

Women in International Law Interest Group

Note from the Co-Chairs

Dear WILIG Members,

It was great to see many of you at the Annual Meeting in April. We hope you enjoyed the discussion with former International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, the luncheon in her honor, and the discussion of Feminist Judgements in International Law. Many of us are starting to venture back into our communities after extended quarantines, reinvigorating our efforts to find ways to keep in touch with our community and promote women in international law. Below, we provide information on how to make submissions for the WILIG scholarship prize, as well as WILIG's recent activities and upcoming opportunities. We hope you stay well and take advantage of these opportunities to engage with WILIG.

Call for Submissions for WILIG Scholarship Prize

WILIG will award its second biennial Scholarship Prize at the 2023 Annual Meeting. The Scholarship Prize Committee for the 2023 Annual includes Prof. Yvonne Dutton, Prof. MJ Durkee, Prof. Chiara Georgetti, Prof. Alex Huneeus, and Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes. **Submissions for the prize are due on June 15, 2022.**

The WILIG Scholarship Prize highlights and promotes excellence in international law scholarship involving women and girls, gender, and feminist approaches. It recognizes innovative contributions to international law scholarship that theorize or utilize a feminist lens or lenses, highlight, and seek to address topics disproportionately affecting women and girls, or consider the impact of international law or policy on gender more broadly. The WILIG Scholarship Prize Committee may award up to two prizes: one for book length monographs or edited volumes, and the other for individual articles or book chapters. Nominators may only nominate one book or article per cycle. Self-nominations are welcome. Submitted works will be assessed based on the following criteria:

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1. **Appropriate Substance.** The work utilizes a feminist lens or lenses, addresses a topic that disproportionately affects women and girls, or considers the impact of international law or policy on gender more broadly.
2. **Innovative.** The work addresses topics not covered by previous scholars, highlights diverse perspectives on law and policy, uses new theoretical or methodological approaches, or applies theoretical or methodological approaches to topics in new ways.
3. **Learned.** The work demonstrates in-depth knowledge and expertise concerning a topic.
4. **Impactful.** The work has affected or has the potential to affect the way scholars and policymakers view or address a particular topic or issue going forward.

To submit an article, chapter, or book published in the last three years for consideration, please send the relevant scholarly work, along with a cover letter describing why the work merits the award in light of the criteria above, to wilig@asil.org by **June 15, 2022**. If you are recommending a book, we suggest you obtain an electronic copy from the publisher. However, if you are unable to send a copy in electronic format, please contact Yvonne Dutton at Ydutton@iupui.edu so that we can make other arrangements.

Recent and Ongoing Activities

New WILIG Prominent Women in International Law Prize Awarded

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, WILIG awarded the Prominent Women in International Law award to former ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda. The award recognizes the work of women who use international law to advance women and women's rights, break through the glass ceilings for women in international law, and promote women and women's voices in the field. Prosecutor Bensouda has done all of these in her nine years as ICC Prosecutor, as well as her work at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and as a public servant and diplomat in her home country, the Gambia. Her leadership of the ICC was characterized by a clear vision and strong leadership in the promotion of women's rights, including the adoption of a Gender Justice policy and the effective prosecution of sexual and gender-based crimes. In Prosecutor Bensouda's remarks upon receipt of the prize, she emphasized the importance of pursuing criminal justice for such crimes and urged audience members to remain committed to global justice efforts.

As usual, the presentation was followed by a luncheon, which enabled members to connect with our guest of honor and each other. Please watch for an announcement in a few months soliciting nominations for next year's prize.

Business Meeting & Discussion of Feminist Judgements in International Law

At our business meeting, we thanked outgoing co-chair Nienke Grossman, whose tenure was marked by her wonderful contributions, including the creation of the Scholarship Prize, and introduced new co-chair, Yvonne Dutton. We also expressed our appreciation to members of our steering committee whose terms are ending and introduced our new members. We were effusive in our thanks to **Luli Hemmingsen** who is stepping down from running our Mentoring Program since its inception, an important act of service to our community.

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Our meeting also included a panel on Feminist Judgements in International Law moderated by co-chair **Meg deGuzman** and featuring remarks by members Valerie Oosterveld, Susana SáCouto, and Milena Sterio. Meg started the discussion with an overview of the Feminist Judgements movement, followed by panelist presentations on chapters each is preparing for a forthcoming book, *Feminist Judgements at the ICC*. Panelists highlighted the importance and impact of the Feminist Judgement movement in international law.

Mentoring Program

2022 marks the tenth year of the WILIG Mentoring Program. We are proud to announce a remarkable level of participation, with more than 200 mentees and 50 mentors enrolling to discuss topics of interest and engage in activities and training designed to help junior women develop tools to enter and succeed in the field of international law. We had another fun trivia event this winter, and plans are in the works for a graduation ceremony this summer - details TBA.

For more information about the mentoring program, please contact our new Mentoring Program Coordinator, Lucia Solano, at wiligmentorship@asil.org.

Women in International Law: Distinguished Voices

Check out the website for Women in International Law: Distinguished Voices: <https://harvardilj.org/2020/07/she-leads-online-series/>.

WILIG is collaborating with the Harvard International Law Journal (HILJ) to create a digital library highlighting the experiences and stories of a diverse group of distinguished women in international law and celebrating their achievements and contributions to the field. Several interviews are already posted and more are forthcoming. Please be in touch if you have ideas about how to promote this project. ■

Requests for Thoughts and Feedback

We would like to hear from you. What would you like to see WILIG do in the next few years? Would you like to co-sponsor an event with WILIG involving women and international law at your law school, law firm, NGO, international organization or elsewhere? If so, please reach out to Meg or Yvonne (emails below).

If you are running an event that may be of interest to WILIG's membership, please contact us at wilig@asil.org to share information about it in our next newsletter.

Warm wishes,

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