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**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
**CONCLUDES 116<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**Hundreds of Global Experts Convene for First In-Person Meeting since 2019 to Consider Global Challenges and Honor Leaders in International Law**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ongoing crisis in Ukraine was among the urgent concerns addressed at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), which concluded on Saturday. The meeting drew over 1,450 in-person and virtual attendees, including international lawyers, jurists, scholars, policy advocates, and diplomats, for four days of addresses and panel presentations by featuring more than 200 speakers.

The ASIL Annual Meeting is one of the world’s largest and most diverse gatherings devoted to the advancement of international law.

The three-day meeting, which took place April 6-9, 2022, was organized by the Society’s Annual Meeting Committee, co-chaired by **Rachel López** (Drexel University Kline School of Law), **Kish Parella** (ASIL Academic Partner Washington & Lee University School of Law), and **Patrick Pearsall** (ASIL Law Firm Partner Allen & Overy LLP). The overall theme of the meeting was “Personalizing International Law.”

Outgoing ASIL President **Catherine Amirfar** said, “It was more important than ever for the members of the Society to meet in person this year as the international community contends with the greatest threat to peace and security since the Cold War.”

Incoming ASIL President **Gregory Shaffer** said, “The 2022 Annual Meeting offered an unparalleled opportunity to engage directly with the most influential thought leaders in the field as the Society debated many of the most critical international legal issues of our time.”

ASIL Executive Director **Mark D. Agrast** said, “In this perilous moment, the Annual Meeting offered our members the opportunity to come together in common cause and to reaffirm their commitment to a world governed by law.”

The Society’s Assembly included memorial tributes, recognition of new Emeritus Members, the election of officers and members of the Executive Council, and the conferral of honors and awards.

Newly elected officers include President Gregory Shaffer (ASIL Academic Partner University of California Irvine School of Law); Honorary President **Sir Christopher**

**Greenwood** (University of Cambridge and former judge on the International Court of Justice); Vice Presidents **Mélida N. Hodgson** (ASIL Law Firm Partner Arnold & Porter LLP) and **Catherine Powell** (ASIL Academic Partner Fordham University School of Law); and Honorary Vice Presidents **Catherine Amirfar** (ASIL Law Firm Partner Debevoise & Plimpton LLP), **Sean D. Murphy** (ASIL Academic Partner George Washington University Law School), and Lucinda A. Low (Steptoe & Johnson LLP). Reelected were Vice Presidents Mark D. Agrast, **Anna Spain Bradley** (ASIL Academic Partner UCLA School of Law), and **James Thuo Gathii** (ASIL Academic Partner Loyola University Chicago School of Law).

The Society also elected the following new members of the Executive Council: **Olabisi D. Akinkugbe** (ASIL Academic Partner Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law), **Syed Arif Hyder Ali** (ASIL Law Firm Partner Dechert LLP), **David M. Bigge** (ASIL Academic Partner Georgetown University Law Center), **Kathleen Helen Hooke** (U.S. State Department), **Darin Edward-Wesley Johnson** (ASIL Academic Partner Howard University School of Law); and Counsellors **Karen R. Bravo** (ASIL Academic Partner Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law), **Pedro J. Martinez-Fraga** (Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP), **Eruch (Elchi) Nowrojee** (The Carlyle Group), **Victoria Shannon Sahani** (ASIL Academic Partner Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law), **David L. Sloss** (Santa Clara University School of Law), and **Edward T. Swaine** (ASIL Academic Partner George Washington University Law School). Reelected were **Steven R. Ratner** (ASIL Academic Partner University of Michigan Law School), **Natalie L. Reid** (ASIL Law Firm Partner Debevoise & Plimpton LLP), and **Xue Hanqin** (International Court of Justice).

A spoken tribute to the late **James Crawford** (International Court of Justice) was delivered by **Paul Reichler** (ASIL Law Firm Partner Foley Hoag LLP).

Special citations were presented to **Curtis A. Bradley** and **Laurence R. Helfer**, the outgoing editors in chief of the *American Journal of International Law*, and to **Richard B. Bilder**, in celebration of his fifty years of service as a member of the Board of Editors of the *Journal*.

At the conclusion of the Assembly, outgoing President Amirfar paid tribute to ASIL Executive Director Mark D. Agrast, who will be stepping down this fall after eight years at the helm.

Highlights of the Annual Meeting included:

- The 24th annual Grotius Lecture, presented in cooperation with American University Washington College of Law, was delivered by **Judge Hilary Charlesworth** of the International Court of Justice, with a response by Distinguished Discussant **Karima Bennoune** (ASIL Academic Partner University of Michigan Law School).
- A keynote address by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State **Wendy R. Sherman**.
- Keynote remarks by the Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States, **Oksana Markarova**.

- A keynote conversation with 2021 Nobel Peace Prize recipient **Maria Ressa** (Co-Founder and CEO, Rappler) and President Amirfar.
- The seventh annual **Detlev F. Vagts Roundtable on Transnational Law**, convened by **Rebecca Hamilton** (ASIL Academic Partner American University Washington College of Law), on “Transnational Regulation of the Platform Economy.”
- The presentation of the 2022 **Prominent Woman in International Law Award**, presented by the ASIL Women in International Law Interest Group, to **Fatou Bensouda** (former prosecutor of the International Criminal Court).
- The ninth annual **Charles N. Brower Lecture** on International Dispute Resolution, delivered by **Judith Gill** (Twenty Essex) on “The Arbitrator: Reflections of a poacher turned gamekeeper.”
- The closing plenary, sponsored by the Asser Institute for International and European Law and the Municipality of The Hague and convened by **Janne Nijman**, on “International Law Needs People: Humanitarian arms control and the peace movement.”

The Society honored three eminent figures in the field of international law, including:

- The presentation of the **Manley O. Hudson Medal** to **Lori Fisler Damrosch** (ASIL Academic Partner Columbia Law School), featuring a conversation between Professor Damrosch and **José Alvarez** (ASIL Academic Partner NYU School of Law).
- The presentation of the **Goler T. Butcher Medal** to **Chile Eboe-Osuji** (former president, International Criminal Court), who participated in a conversation with **Michael Scharf** (ASIL Academic Partner Case Western Reserve University School of Law).
- The presentation of the **Honorary Member Award** to **Bhupinder S. Chimni** (Jawaharlal Nehru University School of International Studies).

The Society presented the following prizes and book awards:

- The Certificate of Merit in a specialized area of international law, awarded to **Mira L. Siegelberg** for *Statelessness: A Modern History* (Harvard University Press, 2020).
- The Certificate of Merit for “high technical craftsmanship and utility to practicing lawyers and scholars,” awarded to **Amal Clooney & Philippa Webb** for *The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law* (Oxford University Press, 2021).
- The **Robert E. Dalton Award** for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Foreign Relations Law to **Paul B. Stephan** and **Sarah H. Cleveland**, eds. for *The Restatement and Beyond: The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Foreign Relations Law* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

- The Certificate of Merit for a preeminent contribution to creative scholarship, awarded to **Ntina Tzouvala** for *Capitalism as Civilisation: A History of International Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2020).
- The **Francis Deák Prize**, awarded by the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law to **Zachary Mollengarden & Noam Zamir**, *The Monetary Gold Principle: Back to Basics*, 115(1) AJIL 41-77 (2021) and to **Stratos Pahiis**, *BITs & Bonds: The International Law and Economics of Sovereign Debt*, 115(2) AJIL 242-280 (2021).
- The **David D. Caron Prize**, for the best paper presented at the Society’s Research Forum, to **Shiri Krebs**, for her paper, “The Effects of Visual Evidence on the Application of International Humanitarian Law: A behavioural approach.”

The Society’s Interest Groups awarded the following prizes:

- The International Legal Research Interest Group awarded its 2022 *Jus Gentium* award to **NATLEX**, a database created under the direction of the International Labour Organization (ILO) to record and provide access to national labor, social security, and related human rights legislation from nations around the world, as the recipient of its 2022 *Jus Gentium* Award.
- The International Refugee Law Interest Group selected **Charlotte Labrosse** as the winner of its Student Writing Competition for “Humanitarian Visas as a Legal Pathway to International Protection in Europe.”
- The International Legal Theory Interest Group presented its 2022 scholarship prize and honorable mention. The 2022 Scholarship Prize is awarded to **Tom Dannenbaum** for his article “Siege Starvation: A War Crime of Societal Torture.” The 2022 Honorable Mention was awarded to **Melissa Stewart**, for “‘A New Law on Earth’ Hannah and the Vision for a Positive Legal Framework to Guarantee a Right to Have Rights?”
- The Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict presented the Francis Lieber Prize in the Article category to **Tilman Rodenhäuser** for “Partnering in Detention and Detainee Transfer Operations.” The Book category award was presented to **Jelena Plamenac** for her book *Unravelling Unlawful Confinement in Contemporary Armed Conflicts*. Finally, the 2022 Richard R. Baxter Military Prize was awarded to **Asaf Lubin** for his article “The Reasonable Intelligence Agency.”

## ABOUT ASIL

*The American Society of International Law is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization founded in 1906 and chartered by Congress in 1950. The mission of the American Society of International Law is to foster the study of international law and to promote the*

*establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. ASIL holds Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is a constituent society of the American Council of Learned Societies.*

*The Society's 3,500 members from more than 100 nations include attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students and others interested in international law. Through our meetings, publications, information services and outreach programs, ASIL advances international law scholarship and education for international law professionals as well as for broader policy-making audiences and the public.*

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