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## **Annual report for 2025 for the Stockholm Centre for International Law and Justice**

### **Introduction**

The activities of the centre were at a high level, with eighteen events, including the seventh Hilding Eek Memorial Lecture, the side-event "Frontiers of International Criminal Law and Justice" at the ICC Meeting of States Parties, and the ninth CRIL doctoral retreat at the European University Institute.

### **Management**

The board has consisted of Marie Jacobsson (chair), André Andersson, Marika Ericson, Eva Arman, Kaj Hobér, Mark Klamberg, Said Mahmoudi, Jonas Tallberg and Pål Wrangé, who is also the director. Jacobsson, Mahmoudi and Wrangé constituted the executive committee. Mark Klamberg is the deputy director and has also written minutes of meetings. The board held two meetings (20 January and 29 September).

At the September meeting, the centre extended its first operational plan. At its meetings, the board has continuously reviewed the activities of the centre on the basis of the plan. The board has also discussed and acted upon the proposals contained in an external review by Professor Joachim Åhman from 2024.

### **Activities**

In comparison with previous years, the Centre now has a slightly more restrained approach to external activities in order to focus on events that are directly useful for its research. For that purpose, the centre has adopted two profiles: "Atrocities, conflicts and accountability" and "Power of/over data". Nevertheless, although the number of activities decreased, 2025 was still a busy year. Eighteen academic events

were organised, including the VII Hilding Eek Memorial Lecture with Dapo Akande, the annual doctoral retreat (Critical Research in International Law; CRIL) with Sarah Nouwen and Arnulfo Becker Lorca at the European University Institute in Florence and the side-event "Frontiers of International Criminal Law and Justice" at the Meeting of States Parties to the ICC in The Hague. Several events were offered in cooperation with the Swedish Branch of the International Law Association.

22 January, "Contemporary Challenges in International Humanitarian Law", with Ola Engdahl (Ministry for Foreign Affairs), Mark Klamberg (SU), Heather Harrison Dinniss (Swedish Defence University) and John Kadelburger (in cooperation with ILA Sweden and Mexican Embassy)

30 January, Book presentation: "Sights, Sounds, and Sensibilities of Atrocity Prosecutions", with Mark Drumbl (Transnational Law Institute at Washington and Lee University) and Caroline Fournet (Exeter)

20 February, Book presentation: "Constructing Modern Slavery – Law, Capitalism and Unfree Labour", with Judy Fudge, MacMaster University, and discussants Elica Ghavidel Olofsson and Love Rönnelid, SU (in cooperation with the Institute for Social Private Law)

28 March, "Criminal Justice", panel at the European Social Science History Conference, Leiden, 28 March 2025, organized in collaboration with Mats Deland.

8 April, "Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Syria", with Christie S. Warren, the Fulbright-Lund Distinguished Chair in Public International Law during the 2024-2025 academic year and Pål Wrange, SU (in cooperation with ILA Sweden and Fulbright Sweden)

14 April, "On Corporate Harm, Mute Compulsion, and Ideology: a Marxist Reading of International Corporate Criminal Responsibility", with Anastasiya Kotova (Lund)

21-22 May, "Critical Research in International Law" (CRIL), a doctoral retreat with Sarah Nouwen and Arnulfo Becker Lorca (European University Institute) and with Mark Klamberg, and Pål Wrange (SU) and with doctoral students from SU and EUI, organized in cooperation with EUI.

16 June, "Book presentation: The Perestroika Era and International Law", with Kaj Hobér, Uppsala (in cooperation with ILA Sweden)

19 August, "Red Notices in International Criminal Law", with Ahmet Çağrı Yılmaz (Yeditepe University)

9 September, “Applicable Law in Business & Human Rights Litigation”, with Carlos M. Vázquez (Georgetown)

1 October, “Children deprived of liberty”, with Manfred Nowak (Vienna)

7 October, “Evil AI and Critical Agents: Frontiers of International Governance”, with Outi Korhonen (Turku)

20 November, “Nuremberg’s Citizen Prosecutor: Benjamin Ferencz and the Birth of International Justice”, with Gregory S. Gordon (Peking)

21 November, “The Increasing Resort of States to the International Court of Justice: The Interplay Between Law and Politics”, with Judge Juan Manuel Gómez-Robledo (in cooperation with ILA Sweden and the Mexican Embassy)

21 November, “Sentencing Ecocide: History, Doctrine and Theory”, with Gregory S. Gordon (Peking)

25 November, The Seventh Hilding Eek Memorial Lecture: “The International Court of Justice and the Protection of Human Rights”, with Dapo Akande (Oxford)

1 December, “Frontiers of International Criminal Law and Justice”, ICC-ASP side-event in The Hague, Co-organized with Centre for International Law Research and Policy (CILRAP), and co-sponsored by Korea, Norway, Sweden and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), as well as the Stockholm Centre for International Law and Justice, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Human Rights Law Centre (University of Nottingham), Institute for International Peace and Security Law of the University of Cologne, Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire (Université Laval), Coalition for International Criminal Justice (CICJ), European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, and the Norwegian Helsinki Committee.

9 December, Book presentation: “Folkmod: Sverige och kampen om ett begrepp”, with Mark Klamberg, SU (in cooperation with ILA Sweden)

Several events were published in video or podcast format, and the centre’s podcast series is available on Spotify.

All through the year, the Centre also hosted weekly brown bag lunch seminars for researchers in international law, during which doctoral students or senior researchers presented their ongoing work in addition to seminars on classical texts, current events and research methods. These seminars were organized by doctoral

students Fredrik Svensson and Ylva Lennartsson Hartmann and have generally been held in hybrid format.

## **Research**

Many of the events were connected to concrete research activities and interests of the scholars at the centre.

Mark Klamberg and Pål Wrange have participated in the new Stockholm Centre for Global Governance (SCGG) as theme leader and board member, respectively. SCILJ scholars have benefitted greatly from the association with the SCGG, included its work-shops. SCGG which is funded as a centre of excellence by the Swedish Research Council.

The following areas have received particular attention and have been subjects of research projects by resident fellows, in line with the new focus on two profiles, namely: Law, Politics, Economics: International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice, International Law in Times of Crises, Sovereignty and Cyberspace, and International Law and the Political Economy

Mark Klamberg's research included being the chief editor of the Commentary on the Law of the ICC (CLICC) which now has been translated from English to French, Arabic, Persian and Russian. He is the editor for a book project on litigation of international crimes in US courts, completing a monograph on genocide, updating the textbook in Swedish on international law (*Sverige och folkrätten*) and starting an interdisciplinary network within the SCGG on outer space. He has applied for funds relating to domestic war crimes trials in Ukraine.

Pål Wrange worked on his project "Digitalization and contestation in international law", funded by the Swedish Research Council, as well as on related smaller projects.

Love Rönnelid has finalized a book chapter on international economic law in the Swedish textbook "*Sverige och folkrätten*", reworked an article on law and industry policy in an edited volume for Palgrave, and published a theoretical piece on doctrinalism. He is co-editor of an edited volume deriving from the 2024 conference on historical approaches to legal scholarship, to be printed in 2026.

On 14 June, Will Underwood defended his thesis "We, the Generals': International Law and Authority to Change the Constitution in Peace Processes after Civil War".

Currently, there are ongoing doctoral projects at SU in international law pursued by Mariana Fakih, Olga Glukhovska, Gregory Gordon, Linnéa Kortfält, Ylva

Lennartsson Hartmann, Fredrik Svensson and Kate Whitely Marklund. According to Swedish law, doctoral projects have to be fully funded, and therefore the number of positions is limited, but SCILJ has for more than a decade been very fortunate in always having a comparably sizable number of doctoral students.

SCILJ fellow Nikola Hajdin pursues a post-doc on “Neutral Business Assistance in Complicity for International Crimes”, financed by the Swedish Research Council, at Stanford Law School; Sally Longworth is employed at SU as a post-doc financed by SCGG with the project “Apocalypse never? – An updated analysis of the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction in international law”; and Will Underwood has just been employed as a postdoc for the project “Who makes the peace? How international law shapes participation and authority in inter-state peace processes”, beginning in 2026, funded by The Swedish Institute for Legal Research (Institutet för rättsvetenskaplig forskning).

For further details about the research at the Centre, see the tab "Research" on the Centre's website (<http://www.scilj.se/research/>) as well as <https://www.su.se/english/research/research-subjects/law/public-international-law>

### **Fellows, visiting researchers**

The Centre has the following resident fellows: Hevi Dawody, Mark Klamberg, Sally Longworth, Said Mahmoudi, Love Rönnelid and Pål Wrange.

The Centre has the following non-resident fellows: Daniel Astone, Damon Barrett, Ola Engdahl, David Fisher, Nikola Hajdin, Pär Hallström, David Langlet, Gustaf Lind, Katak Malla, Tove Nyberg, Maria Nääv, Martin Ratcovich Leopardi, Mona Samadi, Maria Sjöholm, Sia Spilioupolou Åkermark, Fredrik Stenhammar and Katinka Svanberg and Nataly Vargas.

The following colleagues are junior fellows: Sonia Bastigkeit Ericstam, Julia Dahlqvist, Petter Danckwardt, Mariana Fakih, Olga Glukhovska, Fredrik Holst, Miriam Ingesson, Linnea Kortfält, Ylva Lennartsson Hartman, Fredrik Svensson and Kate Whitely Marklund.

During the autumn, Carlos Vázquez of Georgetown was a visiting professorial fellow.

At its September meeting, the board decided to distinguish between resident and non-resident fellows and to limit the terms to a renewable three years.

## **International Advisory Board**

The International Advisory Board has consisted of Morten Bergsmo, Ove Bring, Ellen Hey, Abdul Koroma, Martti Koskenniemi, Said Mahmoudi (coordinator), Susan Marks, Djamchid Momtaz, Phoebe Okowa, Anne Orford, Anne Peters, David Schneiderman and Dinah Shelton.

At its September meeting, the board decided to limit the terms of the advisory board to six years, renewable, as well as to avail itself of the advise of the board more often.

## **Cooperation**

At the national level, the Centre cooperates regularly with the Swedish Branch of the International Law Association, and intermittently with the Swedish Institute of international Affairs, the Hans Blix Centre as well as with other institutes at the Department of Law, such as the Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre, the research group in Legal Theory, the Swedish Law and Informatics Research Institute (IRI), the Child Rights Centre and the Institute of European Law.

The Centre has a partnership with the Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law (Brussels). The Centre also collaborates with the Centre for International Law and Justice in Copenhagen, the Erik Castrén Institute in Helsinki and PluriCourts at the University of Oslo as well as with the International Law Institute at Peking University.

## **Education and staff**

The Centre, which is a research institute, does not provide education. However, due to the close relation between research and education, it is pertinent to mention that the Department of Law provides a basic course and five different advanced courses as well as a master's programme in public international law, as detailed under the tab "education" at the Centre's website ([www.scilj.se](http://www.scilj.se)). Due to temporary staff restraints, the master's programme was not offered for the academic years 2024-2026, but will be offered again from the academic year 2026-2027.

In 2025, the department employed two professors, one lecturer, one assistant lecturer, one temporary lecturer and seven doctoral students associated with the Centre.

## Financing and Economy

During 2025, the Centre had no own incomes or expenditures and has neither assets nor liabilities. The director and the deputy director have received no remuneration.

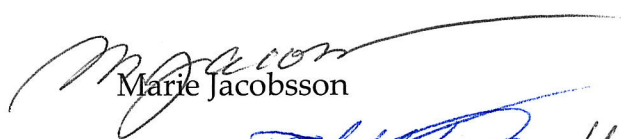
Guest lectures and seminars and other activities are usually funded through generous ad hoc contributions from the Edward Cassel Foundation, the Hans Thornstedt Foundation or the Lars Hjern Foundation, while some expenditures are funded with support from the Department of Law. Since 2022, the submits annual applications to the three foundations for recurring activities (such as the public seminars, the CRIL retreat and the Hilding Eek memorial lectures).

All funds that are put at the Centre's disposal are managed by the Department of Law on a project basis, and any excess amount is refunded to the funders. Since the Centre has neither assets, nor a regular funding, and because it was likely that the activities primarily would be funded on a project basis, the Board decided not to adopt a budget for 2025.

## Administration

The Centre has been managed by the director and the deputy director with the assistance of colleagues in the Law Department, including the course administrator for international law. For the year 2025, Olga Glukhovska was employed as a coordinator on a part-time basis (10%).

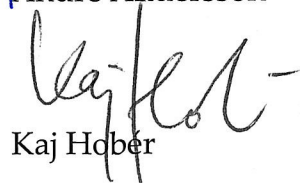
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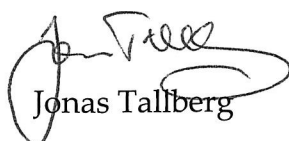
  
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