MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Council, American Society of International Law

From: Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Chair, 2021-2022

ASIL Honors Committee (on behalf of Committee Members Karen Bravo, Harlan Cohen, Jean Galbraith, and Charles Jalloh)

Date: October 26, 2021

Subject: ASIL Honors Committee Report and Recommendations

This memorandum constitutes the report of the 2021-22 ASIL Honors Committee and contains the Committee’s recommendations to the Executive Council regarding the ASIL honors for 2022:

- The Manley O. Hudson Medal, awarded to a distinguished person of American or other nationality for outstanding contributions to scholarship and achievement in international law. The 2021 recipient was Bernard H. Oxman. For the 2022 Manley O. Hudson Medal, the Committee nominates Lori Fisler Damrosch.

- The Goler T. Butcher Medal, awarded to a distinguished person of American or other nationality for outstanding contributions to the development of effective realization of international human rights. The 2021 recipient was the Honorable Louise Arbour. For the 2022 Goler T. Butcher Medal, the Committee nominates The Honorable Chile Eboe-Osuji.

- The Honorary Member Award, awarded to an individual of American or other nationality who has rendered distinguished contributions or service in the field of international law. The 2021 recipient was The Honorable Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf. For the 2022 Honorary Member Award, the Committee nominates Bhupinder S. Chimni.

The 2021-2022 ASIL Honors Committee was appointed in the spring of 2021 by ASIL President Catherine Amirfar. As is customary, the Society circulated in summer 2020 a Call for Nominations in multiple venues. These included the ASIL Newsletter, the ASIL website, and the biweekly ASIL e-bulletin. Committee members also informally solicited nominations from ASIL members.

The Committee received several nominations in each category from the Call and added additional nominations to the pool for each category. As a result, the Committee had a highly accomplished set of nominees to consider for each of the three awards. Background materials relating to all of the nominations were reviewed by the Committee and carefully discussed via email and teleconference.
The Committee also benefited from the guidance of Executive Director Mark Agrast and the invaluable assistance of his Executive Assistant, Selma Laporte.

The Committee makes the following unanimous nominations to the Executive Council.

**The Manley O. Hudson Medal**

Lori Fisler Damrosch

Professor Lori Fisler Damrosch has had a rich and diverse professional career. She received her BA from Yale University in 1973, which was followed by a J.D. in 1976. After obtaining her law degree, Lori Damrosch clerked with Judge Jon O. Newman (1976–77). She served in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, through 1980, with responsibilities including European and Canadian affairs, international antitrust, aviation, and trade. In addition, she was a special assistant to the Legal Adviser in 1980. From 1981 to 1984 she was an associate with Sullivan and Cromwell.

She joined the Columbia faculty in 1984. From 1984 to 1989 she was an associate professor at the School of International and Public Affairs. Presently she is the Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy at Columbia Law School.

Professor Damrosch has been a resident fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace and a visiting professor at Harvard Law School. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Department of State Advisory Committee on International Law, and numerous international law and human rights organizations. She was the organizer of U.S.-Soviet (later U.S.-Russian) research project on international law for the American Society of International Law (ASIL). She has held numerous leadership positions at ASIL, where she served as vice president between 1996 and 1998, as president from 2014 to 2016 and, currently, as honorary vice president. Between 2003 and 2013, she served as co-editor-in-chief (with Professor Bernard Oxman) of the *American Journal of International Law*, of which she has been a member of the board of editors since 1991. Since 2009, she has been a member of the Institut de Droit International. Professor Damrosch will give the General Course at the Hague Academy of International Law in July 2022.

In 2015, Lori Damrosch was presented with the Wolfgang Friedmann Memorial Award by the *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*. The same year, she won a grant from the Columbia University President’s Global Innovation Fund to convene the conference “International Legal Dialogue – Middle East North Africa” at the Columbia Global Center in Amman, Jordan, which was held in collaboration with Columbia Law School and the American Society of International Law.

**The Goler T. Butcher Medal**

Chile Eboe-Osuji

The Honorable Chile Eboe-Osuji is a distinguished jurist who has made important contributions to the field of international criminal law and international human rights law. He is currently Distinguished International Jurist and a Special Adviser to the President of the Ryerson University Faculty of Law, Ontario, Canada; a Visiting Professor at Stanford University Law School; and a Senior Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights and Policy at Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Before his recent move to academia, he served with distinction as a judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for a nine-year term that began in March 2012. At the ICC, he initially was assigned to the Trial Division of which he became President before later joining the Appeals Division, and subsequently, taking up the position as elected President of the ICC as of March 2018 until the completion of his judicial service in March 2021. At a time of significant challenges to the ICC, Judge President Eboe-Osuji defended the institution and the core values of independence and integrity that underpin the Rome Statute. During his tenure, he also worked to improve the relationship between the ICC and its African States Parties, a region that is particularly critical to the success of the ongoing work of the Court, while at the same time calling for an independent review process on ways of improving the Rome Statute system.

Prior to joining the ICC, Judge Eboe-Osuji was the Legal Adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, during which time he anchored the High Commissioner’s interventions in cases involving human rights questions. In that capacity, he led the writing of *amicus curiae* submissions to the European Court of Human Rights and the United States Supreme Court. He served as principal appeals counsel for the Prosecution in the *Charles Taylor case* at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and has held several posts at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), including as a Senior Legal Officer and Head of Chambers and Lead Prosecution Trial Counsel in some of the ICTR’s most important genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity trials.

Judge Eboe-Osuji taught international criminal law as adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa, Canada. He has authored several publications, including several articles published in prominent peer-reviewed journals and the books, *International Law and Sexual Violence in Armed Conflicts*, and *Protecting Humanity* (ed). He is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Nigerian Yearbook of International Law*. He served as legal expert
to Nigeria’s delegation to the ICC-ASP Special Working Group on the Definition of the Crime of Aggression.

He was called to the Bar in Nigeria (1986), Ontario, Canada (1992), and British Columbia, Canada (1992). He practiced law as a barrister before trial courts in Nigeria and Canada and conducted appeals before the Court of Appeal for Ontario (Canada) and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Judge Eboe-Osuji received his Ph.D. from the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He received his LL.M. degree from McGill University, Canada, and he also did his Canadian law accreditation studies at McGill. He received the LL.B. degree from the University of Calabar, Nigeria. He received an honorary Doctorate from Middlesex University, UK, and was awarded the Gold Medal of the Honorary Patronage from the Philosophical Society of Trinity College at the University of Dublin, Ireland.

The Honorary Member Award

Bhupinder S. Chimni

Professor Bhupinder S. Chimni is an influential scholar who has also contributed to the work of think tanks and international organizations. He is Emeritus Professor of International Law, Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, India). He served as Vice Chancellor of the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata (2004-2006) as well as chairperson of the Centre for International Legal Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has been a visiting professor at Brown and Tokyo Universities and also held visiting positions at Harvard, Cambridge, Minnesota, and York universities. He was visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg and a fellow at the Nantes Institute for Advanced Study working on “Pathways to the Future: International Law and Global Justice.” Since 2019, he has been Distinguished Professor of International Law and Member of the Law School Doctoral Committee at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University.

Professor Chimni served as a member of the Academic Advisory Committee of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 1996-2000.

He is an associate member of the Institut de Droit International, and a Member of the Academic Council of the Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School. He sits on the editorial board of several international journals including the American Journal of International Law (AJIL). He is co-Editor-in-Chief of the Indian Journal of International Law. He is one of the leading scholars of the Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL), a network that articulates a critique of contemporary international law and institutions from the perspective of the Global South. His areas of research interest include international legal theory, international economic law, and international refugee law.

In 2006, Professor Chimni delivered the Grotius Lecture, titled “A Just World Under Law: a View from the South,” at the 100th annual meeting of the American Society of International Law.

He received his LL.B. degree from Panjab University, his LL.M. from Bombay University and Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University.