

New Professionals Interest Group

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New Developments in International Law

I. Complementarity in Action—ICC Prosecutor Closes the Preliminary Examination into the Conakry Stadium Massacre in Guinea

Yuzuki Nagakoshi

On September 29, 2022, The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Karim A.A. Khan, announced the closure of the preliminary examination into the situation in Guinea due to the commencement of a domestic trial on the same subject. The ICC's jurisdiction is only complementary to national criminal jurisdiction; thus, a case is inadmissible if it is the subject of domestic investigation or prosecution, unless the state is unwilling or unable to genuinely carry out such proceedings.

The ICC examination concerned a 2009 incident in which at least 156 people were killed and 109 women were raped in the national stadium in Conakry while peacefully demonstrating against the government. The Guinean President of the Transition, Mamady Doumbouya, a middle-ranking military officer who took over the government through a coup d'état in 2021, has showed support for the criminal prosecution of the suspected perpetrators and commenced a trial on the thirteenth anniversary of the massacre.

The Prosecutor defended his decision to cooperate with a government that came into power through a coup d'état, stating that he was not mandated to consider how the government came into power if the government was seriously fulfilling its international responsibility not to create a safe haven for international crimes. He further emphasized that the Memorandum of Understanding requires the Guinean government to continuously engage and share information with the ICC. Moreover, he maintains the option to reopen the examination if the domestic proceedings are inconsistent with Guinea's obligations under the Rome Statute.

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II. The Hague Judgments Convention—the New New York Convention?

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While international arbitration awards have long been enforceable under the widely adopted New York Convention, foreign judgments have historically been less portable due to the lack of an international treaty regime governing their recognition and enforcement.

However, after more than 25 years of negotiations, the Hague Conference on Private International Law opened the Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters (the “Hague Judgments Convention” or the “Convention”) for signatures. Much like the New York Convention in the arbitration context, the Hague Judgments Convention has the potential to provide a uniform set of

rules to govern the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, although its impact will be limited by how widely it is signed and ratified.

Most recently, the European Union acceded to the Convention in August 2022 with regards to all of its members except Denmark, and Ukraine ratified the Convention on the same day, triggering entry of the Convention into force on 1 September 2023. Other signatories who have yet to ratify the Convention include Costa Rica, Israel, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, and Uruguay.

The Hague Judgments Convention seeks to increase access to justice and facilitate cross-border trade and investment, by reducing costs and risks associated with cross-border dealings. Whether the Convention will gain enough support to create the uniformity needed to achieve these goals remains to be seen. ■

Upcoming Events

Fall Happy Hour - Government Attorneys and New Professionals

The ASIL Government Attorneys Interest Group (GAIG) and the New Professionals Interest Group (NPIG) invite ASIL members to attend a happy hour at Tillar House (ASIL’s headquarters) on **Tuesday, October 25, 2022**. Attorneys with the U.S. Government and other governments or international organizations will meet with law students and early career attorneys. Those pursuing a career as a government lawyer in the field of international law are especially encouraged to attend.

The event will provide law students and early career professionals the opportunity to discuss different paths to practice in government or at international

organizations with experienced government attorneys in an informal setting and celebrate our return to Tillar House after nearly three years. Refreshments will be served.

Attendees will need to **register** in advance and attest to their vaccination status (fully vaccinated with booster(s), if eligible). Proof of vaccination and ID will be checked at the door. ASIL will follow local health regulations on masking requirements, but as of now, masking is encouraged unless actively eating or drinking.

No walk-ins will be permitted. If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, please do not attend in-person events.



Article Exchange Program (AEP) Launch

The first session of the AEP took place online on Friday, September 16, 2022. NPIG members discussed five submissions on topics including international criminal law, human rights, and combating international corruption. Our advisory board member, Professor Stuart Ford (University of Illinois, Chicago), moderated the discussion which involved NPIG members from three continents.

Following the event, participants completed an event satisfaction form, and in their responses, participants

emphasized that “[t]he format of the event is wonderful for improvements in work-in-progress papers” and that “[t]he feedback provided was high quality and useful.”

The next session of the AEP will take place on **Friday, February 3, 2023** to support our members’ preparation for the spring cycle of journal submissions. The call for papers is available below. Building upon the NPIG’s experience gained from the first event, the next session will feature a streamlined schedule and revised deadlines to better support the authors.

Upcoming Session of the AEP

The NPIG is pleased to invite ASIL members to its second Article Exchange Program (AEP) session – part of a series of works-in-progress workshops for junior scholars, young practitioners, and law students to comment and get feedback on their work. The next session is scheduled for **Friday, February 3, 2023** and will be held **online**. We are accepting submissions on any topic related to international law.

The Workshop

The AEP is open to any NPIG member who is interested in getting their work published in spring or fall 2023. The number of participants will be limited to 4 or 5 per discussion group.

Participants are not expected to present their own papers. Rather, each paper will be introduced by a fellow participant serving as a commentator. Commentators briefly summarize the paper and start the discussion by providing feedback. Each participant is required to read all of the papers from their discussion group in order to provide feedback on all papers and act as a commentator to one of the papers. Each discussion group will be chaired by an experienced scholar who provides additional insights. 45 minutes will be allocated to dis-

cuss each paper, so the event will require around 5-6 hours of total engagement from participants.

Deadline and Submission

Please email an abstract of no more than 500 words (in Word format) to npig.aep@gmail.com. The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, December 2, 2022**. The abstract is required to ensure that drafts in the same discussion groups are of a similar stage of development and are in related topic areas. Confirmed participants will be notified by **Friday, December 9, 2022** and are expected to submit their draft papers by **Friday, January 6, 2023**. We aim to distribute the papers among participants by **Friday, January 13, 2023** to provide sufficient time for preparation.

Works-in-Progress

“Works-in-Progress” refers to papers that have reached a stage at which they are substantial enough to merit serious discussion and critique but have not yet been published. Submissions to the workshop do not need to be completely ready for publication. However, mere outlines of projects are not acceptable. There is no word limit for the draft papers.



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Virtual Format

The first session will be held virtually (on Zoom or similar platform). Participants will be provided with more details before the conference.

There is no registration fee for this event.

For any questions, please contact Gergő Barna Balázs, ASIL NPIG Vice-Chair for the Article Exchange Program at npig.aep@gmail.com. ■

Career and Event Opportunities

Career Opportunities

The ICC is hiring a Deputy Counsel in both **New York, NY** and **Paris, FR**. These roles are suited for newly barred/qualified lawyers, but even lawyers without formal legal qualification will be considered if they can demonstrate sufficient training and experience in international law, commercial law, and/or international arbitration. Apply by **October 25, 2022**.

The Center for Reproductive Rights has a variety of job opportunities, including for a **U.S. Litigation Fellow** in New York, NY or Washington, D.C. (J.D. required), and a **U.S. Federal Policy Counsel** in Washington, D.C. These are especially great opportunities for those interested in civil and human rights law. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until the posts are filled.

Earthjustice currently has a litigation-focused opportunity for a **Climate & Energy Associate Attorney**. This is a three-year term position set to begin in January 2023. Applications are considered on a rolling basis.

For those interested in public international law, please check the United Nations **career page** frequently for openings. The organization routinely needs to fill roles globally and is especially suited for those with an advanced law degree (Master's or equivalent), but the UN will also consider applicants with a university law degree and at least two years of relevant professional experience.

Events

The ASIL **Mid-Year Meeting** will take place in Miami, FL from **November 10-12, 2022**.

New York Arbitration Week is taking place from **November 14-18, 2022**. The theme of this year's conference is "International Arbitration: Who's In Charge."

Both events offer interesting programming and valuable networking opportunities. TIP: If you do not have business cards, order them ASAP so that you have them to pass out at these events!

Member Spotlight



Mia Bonardi

Suffolk University Law School

Mia Bonardi (JD '22, Suffolk University Law School) recently published her article "**More Problems from Hell: The Uyghur Genocide**" in the Syracuse

University School of Law's Journal of Global Rights and Organizations. This continues from Samantha Power's "A Problem from Hell" by analyzing the U.S. government's inaction to the Chinese Communist Party's genocide against Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. Please direct questions or comments to Mia at mbonardi@su.suffolk.edu.

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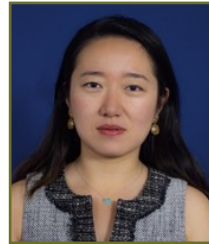


Clara Reichenbach

Associate at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

Clara Reichenbach recently wrote a book chapter with Judge Stephen Schwebel entitled “The Validity of Inter-State Arbitral Awards and Recourse to the World Court.” The piece was published as Chapter 67 in “Reflections on International Arbitration – Essays in Honour of Professor George Bermann,” edited by Julie Bedard and Patrick Pearsall, published by Juris. The book chapter is available [here](#).

Clara also wrote an article entitled “The Corruption Defence and the Jurisdictional Consequences of Corruption Allegations in International Law and Investment Arbitration.” This piece was published as Chapter 21 in the Yearbook of International Investment Law and Policy 2020. The **hard-copy** was published this summer, and the online version is available [here](#). The article discusses the way in which international investment tribunals and international courts have approached the jurisdictional consequences of corruption allegations.



Suhong Yang

SJD Candidate at Georgetown University Law Center

Suhong Yang, Co-Chair of ASIL’s NPIG, delivered a lecture on “International Legal Writing: Introductory Remarks” at the Youth Career Soft Skill Development Camp co-organized by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) - North Asia and East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) - School of International Law in summer 2022. Suhong spoke on writing academic papers and legal memos and engaged in Q&A with approximately 60 camp participants. This event marks the first time that the NPIG cooperated with the ICC and the ECUPL on career development for young legal professionals. Special thanks to Mr. Dr. Anran Zhang, Deputy Director of the ICC Arbitration & ADR, North Asia, for leading the initiative.

We congratulate our members on these outstanding achievements! ■

Call for Submissions for the NPIG Newsletter

NPIG endeavors to provide accessible opportunities for new professionals to feature their work in a space that is reserved specifically for them, as well as a platform to highlight their achievements and accomplishments. We present the following options for our members to feature their work in the next edition of the NPIG newsletter:

I. New Developments in International Law

Members are invited to submit short pieces (up to 300 words) that provide a descriptive update of a recent development or news item from across any area of public or private international law, including but not limited to activities at international organi-

zations, a recent decision of an international court or tribunal, or updates on treaty negotiations.

II. Short Essays: International Law and the Climate Challenge

Members are invited to submit an original essay (up to 900 words) focusing on climate and its relationship with any topic in international law. The possibilities are wide ranging and could include UN or other intergovernmental approaches to solving the climate crisis, regulating private corporations and their climate impact, or the relationship between climate and conflict, among others.

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III. Member Spotlight

Members are invited to submit an announcement highlighting an achievement or professional update, whether it be a new position, a publication, an award, or anything else that we can celebrate (up to 150 words).

Send your submissions to npignewsletter@gmail.com. Please provide your full name, title, and organization or affiliation. If your submission is for the Member Spotlight, please include a high-resolution photo of yourself.

We accept submissions on a rolling basis and encourage members to submit early. ■

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If you would like to provide information on specific events/opportunities for the newsletter, please send to npignewsletter@gmail.com.

For other issues and/or suggestions, please contact us at npig@asil.org.