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Annual report for 2022 for the Stockholm Centre for International Law and Justice

Introduction

During the first few months of the year, the Centre was hampered by the covid-19 pandemic as well as a resource drain due to the organization of the annual conference of the European Society of International Law in 2021. Thereafter, the Centre's activities have resumed at an even higher level than usual with in total seventeen events, including a one-day seminar organized in cooperation with the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The Centre also celebrated its 10-year anniversary.

Management

The board has consisted of Marie Jacobsson (chair), André Andersson, Marika Ericson, Kaj Hobér, Said Mahmoudi, Åsa Romson, 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 (24 January and 19 September).

The board warmly thanks Ambassador Corell, who was the chair of the board from the creation of the Centre in 2012 until his resignation at the end of 2021, for his invaluable contributions to the development of the Centre.

Activities

Sixteen academic events were organised from May to December, including the sixth annual doctoral retreat (Critical Research in International Law; CRIL) with Tanja Aalberts (VU Amsterdam), Mark Klamberg, Pål Wrange, Emilios Christodoulidis (Glasgow; online) and thirteen doctoral students from six countries; a panel debate to honour Professor David Fisher; the aforementioned international seminar on the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and an event to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the SCILJ and to present the work of an interdisciplinary research project.

Some of the seminars were held in an online format called “59 minutes” with prepared comments by commentators. Several of the events were published in video or podcast format.

All through the year, the Centre has also hosted weekly brown bag lunch seminars for researchers in international law, during which doctoral students or senior researchers present their ongoing work. These seminars have been organised by doctoral students Daniel Pinheiro Astone and Mariana Fakihi and have been held in person, online or in hybrid format.

18 May, “Conduct Defeating the Object and Purpose of a Pending Treaty”, Agnes Rydberg (Queen Mary) and Katinka Svanberg (commentator) (SU) (“59 minutes series”)

8-10 June, “Critical Research in International Law” (CRIL), a doctoral retreat with Tanja Aalberts (VU Amsterdam), Mark Klamberg, Pål Wrange, Emilios Christodoulidis (Glasgow; online) and thirteen doctoral students from six countries at Gimo Herrgård (the participating doctoral students formed a network, which also includes previous CRIL participants, with the assistance of Professor Christodoulidis)

6 September, “How to govern borders? Pluralism about Territorial Rights and Its Consequences for Border Control”, Paulina Ochoa Espejo (Haverford)

4 October, “Celebrating Professor David Fisher: Universalism Versus Relativism in the Human Rights Discourse”, Elena Namli (Uppsala), Hans Ingvar Roth (Stockholm), Joakim Nergelius (Örebro)

- 10 October, "The Contributions of American Power to International Law and Order in Today's World", Alberto Coll (Northwestern)
- 17 October, "Domestic prosecution of international crimes", Elies van Sliedregt (Tilburg)
- 18 October, "The mismatch of international refugee law and international criminal law", Elies van Sliedregt (Tilburg) and Hevi Dawody Nylén (SU)
- 20 October, "Should the family be recognised as a rightsholder under international law?", Dr Wilson De los Reyes Aragón (RFSU)
- 25 October, "Prosecuting international crimes in Ukraine", Douglas S Irvin-Erickson (George Mason University)
- 31 October, "Who is the government of Myanmar in international law?" Ralph Wilde (University College, London)
- 1 November, a doctoral conference ("mini-CRIL") at Nacka strand with Mark Klamberg, Pål Wrange and eight doctoral students.
- 2 November, "Full Protection and Security (for Racial Capitalism)", Ntina Tzouvala (Australian National University) and Daniel Astone (commentator) (SU) ("59 minutes series")
- 14 November, "Property Protection under Extraordinary Circumstances", Joachim Åhman (Göteborg) and Crina Baltag (SU) (commentator) ("59 minutes series")
- 24 November, "The 1992 Stockholm Convention in a Europe in Crisis", a one-day hybrid seminar organised in cooperation with the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The seminar featured an address by H.E. Tobias Billström (foreign minister of Sweden) and presentations by ambassadors and law professors from eleven OSCE countries, including the President of the OSCE Court, Emmanuel Decaux, and by the legal advisor of the Swedish MFA, Carl Magnus Nesser.
- 14 December, SCILJ's 10th year anniversary: "The influence of International Law on the UN Security Council's Agenda, Debates and Decision-making", Ambassador Marie Jacobsson (Swedish MFA), Per Ahlin, Mark Klamberg, Magnus Lundgren and Karin Sundström (SU)

15 December, Workshop on “Neutral Business Assistance and the Limits of Complicity in International Criminal Law”, Nikola Hajdin (SU and Oxford)

19 December, “Anfallskrigens argument: konsten att rättfärdiga våld” Ove Bring (SU, emeritus) in cooperation with the Swedish Branch of the International Law Association

Research

Regarding 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>

The following areas have received particular attention and have been subjects of research projects: International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice, International Law in Times of Crises, Sovereignty and Cyberspace. The projects “the Global Governance of Artificial Intelligence” and “The influence of International Law on the UN Security Council’s Agenda, Debates and Decision-making” have been pursued in cooperation with the Global and Regional Governance Research group at the Department of Politics at Stockholm University.

Fellows, visiting researchers

The Centre had the following fellows: Damon Barrett, Ola Engdahl, David Fisher, Nikola Hajdin, Pär Hallström, Mark Klamberg, David Langlet, Gustaf Lind, Katak Malla, Martin Ratcovich Leopardi, Mona Samadi, Maria Sjöholm, Sia Spilioupolou Åkermark, Fredrik Stenhammar and Katinka Svanberg. The following colleagues were junior fellows: Daniel Astone, Julia Dahlqvist, Petter Danckwardt, Hevi Dawody, Mariana Fakih, Olga Glukhovska, Fredrik Holst, Linnea Kortfält, Sally Longworth, Tove Nyberg, Maria Nääv, and Will Underwood.

Due to the pandemic, there were no visiting fellows in 2022.

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.

Cooperation

At the national level, the Centre cooperates regularly with the Swedish Branch of the International Law Association, as well as with other institutes at the Department of Law, such as the research group in Legal Theory, as the Swedish Law and Informatics Research Institute (IRI), the Child Rights Centre and the Institute of European Law, as well as with other national partners. Encouraged by SCILJ, a group of students at the law department have formed a network called "Justice Talks", which has co-organised events with SCILJ.

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. In 2023, the doctoral retreat "CRIL" will be organized in co-operation with the Free University (VU) of Amsterdam.

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 six 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).

In 2022, the department employed three professors, one lecturer, one temporary lecturer and eight doctoral students associated with the Centre.

Financing and Economy

During 2022 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 other expenditures are funded with support from the Department of Law.

All the 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 donors. Since the Centre has no assets, and also no secure incomes, 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 2022.

Administration

The Centre has been managed by the director and the deputy director with the assistance of colleagues in the Law Department, in particular the course administrator for international law. Since the early autumn of 2022, Daniel Pinheiro Astone has been employed as a coordinator on a part-time basis (10%), funded by the Cassel foundation.

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