anne Orford from University of Melbourne, Pål Wrangé, Mark Klamberg, Andreas Moberg (Göteborg) and twelve doctoral students from universities in China, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Norway and Sweden. In August SCILJ organized a roundtable on cyber operations and international law in collaboration with the Centre for International and Operational Law (CIOL) at the Swedish Defence University with twenty-one international and Swedish scholars and policy-makers. The event included a public panel discussion.

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 (18 January and 19 September).

Events

- 2017-02-14 Högsta domstolens rättighetspraxis från 2003 till 2015: utmaningar och möjligheter med en inkorporering av FN:s Barnkonvention, Maria Grahn Farley (Uppsala)
- 2017-02-22 När Konfucius kom till FN – Peng Chun Chang och FNs förklaring om de mänskliga rättigheterna med Professor Hans Ingvar Roth (SU)
- 2017-03-14 Feminist International Law with Marie Jacobsson & Cecilia Baillet (Oslo)
- 2017-03-21 Enforcing international law against armed groups: The ambivalent role of the collective security system with Dr. Jessica Almqvist (Autónoma, Madrid)
- 2017-04-18 Anne Orford (Melbourne), The inaugural seminar of the series “Global Law, Local Lives”: Free Trade, International Law, and the Battle for the State, Anne Orford (Melbourne)
- 2017-04-19–21 The Gimo retreat with Anne Orford
- 2017-05-08 Courting Failure: When Are International Criminal Courts Likely to be Believed by Local Audiences?, Marko Milanovic (Nottingham)
- 2017-05-29 Till minne av Catalán: Folkrättsligt skydd för FN-personal och humanitär personal i konfliktområden with Pål Wrange, Ola Engdahl, Malin Greenhill och Annette Lyth
- 2017-05-30 Three Grades of Evil’: Nabokov and the Perils of Interpretation of Investment Treaties with Alessandra Asteriti (Glasgow and Lüneburg)
- 2017-06-01 Torture in the 21st Century with Manfred Nowak (Vienna)
- 2017-06-08 International Criminal Court: an internal perspective to its lessons learned, current challenges and way forward with Herman van Hebel (ICC)
- 2017-06-15 Legal and political obstacles to accountability for the use of chemical weapons in Syria with John Cerone (Fletcher, Oslo)
- 2017-08-28 Panel discussion: Cyber operations and international law: prospects for global norms? with Pål Wrange, Terry Gill (Amsterdam), Marja Lehto (Finnish MFA) and Marina Kaljurand (Estonian MFA)
- 2017-08-28–29 Round-table on international law and cyber operations with twenty invited scholars and diplomats
- 2017-09-05 “Specially Affected” States and the Formation of Custom: A Concept in Search of a Meaning with Kevin Jon Heller (SOAS, Amsterdam)

- 2017-09-18 The third Hilding Eek Memorial Lecture: Violence against Women: International Human Rights Law, Criminal Law and Security with Christine Chinkin (LSE)
- 2017-10-28 – 29 Power in International Criminal Justice, conference at Istituto degli Innocenti, 1 Piazza della Santissima Annunziata, Florence with CILRAP and the International Nuremberg Principles Academy
- 2017-11-06 The Romanian War Crimes Trials at the end of World War II with Dr. Stefan Cristian Ionescu (Uppsala University), SCILJ seminar series on International Criminal Law
- 2017-11-13 American Civil Liberties Union v CIA Torture Psychologists with Senior staff attorney Stevan M. Watt, SCILJ seminar series on International Criminal Law
- 2017-11-14 Immunities for international organizations with Barrister Alex Haines
- 2017-11-21 The contribution of Judge Håkan Friman to the making of the International Criminal Court, with the President of the ICC, Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi and with an introduction by Ambassador (ret.) Hans Corell, former Under-Secretary-General, the Legal Counsel of the UN; SCILJ seminar series on International Criminal Law

All through the year, the Centre has hosted weekly brown bag lunch seminars for researchers in international law, during which doctoral students or senior researchers present their ongoing work.

The Centre has initiated a review of its website.

Research

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

The Centre has initiated a legal interdisciplinary research program called "Global Law, Local Lives". Applications for research grants will be filed in 2018.

Fellows

The Centre 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 Centre had one visiting doctoral student during 2017, Reza Rahmati

from University of Tehran, and one visiting scholar, Chen Yifeng from Peking University.

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 has taken 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 Centre 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 Centre, as well as with other national partners, such as the National Defence University.

The Centre has a partnership with the Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law (Brussels). The Centre also collaborates with the Centre for International Law and Justice in Copenhagen, the Erik Castrén Institute in Helsinki and PluriCourts at the University of Oslo as well as with the International Law Institute at Peking University.

By commission from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Centre provided a special course in international law for two key officers at the Ministry.

Financing and Economy

During 2017 the Centre had no own incomes or expenditures and has neither assets nor liabilities. The Director has received no remuneration.

Guest lectures and seminars by Cecilia Baillet, Jessica Almqvist, Anne Orford, Marko Milanovic, Alessandra Asteriti, Manfred Nowak, John Cerone, Kevin Jon Heller, Stefan Cristian Ionescu, Stevan M. Watt, Alex Haines, Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, as well as the doctoral retreat in Gimo 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 roundtable on cyber intervention, the Centre has received funding from the Marcus Wallenberg Foundation for International Scientific Cooperation (SEK 125 000).

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

Since the Centre 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 2017.

Administration, etc.

The Centre 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. The Gimo seminar was organized with the assistance of one of the doctoral students, Damon Barrett.

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