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2019 New York Gala

Champions of the
International Rule of Law Awards

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2019 Champions of the International Rule of Law Gala
The Frick Collection, New York

Honoring
Amal Clooney and Brad Smith
Tuesday, October 1, 2019
8:30 P.M.

Program

Welcome and Award Presentations    Sean D. Murphy
                                   President
                                   American Society of International Law

A Conversation with Our Honorees:
Amal Clooney and Brad Smith    John Avlon
                                   Senior Political Analyst
                                   CNN

Concluding Remarks    John Avlon

The live auction will take place in the Music Room at approximately 9:30 P.M.

We invite you to enjoy the galleries,
which will be open to our guests for the remainder of the evening.
American Society of International Law

The American Society of International Law is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization founded in 1906 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1950. Its mission 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. The Society holds Special 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 come from more than 100 countries, including scholars and practitioners, judges and government officials, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, students, and others interested in international law.

Through its 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.

The Frick Collection

Internationally recognized as a premier museum and research center, the Frick is known for its distinguished Old Master paintings and outstanding examples of European sculpture and decorative arts. The collection was assembled by the Pittsburgh industrialist Henry Clay Frick (1849–1919) and is housed in his former residence on Fifth Avenue. One of New York City’s few remaining Gilded Age mansions, it provides a tranquil environment for visitors to experience masterpieces by artists such as Bellini, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Gainsborough, Goya, and Whistler. The museum opened in 1935 and has continued to acquire works of art since Mr. Frick’s death.
Dear Friends:

On behalf of the American Society of International Law, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Society’s 2019 New York Gala and the presentation of the first Champions of the International Rule of Law Awards.

As the rule of law faces daunting challenges around the world, it is important to celebrate the champions who work to uphold the values we share. Tonight we honor two extraordinary champions—Amal Clooney and Brad Smith—who have devoted their careers to advancing justice under law.

In this, they resemble the founders of the Society—visionaries who worked to establish and maintain a system of international relations based on law and justice.

The Society has stayed true to that vision through periods of turbulence and uncertainty—through world wars, civil unrest, terrorist attacks, extremism, and xenophobia.

As their heirs and successors, we remain committed to our founders’ vision, and to continuing their quest for practical solutions that help build a better world.

We would like to thank Tai-Heng Cheng, who proposed that we organize a gala and worked tirelessly to bring it about; our Gala Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Committee Members; the Gala Honorees Selection Committee, chaired by President-Elect Catherine Amirfar; the dedicated staff of the Society, and most of all, the Champions whom we recognize tonight.

We are honored that you are able to join us in this beautiful temple of art and culture, and we hope you will enjoy this special evening.

Sean D. Murphy
President

Mark David Agrast
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Amal Clooney

Amal Clooney is a barrister who specializes in international law and human rights. She represents clients before international courts including the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights.

Ms Clooney is ranked in the leading legal directories Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 as one of the top lawyers in the UK in the fields of international human rights and international criminal law. According to the rankings, she is “an exceptional lawyer” and “focused advocate” who “attracts plaudits for her ability to handle complex [international criminal] proceedings in difficult cases”.

Ms Clooney served as a Senior Advisor to Kofi Annan when he was the UN’s Envoy on Syria and as Counsel to the UN Inquiry on the use of armed drones. She has also been appointed to the UK’s panel of experts on combatting sexual violence and to an expert panel established by the UK Attorney-General on public international law. In 2019 she was appointed the UK’s Special Envoy for Media Freedom by the UK Foreign Secretary and she serves as vice-chair of a High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom chaired by the former President of the UK Supreme Court.

Ms Clooney frequently represents political prisoners and journalists around the world. She currently represents the award-winning journalist Maria Ressa, editor of one of leading online news organisations in the Philippines, who faces 63 years in prison in successive prosecutions for her work. She has served as counsel for journalists and media workers such as Khadija Ismayilova, an investigative reporter imprisoned in Azerbaijan for reporting on corruption; Mohamed Fahmy, when he was Al Jazeera’s bureau chief in Cairo; and two Pulitzer Prize-winning Reuters journalists who were recently released from imprisonment in Myanmar following their reporting on crimes committed against Rohingyas.

She also represents the victims of mass atrocities, including a group of Iraqi women from the Yazidi community who are seeking accountability for genocide and other international crimes perpetrated by ISIS in national courts around the world and before the United Nations.

Ms Clooney is a Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School, where she co-teaches the Human Rights course, and she is co-author of a forthcoming book titled ‘The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law’ to be published by Oxford University Press in 2020.

In 2016 she and her husband George established the Clooney Foundation for Justice to advance justice in courtrooms, classrooms and communities around the world. Their flagship initiative – TrialWatch – monitors trials worldwide and advocates for the rights of journalists, LGBT persons, women, religious minorities and human rights defenders whose rights are violated through the courts. Their latest initiative – The Docket – aims to bring individuals and corporations who are complicit in international human rights violations to justice, by gathering and analyzing evidence that can trigger prosecutions and civil actions and advocating for the rights of victims in those trials.
Brad Smith

Brad Smith is the president of Microsoft, where he leads a team of more than 1,400 business, legal and corporate affairs professionals in 56 countries. He serves as the company’s chief legal officer and leads work on a wide range of issues involving the intersection between technology and society, including cybersecurity, privacy, ethics and artificial intelligence, human rights, immigration, philanthropy and environmental sustainability. Described by the New York Times as “a de facto ambassador for the technology industry at large,” Smith has testified numerous times before the U.S. Congress and other governments on key policy issues.

Smith joined Microsoft in 1993, first spending three years in Paris leading the legal and corporate affairs team in Europe. In 2002, he was named Microsoft’s general counsel and spent the following decade leading work to resolve the company’s antitrust controversies with governments around the world and companies across the tech sector. This past decade, Smith has spearheaded the company’s work to advance privacy protection for Microsoft customers and the rights of DREAMers and other immigrants, including bringing five lawsuits against the U.S. government on these issues.

Prior to joining Microsoft, Smith was an associate and then partner at the law firm of Covington and Burling, where he is still remembered as the first attorney in the long history of the firm to insist (in 1986) on having a personal computer on his desk as a condition for accepting a job offer. In addition to his work at Microsoft, Smith is active in several civic organizations and in the broader technology industry. He has served on the Netflix board of directors since 2015 and chairs the board of directors of both Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) and the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship program.

Smith grew up in Appleton, Wisconsin, where Green Bay was the big city next door. He attended Princeton University, where he met his wife, Kathy (also a lawyer). He earned his J.D. from Columbia University Law School and studied international law and economics at the Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland. His new book, Tools and Weapons: The Promise and the Peril of the Digital Age, has just been published by Penguin Press. He can be followed on Twitter @bradsmi and LinkedIn at bradsmi.
John Avlon

John Avlon is senior political analyst and fill-in anchor at CNN, appearing on New Day every morning. Previously, he was the editor-in-chief and managing director of The Daily Beast between 2013 and 2018, during which time the site's traffic more than doubled to over one million readers a day while winning 17 journalism awards. He is the author of the books Independent Nation: How Centrists Can Change American Politics, Wingnuts: How the Lunatic Fringe is Hijacking America, and Washington's Farewell: The Founding Father's Warning to Future Generations as well as co-editor of the acclaimed Deadline Artists anthologies of America's greatest newspaper columns. In his twenties, Avlon served as chief speechwriter to New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. After the attacks of September 11th, 2001, he and his team were responsible for writing the eulogies for all firefighters and police officers murdered in the destruction of the World Trade Center. Avlon's essay on the attacks, "The Resilient City" concluded the anthology Empire City: New York through the Centuries and won acclaim as "the single best essay written in the wake of 9/11." He's appeared on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Real Time with Bill Maher and The Daily Show. He won the National Society of Newspaper Columnists award for best online columnist 2012. He lives with his wife Margaret Hoover, host of Firing Line on PBS and a CNN contributor, and their two children in New York.
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Congratulations to Amal Clooney, Visiting Professor of Law, and Brad Smith, Class of 1984, for being recognized as Champions of the International Rule of Law for their work advancing the fair administration of justice around the world.

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