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Introduction

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first joint newsletters issued by the Minorities in International Law Interest Group (“MILIG”) and New Professionals Interest Group (“NPIG”)!

Our Mission and Activities

As you may know, MILIG was created to promote and enhance the careers of minorities in the field of international law. We not only support members of minorities who are already in the field in order to assist in the development of their full potential for achievement and leadership, but also support, encourage and facilitate opportunities for others who are interested in entering the field of international law.

In a recent survey, our members let us know exchanging information about professional opportunities, networking, and mentoring were their principal priorities.

The Newsletter

Through this Newsletter, a joint venture with the NPIG, we are seeking to meet some of these priorities. Here you will find the latest job listings and fellowship opportunities, as well as calls for papers and notices of forthcoming conferences and events. You will also learn about our annual Mentoring Program through an interview with two of this year's participants. In this issue, you will also learn about careers in international arbitration through an interview with our member, Mélida Hodgson, an experienced international arbitration practitioner.

We plan to continue and expand this coverage in future issues.

Is there additional coverage that you would like to see in our newsletter? Do you have any news or recent publications you would like to share? Would you be willing to write for us? If you so, please let us know.

Upcoming Activities.

If you are attending the ASIL Annual Meeting in Washington, please join us for the MILIG Business Meeting on Saturday April 7th at 9 am.

Best,

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Spotlight on MILIG Member: Mélida Hodgson

By Jennifer Babaie



Mélida Hodgson is a partner in the International Litigation and Arbitration Department of Foley Hoag LLP (Washington, DC office). Her focus is on investor-State dispute settlement and commercial arbitrations, as well as counseling governments and State-owned entities with respect to international investment protection obligations, WTO dispute resolution, and international trade policy issues. She also serves as an arbitrator, and has been named to the rosters of the AAA/ICDR, Chapter 19 of the NAFTA and the WTO indicative list of panelists.

She is a former Associate General Counsel at the Office of the United States Trade Representative. In that capacity, in addition to litigating disputes, she was part of the team that developed the 2004 US Model BIT, the 2001 NAFTA interpretation of Chapter 11, and was involved in the negotiations of the investment and procurement chapters in free trade agreements, as well as BITs.

A: Can you tell us how you found your way to practicing international arbitration?

Q: My path to international arbitration was a winding one. I started my career 25 years ago at Shearman & Sterling in New York City in the Commercial Litigation Department. I started off as most people do in general litigation because back then there were very few U.S. firms with a dedicated international arbitration practice.

I had always wanted to do international litigation and had taken a class on international arbitration as a law student at NYU. My first opportunity came in my third year at Shearman when the firm was engaged in a matter involving a Mexican client. At the time, there were about 70 lawyers or more in my department but I was the only one who spoke Spanish.

As happens with many litigation associates at large law firms, I left Shearman in my fourth year to work in the Department of Justice's Civil Division, Commercial Litigation, in order to acquire practical experience. Back then, junior associates spent most of their time writing memos and doing document review (which is now mostly outsourced), with limited opportunity to work on a first draft of a brief, so to remain a litigator it was common to move to a government position in order to gain experience. My experience with the arbitration had reinforced my commitment to practice litigation – I loved being an advocate. I spent about a year and a half with the DOJ, but was frustrated by how slowly the litigation I was hired to do was moving (defending the government in savings

& loans cases). It was around that time that an opportunity to join USTR came up. A law school alum at USTR had once told me that USTR would never hire someone who didn't have trade experience. Fortunately, two years later, USTR had a real need for litigators. In order to get Congress to sign on to the WTO, the Clinton Administration had promised that it would vigorously defend U.S. trade laws and rights and so they needed litigators. I saw this as my chance to do international arbitration and I took it!

I spent the next seven years focused initially on litigation, but later also as the lawyer for various aspects of the trade negotiations that began at the end of the Clinton Administration and culminated in the Bush Administration. I worked on several FTA negotiations, including Singapore, CAFTA-DR, Morocco, and Panama. As a result, I developed expertise in two practice areas: (1) investment-protection provisions and (2) government procurement provisions.

After nine years, I decided it was time to go back into private practice. Upon leaving USTR, I joined to Miller & Chevalier, which was known for having a broad based international trade practice, but having decided to focus on international arbitration, I moved to Foley Hoag.

Q: What aspect of your work do you think draws prospective government clients to seek your representation?

A: My experience having represented governments in the past—like a number of my colleagues who have worked within their governments in the US, Canada, Ecuador, to name a few—I think draws those types of entities to me and the Firm. Foley only represents governments and so this experience is definitely an asset for clients. Experience working in an inter-agency setting is especially useful because it gives us first-hand knowledge of the way governments approach and deal with arbitration. Personally speaking, it also gives me insight on how best to manage and navigate the divisions that are natural in and between different government entities.

Q: Given your busy schedule, how do you find time to speak at conferences? Why do you believe this is important?

A: There is no doubt that in arbitration, perhaps more so than in other legal practices, what your peers think about you and your skills does matter, particularly where it may lead to recommendations for future work. Arbitration is changing, but it is still largely reputational. Although I have doubts as to how much prospective clients should rely on media rankings and peer reputation to hire attorneys to represent them in arbitration, the reality is that it is an important aspect.

The best way to meet your peers, other than litigating against them, is at conferences. I have had peers tell me that they've recommended me to a client when they had conflicts, or that they have recommended my appointment as an arbitrator. I have also met

prospective clients at conferences. So really, participating in conferences is a good way to get to know other practitioners as well as potential clients.

Another reason that I participate in conferences is my belief that there needs to be more diversity of voices, as to how certain issues should be looked at in arbitration. This is particularly so when you represent governmental entities. Conferences give me an opportunity to shed light on different perspectives. And then there is gender and minority diversity.

Q: Would you say that corporate social responsibility (“CSR”) is one of these new issues that States should become more aware of?

A: This is a fairly new topic. There has definitely been some concerns with using investment agreements as vehicles for enforcing CSR obligations. As foreign trade agreements currently stand, there really aren't vehicles to address, for example, environmental damage or the failure by investors to respect local laws and to address corruption. In recent years, there have definitely been voices demanding that some kind of requirement be placed on investors. There are certainly details to be worked out as to how you could actually incorporate these provisions in international arbitration. The CETA agreement between Canada and EU, the original India Model BIT revision, and to a lesser extent TPP are examples of this nascent trend.

Q: What would you recommend law students and practitioners do to enhance their careers?

A: I would recommend that they write articles, particularly on lesser-known issues such as cybersecurity, human rights, or CSR provisions that could be incorporated into future agreements, or really anything that interests them. Another example of a cutting-edge issue is the rights of non-parties to bring claims based on investment and trade agreements. Environmental and labor groups want to use investment provisions to bring their own claims. An important (and understudied) question is whether third parties should be able to sue for labor or environmental violations. If you've got something new and different to discuss, it will bring attention to you.

I would also encourage junior practitioners to get involved early with professional legal networks and organizations. Many of the international and arbitral organizations have “young groups” that allow lawyers to explore their interests. “Young-ICCA” and the ICC Young Arbitral Forum are two examples.

Q: What are you most proud of in your career?

A: I think being a good advocate for my clients. To do this, I always aim to be intellectually honest. The arbitration field is one where there is a lot of pressure to conform to the common view and this can lead to group myopia. This has been particularly evident in the

last few years. Arbitration has been going through a legitimacy crisis, and for many, the response has been to ignore or dismiss these criticisms. Everything evolves, so I try to be intellectually honest while remaining a good advocate.

Q: Have you noticed a change in the opportunities afforded to women and minorities in the field of international arbitration?

A: There is a saying about arbitration: It is “male, pale, and stale.” That was true and it remains true. There has been a big push from women over the last couple of years. For example, several women, supported by men, initiated “the Pledge” to get law firms and arbitral institutions to commit to put more women forward as arbitrators, and relatedly, to put women forward as lead chairs in arbitrations. Personally, I have been fortunate to work with a lot of women and lawyers of diverse backgrounds at Foley Hoag. It’s a matter of commitment by the Firm and those managing it. It can happen organically, but people need to be self-aware as to whether they are being fair with how they are distributing opportunities to their colleagues. I also make a personal effort to have women assigned to my cases and to give them speaking roles at hearings.

I think that most of the progress right now is on the domestic (U.S.) side of things, but this is because it is what I am familiar with. What I have seen happening in the U.S., and where I think it’s really going to matter, is when clients say they won’t do business with a firm unless they see women and minorities on the teams handling their matters. For example, general counsel of some in-house legal departments are demanding diverse teams working on billable matters (i.e. as first or second-chairs). So on the domestic side there has been a greater demand for diversity, and as this increases, I believe the demand will naturally shift to international arbitration matters.

Ultimately, I think more diversity truly depends on the clients. There is certainly a movement towards having more women in lead roles, but we aren’t there yet. Specifically in arbitration, one factor may be that traditionally your value increases with age and experience. It’s a very ‘wait your turn’ universe. That’s why, at the end of the day, it depends on the clients. Clients have to be the one making the demands to see more women as arbitrators or as lead-chairs.

Q: You are now serving as an arbitrator – what are some of the challenges (if any) that you’ve faced? Why are there so few diverse arbitrators and why is this a problem? Also, do you have any advice for lawyers interested in serving as an arbitrator?

A: My biggest challenge has definitely been receiving appointments – I have identified both a tangible and intangible reason for this. First, the intangible – and as a preliminary matter this is a problem shared by non-minorities because as I noted, this is a “wait your turn” field. But as I also previously noted, this is not a diverse field, so when you take a small subset of the practitioners who can serve as arbitrators, the lack of diversity is going to appear even more stark. We do have to remember, however, that arbitration, both investment and commercial has really boomed in the last 10-20 years, so it is young and

now attention has begun to be focused on the lack of diversity – not only gender, but also cultural, racial and geographical.

The lack of diversity is a problem because most or part of the boom can be attributed to arbitration in or involving culturally, racially, and geographically diverse States and entities. If I were to guess (and setting aside the large number of Energy Charter Treaty cases involving European states), over the last decade probably 60-70% of investment arbitrations have involved Latin American, African, and Middle Eastern States. We should also consider the related percentage of commercial arbitrations involving those States or their State-owned entities. We also know from the growth of SIAC and other regional institutions in Asia and the Middle East that there is now a significant amount of commercial arbitration involving Asian and Middle Eastern entities. As well, we know there is a lot of commercial arbitration in Latin America. So it's a bit of a problem if none or mostly none of the arbitrators are from those regions, not least because of unconscious biases that can affect one's understanding of disputes. But it's not all the arbitration world's fault, clients are not blameless because if they themselves are minorities and not demanding to see minorities as arbitrators, then nothing will change.

Getting back to the challenges – one very tangible issue has been conflicts or potential conflicts or the possible appearance of a conflict, which has resulted in my being ineligible to serve most of the time I have been asked if I wanted to serve – this has happened both in the commercial as well as investment arbitration context.

In terms of advice for someone wanting to be an arbitrator, first and foremost get good solid experience as counsel, and if you have the opportunity to serve as a Tribunal Secretary or Assistant that probably helps (although I am wary of the relevance of tribunal secretary training programs for anything other than that function). Also, participate in the events that the institutions hold, get involved in the institutions (for example, ICC's YAF, Young ICSID, Young ICCA, Young SIAC) and apply to get on their rosters. In addition, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators trains and certifies arbitrators.

Q: You have served as an inaugural MILIG mentor – what has that experience been like? What improvements could be made to the program?

A: I have had a wonderful experience participating in the mentoring program. I am happy to share my experiences and to remind young lawyers that there are many paths to getting where you want to reach – we all have different paths. The one advice I would give is to remind young lawyers that people are busy – whether in private practice or public service – so the burden is on the mentee to be persistent. If someone has agreed to serve as a mentor you are not bothering them, but you need to be the driver of the relationship.

Report on MILIG's Inaugural Mentoring Program

By Dr. Kinnari Bhatt



Valerie Okaru-Bisant (mentor)



Safiya Moore (mentee)

In 2017, the ASIL Minorities in International Law Interest Group instituted a Mentoring Program. Under this program, seven law students and young attorneys seeking careers in international law were paired with established professionals in their particular field of interest. Dr. Kinnari Bhatt, a member of our Editorial Board, reports on one such mentoring experience.

Safiya Moore, who has finished her undergraduate LLB and is currently studying for her Legal Education Certificate (the postgraduate training required to qualify as a solicitor in Trinidad and Tobago) at Hugh Wooding Law School, and is completing research on the utility of space technology in overcoming challenges facing the Caribbean and Latin America, was mentored by Professor Valerie Okaru-Bisant of the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University and the Catholic University of America.

I recently spoke to Safiya and Val about their experiences of the new mentoring initiative. Safiya is writing a paper called 'Space for Developing Nations' which examines how developing countries might develop space technology to assist with issues like natural disasters, crime prevention like drugs and human trafficking and the sustainable management of natural resources. Her work considers the challenges developing nations face regarding their financial and technical capacity in developing space technology. It is impressive that Safiya who is writing this paper as a result of her own initiative and intellectual curiosity, rather than as a school assignment.

They both explained how Val has given Safiya detailed feedback on her paper and has shared many of her academic papers and presentations for guidance. Val also introduced her through MILIG Co-chair, Christina Beharry, to Oonagh Sands, (Co-Chair of ASIL's Space Law Interest Group) for more guidance. All of this input has been invaluable for her paper, which is nearing

completion. The next step for Safiya , with Val’s assistance, to target some specialised journals for publication.

In addition to the guidance on her paper, Val gave Safiya more general career advice during the mentoring process. Safiya particularly appreciated Val’s insights into the different routes in practice and academia that she can consider after completing her Legal Education, as well as the pluses and minuses of both career tracks. Val introduced her to the type of teaching she does and shared access to her contacts by connecting Safiya to her LinkedIn network. She also exposed Safiya to her World Bank PowerPoint presentation on governance, gender and security of fragile regions.

Both Safiya and Val commented on how it would have been nicer to have Safiya present in Washington, as she could have accompanied Val to meetings and gained some ‘real time’ exposure to international law. Nevertheless, they spoke regularly, communicating via Skype, email, WhatsApp and using Face Time video conferencing to have more personal contact and make up for the geographical distance. The MILIG mentoring program highlights the pros and cons of remote mentoring, which is becoming more common. It underscores the trade-off between pairing mentees who are not located in international law hubs with established practitioners in other jurisdictions that they may not have otherwise met or developed a relationship. Safiya mentioned how with more check-ins from ASIL, feedback can be taken on board as the mentorship programme continues to grow.

All in all, they have both had great success with the programme and have gained new insights into each other’s work. For Val this has meant learning about the legal education system in Trinidad and Tobago and for Safiya, having access to a flexible, ‘hands on’ mentor that cares about her work and professional development.

Job Listings and Fellowship Opportunities

1. University of Oxford, Faculty of Law, and St Hilda's College, Oxford

Official (Tutorial) Fellowship in Law and Associate Professorship of Law

St Hilda's College, Oxford and the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford propose, if a suitable candidate applies, to appoint to an Official (Tutorial) Fellowship in Law and an Associate Professorship of Law. This is a permanent position, subject to completion of a successful review.

Applications are invited from candidates who are active researchers of Law, and with the ability to provide excellent tutorial teaching, classes, and lectures. The successful candidate will be required to engage in scholarly research and publication and to teach at least one of the compulsory papers for the BA. Preference may be given to a candidate who is able to teach for the college in two or more of the following subjects: Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Roman Law, Contract Law, Tort Law, Administrative Law, Trusts, or Jurisprudence. Candidates must hold a doctorate or LLM equivalent at the time of interview. Candidates must have a sound knowledge of Law in the relevant subjects, the ability or potential to undertake college and University administration and a willingness to participate in college and University business, and excellent communication, interpersonal, and organisational skills.

Applications, containing a completed application coversheet (including the names and addresses of three referees), a detailed covering letter (which should set out information about the candidate's research and the subjects which the candidate could offer to teach for the college and for the faculty), a full curriculum vitae including a list of publications, and two samples of written work should be sent by email to Mrs Suzie Hancock, Academic Registrar, St Hilda's College, Oxford OX4 1DY (email: college.office@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk; tel: (+44) 0 1865 276889).

More info: please contact: sarah.norman@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk, or go to:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/jobs/academic/index/ac26768j>

2. Peking University, School of Transnational Law, Dean

Ideal candidates for Dean will be established scholars with international reputations eligible for tenured appointment as a full professor at one of the world's leading research universities. They will have an unwavering commitment to the highest levels of academic excellence; superior leadership, administrative and interpersonal skills; and, a record of innovation in legal education. Nominations and expressions of interest should be sent to: Professor XU Xinzhong, chair of the Search Committee, at xuxz@gsm.pku.edu.cn

Candidates should include a letter expressing interest and a curriculum vitae. The Search Committee will ask for references only after a preliminary screening of candidates.

Confidentiality will be maintained in the search process; references will be contacted only with the explicit consent of the applicant. Nominations and applications will be accepted until a new

Dean is selected, but interested parties are encouraged to submit their materials before **March 10, 2018**, to ensure full consideration.

More info: please contact: xuxz@gsm.pku.edu.cn, or go to: <http://stl.pku.edu.cn>

3. University of Manchester - Presidential Academic Fellowship in International Law

The University of Manchester is inviting the brightest academic talent to apply for the Presidential Fellowships. They are interested in early-career academics who can deliver world-leading research and teaching, and become the inspiring leaders of the future. Applicants should have a high academic standing, a growing reputation in research, and the specialist knowledge needed to develop exemplary research programmes and methodologies. The closing date for applications is **Tuesday, 3 April**.

More info: <https://www.brightest-minds.manchester.ac.uk/>

4. University of Luxembourg, Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance Doctoral Candidate (PhD Student) in EU Public Law and/or Comparative Administrative Law (M/F)

The Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance of the University of Luxembourg has an opening for a Doctoral candidate (PhD student) in EU public law and/or comparative administrative law (M/F) Ref: F2-080014 (to be mentioned in all correspondence). Applications should be submitted online by **March 31, 2018** and must include the following:

- A motivation letter
- A detailed curriculum vitae with list of publications and copies thereof, if applicable
- A research proposal (max. 2000 words), which includes a research question, its scientific background, a short indication of the research methodology, and a short bibliography
- A transcript of concluded university studies
- The name, current position and relationship to the applicant, of no more than two referees

More info: please contact: joana.mendes@uni.lu, or go to: <http://emea3.mrted.ly/1pz6a>

5. Global Citizenship Law Project: Research Fellow

The WZB Berlin Social Science Centre, Project Group “International Citizenship Law” (led by Professor Liav Orgad) in the Research Area Migration and Diversity, is offering a position for a Research Fellow in the field of “Global Governance of Citizenship” to work initially 25.35 hours per week (65% of full employment), preferably starting in summer 2018 or earlier, for up to four year, with the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) within the context of the project, supervised by the project leader; if applicable, in connection with the Berlin Graduate School for Social Sciences or the Berlin Graduate School of Transnational Studies.

Application Materials: Curriculum Vitae (maximum 3 pages); Research Plan, which should contain a statement of the applicant’s ideas on the research questions, theoretical framework, and methodological approach (maximum 3 pages); and Letter of Motivation, which should describe a career plan and reasons for seeking to join the “Global Citizenship Law” project (maximum 500 words). Please submit your complete application by email (as one PDF file) by the closing date of **March 15, 2018** to: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung gGmbH.

More info: <https://www.wzb.eu/en/node/57638>

6. NYU Information Law Institute Research Fellowships 2018-19

The Information Law Institute at NYU (<http://www.law.nyu.edu/centers/ili>) is accepting applications for research fellowships to begin in Fall 2018. The initial fellowship term is for one year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year. Applicants should hold a law degree or a Ph.D. in a relevant area, and show interest and promise in conducting research and writing. They will give preference to applicants with demonstrated interest in ILI areas of focus, including privacy, algorithms and automated decision-making, and information/data ethics and politics. Applications (by email) and inquiries should be addressed to ILI administrator Nicole Arzt, nicole.arzt@nyu.edu, and should include: a CV, copies of 2 relevant publications or writing samples, a transcript of graduate work (unofficial is acceptable), the names and contact information of three references, and a cover letter summarizing the candidate's relevant background and accomplishments and outlining his or her perceived fit with the ILI. They will review applications on a rolling basis until the positions are filled. Applications received on or before **February 20, 2018** will be given priority.

7. Univeristy of Oslo, Norway: Paid Ph.D. Research Fellowships in Public International Law

The University of Oslo Faculty of Law is offering up to two paid Ph.D. Research Fellowships within the project "State Consent to International Jurisdiction: Conferral, Modification and Termination" under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Freya Baetens. The fellowships will be at the PluriCourts Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order, Department for Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. The project is funded by the Research Council of Norway, as part of the Young Research Talents grant programme.

More info: http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/international_law/2018/02/phd-research.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+typepad%2FUIZZ+%28International+Law+Prof+Blog%29

8. Internship - U.S. Department of State

The U.S. Department of State Fall 2018 Student Internship Program (unpaid) is now accepting applications. U.S. citizenship is required. Please apply online via USAJOBS: https://www.usajobs.gov/?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

The deadline for submitted applications is **March 2, 2018**. It is suggested that applications be submitted as early as possible to insure all documents have been uploaded properly and to account for any technical glitches that may occur. Interns will be expected to enter on duty in the September/October 2018 timeframe.

More info: https://careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships/?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

9. Internship - U.S. Department of State Pathways Internship Experience Program (IEP)

The U.S. Department of State Pathways Internship Experience Program (IEP) is accepting applications. U.S. citizenship is required. Please apply online via USAJOBS: https://www.usajobs.gov/?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

Student Trainees work closely with the U.S. diplomats and Civil Service professionals who carry out America's foreign policy initiatives. To witness and participate in U.S. foreign policy formulation and implementation, consider a Pathways internship with the U.S. Department of State.

Washington, DC location: These vacancy announcements will be open from **February 5 to February 9, 2018** or when the application **cutoff limit has been reached** for each position. Each vacancy will close on whichever day the first of these conditions is met. If the application limit is reached on the same day the announcement opened, the open and close date will be the same. Candidates are encouraged to read the entire announcement before submitting their application packages. Veterans' preference regulations apply.

Denver, CO location: These vacancy announcements will be open from **February 2 to February 9, 2018** or when the application cutoff limit has been reached for each position.

Charleston, SC location: These vacancy announcements will be open from **February 6 to February 12, 2018** or when the application cutoff limit has been reached for each position.

10. Summer Research, University of Illinois

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is now accepting applications for its Summer Research Laboratory. The opportunity grants scholars access to the Center's extensive library and research consultations. Application for the summer research laboratory should be by **March 15, 2018**.

More info: <https://reeec.illinois.edu/programming-and-events/summer-research-laboratory/>

11. Internship - US Trade Representative's office

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is an agency of more than 200 committed professionals with decades of specialized experience in trade issues and regions of the world. The student intern program at USTR is a year-round, volunteer program in which undergraduate, graduate students, and recent graduates gain knowledge and experience on U.S. trade policy and, in many cases, earn college credit at the same time.

All applicants must be U.S. Citizens, at least eighteen years of age at the time of applying, and enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university (2-4 year institution), or have graduated in the past two years from undergraduate or graduate school. To be considered

for the 2018 Summer session, applicants must submit a resume and cover letter using the JAZZ system, as well as answer all of the required questions. Complete applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on **March 15, 2018**. To assist with identifying areas of interest within our agency, you can find a brief overview of the functional responsibilities for each office by selecting the “Organization” option under the “About Us” tab on our webpage www.ustr.gov.

More info: <http://ustr.theresumator.com/apply/IaLS6dwHi3/USTR-Intern-Position-Summer-2018>

12. Internship - Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations

The internship within the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, in line with the United Nations (UN) Internship Programme, aims to provide a framework by which students from diverse academic backgrounds gain exposure to the United Nations through assignment to offices within the Secretariat in order to enhance their educational experience and gain experience in the work of the United Nations. Additionally, it provides the United Nations offices with the assistance of qualified students specialized in various professional fields. This internship is located in the New York Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The incumbent will report to a Humanitarian Affairs Officer. This OCHA Internship is for a minimum duration of three months with an opportunity for extension up to six months. The internship is unpaid and full-time. Interns work five days per week (35 hours). To apply to this job opening please visit: <https://inspira.un.org> or <https://careers.un.org>. A completed online application (Cover Note and Personal History Profile) is required.

Closing date: **15 July 2018**.

More info: <https://unjobs.org/vacancies/1500642855548>

Calls for Papers

1. Biennial Conference of the Latin American Society of International Law

The Sociedad Latinoamericana de Derecho Internacional/Latin American Society of International Law has issued a call for papers for its Fifth Biennial Conference, to be held September 24-25, 2018, at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, in Buenos Aires. The theme is "*Diálogos de Derecho internacional/Dialogues of International Law*." Paper proposals may be submitted in Spanish,

Portuguese, French or English. Abstracts will be received (maximum 500 words) until **February 15, 2018**. Those must be sent to conferenciasladi2018@utdt.edu. Submissions must contain: (i) an abstract, (ii) a brief résumé of the candidate, (iii) and the panel for which the proposal is being submitted.

The speakers will have to take care of their travel and accommodation expenses. Regrettably, SLADI-LASIL does not have funds for financial aid. Selected papers will be published in the Latin American Journal of International Law (Revista Latinoamericana de Derecho Internacional, LADI).

More info: [file:///Users/OliviaSY/Downloads/LASIL%20Conference%202017%20-%20UTDT.%20\(1\).pdf](file:///Users/OliviaSY/Downloads/LASIL%20Conference%202017%20-%20UTDT.%20(1).pdf)

2. PluriCourts at the University of Oslo – Workshop at the European Court of Human Rights

PluriCourts at the University of Oslo has issued a call for papers for a workshop on "*Responding to Legitimacy Challenges: Opportunities and Choices for the European Court of Human Rights*," to take place September 21, 2018, at the European Court of Human Rights. Please submit abstracts of maximum 400-500 words together with a cover letter by **February 15, 2018**, in one single PDF document, at <https://nettskjema.uio.no/answer/88091.html>. The abstract should go beyond the standard conference abstract and include the key steps of the argument to be presented. The cover letter should include a 1 paragraph CV and explain the context of the paper: e.g. whether it is part of a PhD project, whether it is based on undertaken empirical research or part of ongoing research etc. Accepted contributors will be asked to provide a 4-5 page position paper, to be presented at a panel of the workshop.

More info: <https://www.jus.uio.no/pluricourts/english/news-and-events/events/2018/2018-09-21-researchers-meet-the-court.html>

3. Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies

The Journal Territorial and Maritime Studies (JTMS) is soliciting submissions for its Summer/Fall 2018 issue. In the interest of increasing submissions, JTMS is offering authors of articles successfully passing peer review and selected for publication in the Summer/Fall 2018 issue an honorarium of \$1000. JTMS is an interdisciplinary Journal of research on territorial and

maritime issues sponsored by the Northeast Asia History Foundation with editorial offices hosted by Yonsei University in South Korea. The Journal provides an academic medium for the announcement and dissemination of research results the fields of history, international law, international relations, geography, peace studies, and any other relevant discipline. The journal covers all continental areas across the world, and it discusses any territorial and maritime subjects through the various research methods from different perspectives; moreover, practical studies as well as theoretical works, which contribute to a better understanding of territorial and maritime issues, are encouraged.

Manuscript should be submitted electronically to jtms@yonsei.ac.kr . Submitted papers should include four major sections: the title page, structured abstract, main body, and references. The title page should contain the title of the paper, the author(s) name, the institutional affiliation and keywords. Manuscripts should follow the JTMS style guide available on our website. A length of maximum 9,000 words is preferred for an article, including endnotes, and approximately 2,000 words for a review. Submissions wishing to be considered for the Summer/Fall issue must submit their manuscripts by no later than **February 15th, 2018**.


More info: <https://www.journalofterritorialandmaritimestudies.net/submissions>

4. Leicester Law School–Postgraduate ADR Conference

The first of the Leicester Law School–Postgraduate ADR Conference will take place in Leicester on May 10, 2018, in collaboration with the Transnational Dispute Management network.

The topic of the conference is “*Looking to the Future and Beyond: New Approaches to ADR*”.

The topic is to be understood in a broad sense and international and transnational perspectives are highly welcomed. It could be interpreted to mean, inter alia, the ever-changing characteristics of ADR as an alternative to State Courts, how the quality and standards could be improved, the effect of its steady growth alongside the unprecedented technological change and its impact on the future of legal services. Doctoral and early career researchers are invited to present on these issues and related issues. Submissions from all legal and interdisciplinary fields are welcomed.

Abstracts not longer than 300 words in length must be submitted to fna7@le.ac.uk **by February 28, 2018**.

More info: <https://www.transnational-dispute-management.com/news/20180510.pdf>

5. World, Trade, and Development, Special Issue on Revisiting WTO's Role in Global Governance

The WTO has often been at the centre of various debates which concern the organization's legitimacy and accountability. Some of these have been longstanding while the others are new, but what they share in common is a reflection of public concern about rising inequality and vulnerability in the global economy. Perhaps most importantly, there is still a question mark over trade rules as they exist and the impact that they have on the sustainable goals that States desire to achieve - be it economic, environmental or social. In this anniversary issue, TL&D attempts to take these debates forward by bringing together diverse views, critiques and solutions that address the current and future role of the WTO in global governance.

This Special Issue, currently scheduled for publication in Summer 2018, will provide an ideal platform to deliberate on these areas of focus. Accordingly, the Board of Editors is pleased to invite original and unpublished submissions for the Special Issue on Revisiting WTO's Role in Global Governance for publication as Articles, Notes, Comments and Book Reviews.

Closing date: **February 28, 2018**.

More info: <http://tradelawdevelopment.com/Uploads/10.1%20Call.pdf>

6. Stanford Law & Policy Review Spring 2018

The Stanford Law & Policy Review is accepting submissions for scholarly articles on a rolling basis for Volume 29 Issue 2, set for publication in spring 2018. They are particularly interested in articles that touch on the topics of national security, cybersecurity, and public policy. Completed manuscripts will be considered for publication on a rolling basis. Authors should submit pieces to the Stanford Law & Policy Review via Scholastica, and direct all inquiries to our Lead Articles Editor, Sophia Carrillo (sophia1@stanford.edu). Articles should be between 5,000 and 20,000 words, not including notes and citations.

7. PluriCourts Workshop - Geography and Legal Culture on the International Bench

PluriCourts at the University of Oslo has issued a call for papers for a conference on "*Geography and Legal Culture on the International Bench*," to take place May 17-18, 2018, in The Hague. Proposals should be submitted online (<https://nettskjema.uio.no/answer/92981.html>) by **February 28, 2018**, which consists of:

A cover letter, indicating whether the author (if selected) will be applying for financial support (this will not affect the selection process);

An anonymized abstract (in Word or Pdf-format, not exceeding 400 words);

A one-page CV, including the author's contact details and her/his most important/relevant publications.

Multiple abstracts per author will be considered, but each author will be invited to present one paper at most.

More info: <http://www.jus.uio.no/pluricourts/english/news-and-events/events/2018/cfp-workshop-geographyandlegalculture.pdf>

8. Association of Human Rights Institutes 2018 annual conference

The Association of Human Rights Institutes has issued a call for papers for its 2018 annual conference, to take place September 7-8, at the University of Edinburgh Law School. The theme is: *"Renewing Rights in Times of Transition: 70 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."* The deadline for submission of abstracts and panel proposals is **March 5, 2018**. Submissions should be sent to AHRI@ed.ac.uk.

More info: <http://www.ahri-network.org/images/documents/2018/AHRI%202018%20Call%20for%20Papers%20Final.pdf>

9. PluriCourts at the University of Oslo – International and Hybrid Criminal Courts Conference

PluriCourts has issued a call for papers for a conference on *"Ensuring and Balancing the Rights of Defendants and Victims at International and Hybrid Criminal Courts,"* which will take place August 30-31, 2018. Abstracts no longer than 500 words together with a short CV should be submitted online (<https://nettskjema.uio.no/answer/93016.html>) by **March 19, 2018**.

More info: <http://www.jus.uio.no/pluricourts/english/news-and-events/events/2018/2018-08-30-defendantsandvictims.html>

10. University of Zaragoza - Colloquium on International Investment Law & Competition Law

The Faculty of Law of the University of Zaragoza, Spain, has issued a call for papers for a colloquium on "*International Investment Law & Competition Law*," to take place September 27-28, 2018. Senior and junior academics and practitioners (including PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers) are invited to participate in the call for papers. Interested authors are invited to submit an abstract of an original paper, which is neither published nor accepted for publication when the Colloquium takes place. Papers will be selected by the conference's scientific committee on the basis of submitted abstracts, subject to a double-blind peer review. Only one abstract per author will be considered. Abstracts must not exceed 800 words, and must be submitted by **March 31, 2018**, to the following email addresses:

agourg@law.uoa.gr; cathy_titi@hotmail.com; and katiafachgomez@gmail.com. In addition to the abstract, each submission should contain, as a separate file, a short (one page) author's CV, including the author's name and affiliation and contact details and a list of relevant publications. More info: <file:///Users/OliviaSY/Downloads/CallforPapersZaragoza.pdf>

11. Yearbook on International Arbitration and ADR (Austria)

Volume VI of the Yearbook on International Arbitration and ADR (Austria) will be published towards the end of 2018, and the editors have circulated a call for contributions on any newsworthy topic in the fields of arbitration or mediation. The final deadline for all submissions is on **July 1, 2018**. If you choose to write an article, please contact the editors for a style-sheet which provides information regarding the formal aspects of your contribution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mag. Tobias Kunz, the Yearbook's editorial assistant: tobias.kunz@sbg.ac.at.

12. National University of Singapore - Third World Approaches to International Law

The National University of Singapore Faculty of Law will host the Conference on "Third World Approaches to International Law" (TWAIL Singapore), which will take place from Thursday, July 19 to Saturday, July 21, 2018. The broad purposes of the Conference are to evaluate and assess the past, present and future of TWAIL, this as one of a series of TWAIL related events held in various parts of the world. As the first TWAIL Conference to be held in Asia, papers dealing with Asian issues and themes will be especially welcome. TWAIL Singapore will also further collaborations with TWAIL scholars from Africa, Latin America and the Pacific. A 500 word or less abstract of the proposed paper, affiliation details, and brief biography should be

emailed to the TWAIL Singapore secretariat at email address: twail@nus.edu.sg by **March 15, 2018**.

More info: https://law.nus.edu.sg/twail/call_for_papers.html

13. Annual “Revisiting the Role of International Law in National Security” Workshop

The workshop is for public international law scholars and practitioners. It will take place June 18th, 2018 (full day) at Cardozo Law School, New York City. It aims to drive discussions of public international law, including international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international criminal law, into conversations, in the U.S. in particular on national security issues and situations of armed conflict. The organizers are interested in discussing scholarship and ideas that seek to bridge partisan political divides while addressing both the law and national interests.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for authors to have their works in progress critiqued by established experts in the field of IHL, and will provide a networking opportunity for participants. The organizers ask only for papers that have not yet been accepted for publication. Please send your name, current affiliation, and paper proposal to Tracey Begley at trbegley@icrc.org before **April 1, 2018**.

More info: <https://ilg2.org/2018/02/05/call-for-papers-international-law-national-security/>

14. Northwestern University – Power and International Law

The Buffett Institute for Global Studies at Northwestern University has issued a call for papers for a workshop on "Power and International Law," to be held May 4, 2018, at the American Bar Foundation in Chicago. Applicants should submit a paper title and abstract to sidrahamidi2017@u.northwestern.edu by **March 15, 2018**.

More info: https://drive.google.com/file/d/125Pq11_PUjIs9GRMbRcUTSe-iEUWQGdC/view

15. Asian Journal of International Law

The Society's Journal is soliciting submissions for future issues. Articles should be between 8,000 and 12,000 words (excluding footnotes) and be submitted exclusively to the *AsianJIL*, with publication subject to double-blind peer-review and editorial discretion. For details on style and

the submission process, as well as information on how to subscribe, visit www.AsianJIL.org. For enquiries, please email AsianJIL@nus.edu.sg.

Conferences and Events

1. DRIG Sponsors Panel at Columbia Law School Arbitration Day, March 2, 2018, New York City

The DRIG will sponsor and co-organize a panel at Columbia Law School's Annual Arbitration Day, taking place on Friday, March 2 at Columbia University in New York City. The panel will focus on the differences among interstate arbitration, international courts, and investment arbitrations, and the prospects for enhanced interaction in the development of substantive international law and the conduct of proceedings. A program and registration information will soon be available at <http://www.law.columbia.edu/columbia-arbitration-day>.

2. CIL Conference on Climate Change and Law of the Sea, March 13-14, 2018, Singapore

This conference will bring together leading legal and scientific experts to discuss the impacts of climate change on ocean activities, the challenges they pose for existing law of the sea frameworks and how the law of the sea could be used to respond to these impacts and support mitigation or adaption measures. It will explore mechanisms through which the legal framework could address or be adapted to meet these needs. The potential role of regional cooperation mechanisms, emerging obligations, increased regulation, dispute settlement methods and new legal instruments in addressing these challenges will also be explored.

Registration Fees:

Academics / Students: S\$400nett per participant

All Government Officials: S\$550nett per participant

Standard Rate: S\$750nett per participant

More info: <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/event/save-dates-cil-conference-climate-change-law-sea/>

3. The North American Branch (NAB) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Annual Meeting, April 3, 2018, Washington DC

The North American Branch (NAB) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators will hold its annual meeting at the DC office of Jones Day on April 3, just before the ASIL Annual Meeting. The NAB will add further details and registration information in due course on its website, <https://www.internationalarbitrators.org>.

4. Public International Law in Practice Short Course, April 12-13, 2018, London

Public International Law in Practice is a dynamic course of applied public international law run by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. The two-day programme is focused on current developments in public international law and their application in national and international litigation, in governmental and international policy-making and in international legal and diplomatic practice.

Course fee is £450 (incl VAT) and covers:

- Tuition and course materials
- Refreshments (tea/coffee/water) during sessions and a sandwich lunch
- Certificate of completion (hardcopy and electronic version)

More info and booking link: <https://www.biicl.org/event/1300>

For group booking discounts, please contact eventsregistration@biicl.org

Other

1. Legal Writing Award Opportunities for Students

ILSA is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Student Deak Award. The Student Deak Award is sponsored by Oxford University Press for the best international law student article in a student-edited law journal. The award honors Francis Deak, a WWII veteran who wrote extensively on international law. The award is the student equivalent of the prize separately awarded by the American Journal of International Law to a younger author for meritorious scholarship in the prior year's volume of the Journal.

The nominee must have been a student at the time the article was written, and the article must have been published in a student-edited journal during the award year (2017). All nominations

satisfying these criteria will be considered by the awards committee who will choose the winning submission. Nominations should be submitted to ahenne@ilsa.org by **March 1, 2018**. All nominations must include the article citation and article in PDF format along with the name and email address of the author.

The award will be presented at the American Society of International Law's 2018 Annual Meeting which will be held in Washington, DC in early April.

Any questions about the award may be directed to ahenne@ilsa.org.

More info: <https://www.ilsa.org/publications/student-deak-award>

2. International Refugee Law Student Writing Competition

The American Society of International Law's International Refugee Law Interest Group (IRLIG) is pleased to announce its fourth annual International Refugee Law Student Writing Competition, co-sponsored by the Global Migration Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva; the International Law Students Association (ILSA); the International Journal of Refugee Law; and the American Society of International Law (ASIL).

Papers should address any topic related to international law and refugees, stateless persons, internally-displaced persons (IDPs), and forced migrants. Papers are eligible as long as student authors are enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at an accredited university at the time of submission. Papers must be written solely by the candidate, in English, and may not have been submitted for publication elsewhere.

The winner will receive a \$100 cash award, as well as free admission to the ASIL Annual Meeting where the award will be formally presented, to be held in Washington, 4-7 April 2018, from IRLIG; the opportunity to have the paper considered for publication in the International Journal of Refugee Law; and a complimentary one-year student membership provided by ASIL.

Articles should be submitted before **February 28, 2018** to irlig@ilsa.org as Microsoft Word attachments. Questions should be directed to the same address.

More info:

https://www.ilsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=567

3. Call for Candidates for the ILA2018 Biennial Conference in Sydney, August 19-24, 2018

The ILA has established a Scholarship Fund to help graduate & postgraduate students and early career professionals attend ILA Regional or Biennial Conferences. Applications are particularly welcomed from younger persons in regions of the world that are generally under- represented in the ILA's work. Full Scholarships are intended to contribute towards (but not necessarily fully cover) the Conference registration fees; travel costs; accommodation; and subsistence. The Selection Committee may also decide to award only a Partial Scholarship.

Applications for scholarships for the ILA2018 Biennial Conference in Sydney, August 19-24, 2018, must be received by **March 9, 2018** (5:00 pm – London time). Applicants should download and complete the Application + Referee Form. This should be sent with all accompanying documents, as mentioned on the application form, to: info@ila-hq.org.

More info and application documents:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/3ec08b1f8ea3eadea114a0bd4a/files/4a286cbd-4024-43ee-9068-98dd15420c67/Call_for_Candidates.01.pdf; and

http://www.ila-hq.org/images/ILA/docs/Application_Form_with_Referee_Statement.pdf.