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**NEW ASIL BOOK CAPTURES SUPREME COURT VIEWS OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) announces the publication of its new book *A Decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind...*, a collection of speeches by Justices regarding international law. The volume was edited by ASIL member **Christopher J. Borgen**, Assistant Professor of Law at St. John's University.

A Decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind... is the first ever compilation of major addresses over the past century by Justices of the Supreme Court to ASIL Annual Meetings. The book provides a unique insight into the thoughts and perspectives of the Justices as they relate to foreign and international law. Each speech evokes a particular point in American history from the inter-War period, to the turning of the tide of the Second World War, the dawn of the Cold War, and the post-Cold War era. The Justices whose speeches are included are William Howard Taft (1922), Charles Evan Hughes (1931), Owen J. Roberts (1943), Robert H. Jackson (1945, 1949, 1952), Harry A. Blackmun (1994), Sandra Day O'Connor (2002), Stephen G. Breyer (2003), Antonin G. Scalia (2004) and Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2005).

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“This exclusively published set of U.S. Supreme Court Justices’ speeches at ASIL meetings illuminates views from 1922 to the present of members of the highest court on issues related to international and foreign law,” said ASIL Executive Director Elizabeth Andersen. “With international law figuring ever more prominently on the court’s docket, ASIL is pleased to be able to make such an interesting and valuable resource available to court observers and the public alike.”

To read this 146-page book’s Table of Contents and Foreword visit <http://www.asil.org/resources/books.html>. *A Decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind...* is now available for purchase through the William S. Hein & Company, Inc. at 800-828-7571 (U.S.) or 716-882-2600 (outside U.S.). The publication is \$18 for ASIL members and \$20 for non-members. Members of the press who would like a review copy of *A Decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind...* should contact Sheila Ward, ASIL Director of Communications and Member Relations, at sward@asil.org or +1.202.939.6018.

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