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**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
**CONCLUDES 115<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**Hundreds of Global Experts Convene as Society Elects New Leadership and Honors  
Leading Figures in International Law**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, which concluded today, drew a global online audience of over 2,000 international lawyers, jurists, scholars, policy advocates, and diplomats for three days of addresses and panel presentations by over 300 speakers.

The three-day all-virtual meeting, which took place March 24-26, 2021, was organized by the Society’s Annual Meeting Committee, co-chaired by **Simon Batifort** (ASIL Academic Partner Curtis Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP), **Christie Edwards** (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), and **Darin Johnson** (Howard University Law School). The theme was “Reconceiving International Law: Creativity in Times of Crisis.”

ASIL President Catherine Amirfar said, “The ASIL Annual Meeting is one of the world’s largest, most diverse and most dynamic gatherings devoted to the advancement of international law. This year’s meeting was no exception.”

ASIL Executive Director Mark D. Agrast said, “The 2021 Annual Meeting offered an unrivaled opportunity to engage directly with the most influential thought leaders in the field on many of the critical international legal issues of our time.”

The Society elected new officers, including President-Elect **Gregory Shaffer** (ASIL Academic Partner University of California Irvine School of Law), who will become President of the Society in April 2022; and Vice Presidents **Anna Spain Bradley** (ASIL Academic Partner UCLA School of Law) and **James Thuo Gathii** (ASIL Academic Partner Loyola University Chicago School of Law). Reelected were Honorary President **Patrick L. Robinson** (International Court of Justice); Vice Presidents **Mark D. Agrast** (ASIL Executive Director), **David W. Bowker** (ASIL Law Firm Partner WilmerHale LLP), and **David J. Scheffer** (ASIL Academic Partner Northwestern Pritzker School of Law).

The Society also elected the following new members of the Executive Council: **Simon N. Batifort** (ASIL Law Firm Partner Curtis Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP), **Jay Butler** (University of Virginia School of Law), **Christie Edwards** (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), **Nienke Grossman** (ASIL Academic Partner University of Baltimore School of Law), **Neha Jain** (University of Minnesota Law School), **Rafael A. Porrata-Doria**,

**Jr.** (ASIL Academic Partner Temple University Beasley School of Law), **Frédéric Gilles Sourgens** (Washburn University School of Law), and **Milena Sterio** (Cleveland-Marshall College of Law); and Counsellors **Frits E. Bontekoe** (World Intellectual Property Organization), **Meg Kinnear** (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes), **Mónica Pinto**, (University of Buenos Aires Law School), **Jaya Ramji-Nogales** (ASIL Academic Partner Temple University Beasley School of Law), **Michael O. Scharf** (ASIL Academic Partner Case Western Reserve University School of Law), and **David Sloss** (Santa Clara University School of Law).

Highlights of the Annual Meeting included:

- An opening keynote by **David Miliband**, President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee and former Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom, on “Combating the Global Rise in Impunity.”
- Keynote remarks by **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, the Director General of the World Health Organization, delivered keynote remarks on "Law, Equity and Global Public Health."
- The 23rd annual Grotius Lecture, presented in cooperation with American University Washington College of Law, was delivered by **Yves Daudet**, President of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law, with a response by **Hannah Buxbaum** (ASIL Academic Partner Indiana University Maurer School of Law).
- The presentation of the 2021 **Prominent Woman in International Law Award**, presented by the ASIL Women in International Law Interest Group, to **Gabrielle Kirk McDonald**.
- The ninth annual **Charles N. Brower Lecture** on International Dispute Resolution, delivered by **Lucy Reed** on “Crisis Cases: Not Reconceiving International Dispute Resolution.”
- The sixth annual **Detlev F. Vagts Roundtable on Transnational Law**, convened by **Gian Luca Burci** (Graduate Institute Geneva), on “Pandemic Vaccines: Market products or global public goods?”
- The closing plenary, sponsored by the Asser Institute for International and European Law, the Embassy of the Netherlands in the United States, and the Municipality of The Hague, on “Reconceptualizing International Law’s Role in the Governance of AI: Autonomous weapons as a case study.”

The Society held ceremonies honoring three of the most eminent figures in the field of international law, including:

- The presentation of the **Manley O. Hudson Medal** to **Bernard H. Oxman** (ASIL Academic Partner University of Miami School of Law) featuring a conversation between

Professor Oxman and **Lori F. Damrosch** (ASIL Academic Partner Columbia Law School).

- The presentation of the **Goler T. Butcher Medal** to **Louise Arbour**, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, who participated in a conversation with **Mónica Pinto** (University of Buenos Aires School of Law).
- The presentation of the **Honorary Member Award** to **H.E. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf**, Judge and former President of the International Court of Justice, on “The Rule of Law at the International Level: Evolution and Challenges,” followed by his keynote conversation with **Patrícia Galvão Teles** of the International Law Commission.

The Society also presented the following prizes and book awards:

- The Certificate of Merit for a preeminent contribution to creative scholarship, awarded to **Francine Hirsch** for *Soviet Judgment at Nuremberg: A New History of the International Military Tribunal after World War II* (Oxford University Press 2020).
- The Certificate of Merit for “high technical craftsmanship and utility to practicing lawyers and scholars,” awarded to **Janet Blake** and **Lucas Lixinski** for *The 2003 UNESCO Intangible Heritage Convention: A Commentary* (Oxford University Press 2020).
- The Certificate of Merit in a specialized area of international law, awarded to **Jerome A. Cohen**, **William P. Alford**, and **Chang-fa Lo** for *Taiwan and International Human Rights: A Story of Transformation* (Springer Nature 2019).
- The **Robert E. Dalton Award** for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Foreign Relations Law to **Curtis A. Bradley** for *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Foreign Relations Law* (Oxford University Press 2019).
- The **Francis Deák Prize**, awarded by the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law, to **Jay Butler** (University of Virginia School of Law), for his article, “The Corporate Keepers of International Law,” published in Volume 114, Issue 2 of the *American Journal of International Law* in 2020.
- The **David D. Caron Prize**, for the best paper presented at the Society’s Research Forum, to **Tatsiana Ziniakova**, for her paper, “Gender-Based Violence in International Human Rights Law: Evolution towards a Binding Post-Binary Framework.”

The Society’s Interest Groups awarded the following prizes:

- The Disaster Law Interest Group, in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Roma Tre University, presented its award for a student-written article that addresses issues of international or comparative disaster law to

**Rhys Carvosso**, for his article, “Techniques for Regulating Disasters across the Breadth of International Law: Disapplication, Exculpation, and their Shortcomings.”

- The International Refugee Law Interest Group presented its Student Writing Award for an exceptional article by a current law student on refugees, stateless and internally displaced persons, and/or forced migrants to **Yogi Bratajaya** for “404 Services Not Found: The Human Rights of Refugees in the Digital Welfare State.”
- The Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict presented the 2021 Richard R. Baxter Military Prize to **Lt. Commander Dennis E. Harbin**, U.S. Navy, for his article “Targeting Submarine Cables,” to be published in 2021.
- The Women in International Law Interest Group presented its inaugural WILIG Scholarship Prize to **Irini Papanicolopulu**, for her book *Gender and the Law of the Sea*, published by Brill.

The Annual Meeting sessions will continue to be available exclusively to conferees for 60 days, after which they will be made available on an open access basis.

#### **ABOUT ASIL**

*The American Society of International Law is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization founded in 1906 and chartered by Congress in 1950. The mission of the American Society of International Law 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. ASIL holds Category II 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 from more than 100 nations include attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students and others interested in international law. Through our 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.*

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