Annual report for 2019 for the Stockholm Centre for International Law and Justice

Introduction

The activities of the Centre developed well during 2019. The preparations for the holding of the Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law in 2020 continued, and the conference is now financed.

Twentyone events of various kinds have been organized. Among these, the following can be noted. The fourth Hilding Eek Memorial Lecture was held on 2 October by Professor Rüdiger Wolfrum, Heidelberg University. On 21 October, the president of the International Criminal Court, Chile Oboe-Osuji, delivered a lecture. In June SCILJ organized the fourth doctoral retreat on Critical Research in International Law (CRIL) in Oxford with Sundhya Pahuja from Melbourne University and fifteen doctoral students from Nordic universities, Oxford, Manchester and Peking University.

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 Wrangle constituted the executive committee. Mark Klamberg is the deputy director.

The Board held two meetings (17 January and 18 September).
Activities

30 January: Neil Walker (University of Edinburgh), “The Authority of Global Law” (in cooperation with the subject jurisprudence and within the framework of the research project Global Law, Local Lives)


19 March: Keisuke Kondo (Kyoto), “The Pure Theory of Law and Global Legal Pluralism” (in cooperation with the subject jurisprudence, and within the framework of the research project Global Law, Local Lives)


16 April: Maria Sole Continiello Neri (the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow), “The Russian law on Refugees and the principle of non-refoulement: an analysis through the lens of the European Court of Human Rights”

23 April: Thomas Gammeltoft Hansen (Københannm), “The Changing Practices of International Law” (within the framework of the research project Global Law, Local Lives)

24 April: Andria Naudé Fourie (Erasmus Universty), “Understanding the Dynamic Complexity of Development: A Case Study of the Kenya Electricity Expansion” (within the framework of the research project Global Law, Local Lives)

7 May, Christian Henderson (University of Sussex), “A comparative approach to the use of force within the international and domestic contexts”

28 May: Roger Cotterrell (Queen Mary), “Transnational Law” (in cooperation with the subject jurisprudence, and within the framework of the research project Global Law, Local Lives)

4 June: Vera Rusinova (Higher School of Economics, Moscow) “The International Legal Principle of Non-Interference and Cyber-Operations: Unjustified Expectations?”

5 June: Vera Rusinova “Legalisation of Mass Surveillance by the ECHR: Is There a Right to Respect for Private Life After “Big Brother Watch and Others v. UK” (in cooperation with the Swedish Law and Informatics Research Institute)

10-12 June: Sundhya Pahuja (Melbourne) at CRIL doctoral retreat at Oxford (in cooperation with the Institute of European and Comparative Law of the Oxford Law Faculty)

2 October: The Fourth Hilding Eek Memorial Lecture: Rüdiger Wolfrum (Heidelberg), “Who is responsible for the protection of the ocean floor?”
9 October: David Schneiderman (Toronto and SU), “Investment Law and Legal Forms of Empire”

21 October: Chile Oboe-Osuji, president of the International Criminal Court, “The Enduring Value of the International Criminal Court to Humanity”

29 October: Professor Gregory Gordon (the Chinese University of Hong Kong), “The Hong Kong crisis and international law”

1 November: Sally Longworth (SU) “Freedom of expression in armed conflict”


15 November: Sally Longworth (SU) and Sara Fridlund (Swedish Red Cross and the Red Cross University College), “The Right to Health Care in Armed Conflict”, at the Swedish Forum for Human Rights 2019 (MR-dagarna)

25 November: Professor Beth Simmons (University of Pennsylvania Law School), “Borders rules”

9 December: A roundtable discussion on Chinese and Swedish Labour Law with presentations by Chen Yifeng and Yan Tian (Peking University) and Petra Herzfeld-Olsson (SU) in cooperation with the Stockholm-Uppsala network in labour 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. These seminars have been organised by doctoral students Nikola Hajdin and Sally Longworth.

The Centre has updated its logotype.

**Preparations for the 2020 Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law (ESIL 2020)**

The preparations for ESIL 2020 have continued. The local organising committee, convened by Pål Wrang, has included Hevi Dawody (doctoral student), Jonas Ebbesson (professor of environmental law and former dean), Gilma Boci (amanuensis), Mark Klamberg (professor of international law), Said Mahmoudi (professor of international law and former dean), Jarna Petman (lecturer), Martin Ratcovich (doctoral student), Ida Söderberg Tah (head of administration at the department of law) and Will Underwood (doctoral student). The board of ESIL appointed the following members of the programme committee for ESIL 2020: Paolo Farah (West Virginia), Ellen Hey (Rotterdam), Mark Klamberg, Said Mahmoudi, Phoebe Okowa (Queen Mary), Evelyne Schmid (Lausanne), Ramses Wessel (Twente)
and Pål Wrange (convenor). See further the conference website (http://www.esil2020.se).

Research

Regarding the research at the Centre, see the tab "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”. The project, which has fourteen participants from different legal disciplines, is led by a steering group that includes Pål Wrange and Mark Klamberg of SCILJ. The project has been funded by grants to Klamberg and Wrange from the Faculty of Law. After a kick-off in 2018, a follow-up conference was held on 24 April with guests Thomas Gammeltoft Hansen (Køpenhamn) and Andria Naudé Fourie (Erasmus University, Rotterdam).

Fellows, visiting researchers

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, Hevi Dawody, Olga Glukhovska, Nikola Hajdin, Fredrik Holst, Linnea Kortfält, Sally Longworth, Tove Nyberg, Maria Nääv, Martin Ratcovich and Will Underwood.

The Centre had two visiting fellows -- David Schneiderman from the University of Toronto (and affiliated professor at SU) and Stephen Robert Allen (Queen Mary) -- and three visiting junior fellows -- Vlada Gurvich, Liliia Khasanova and Kamila Shaibakova from Kazan University, funded by the Sverker Åström foundation.

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, David Schneiderman and Dinah Shelton. Ellen Hey and Phoebe Okowa have participated in the programme committee for the 2020 ESIL conference.

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 Swedish Law and Informatics Research Institute (IRI), the Child Rights Centre and the Institute of European Law, 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 key officers at the Ministry.

**Financing and Economy**

During 2019 the Centre had no own incomes or expenditures and has neither assets nor liabilities. The Director has received no remuneration.

Guest lectures and seminars as well as the doctoral retreat in Oxford were funded wholly or partly through generous contributions from the Edward Cassel Foundation and the Hans Thornstedt Foundation. Other expenditures have been funded with support from the Department of Law.

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 2019.
Administration

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 retreat in Oxford was organized with the assistance of one of the doctoral students, Nikola Hajdin.

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