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Annual report for 2024 for the Stockholm Centre for International Law and Justice

Introduction

The activities of the centre were at a very high level, with twenty-three events, including several high-profile events. During the autumn, the centre benefitted from the presence at the centre of the 2024 Olof Palme Professor, Anne Orford of Melbourne and Harvard.

Management

The board has consisted of Marie Jacobsson (chair), André Andersson, Marika Ericson, Kaj Hobér, 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 (31 January and 16 September).

At the January meeting, the centre adopted its first operational plan.

Activities

2024 was a very busy year for SCILJ. Twenty-three academic events were organised, including the symposium "Security and the Formation and Application of International Law" with inter alia five present or past members of the UN International Law Commission, the sixth Hilding Eek Memorial lecture with Judge Hilary Charlesworth of the ICJ, the inaugural lecture of the 2024 Olof Palme Guest Professor (Professor Anne Orford), an open lecture with the 2024 honorary doctor in law at SU (Professor Phoebe Okowa), a one-day symposium on "Policy implications

and regulation of AI" in Washington DC, a side-event at the meeting of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court, the fifteenth National International Law Day and the eight annual doctoral retreat (Critical Research in International Law; CRIL) with Sarah Nouwen (European University Institute). In collaboration with colleagues from Lund and Gothenburg, the centre also helped organise a workshop for invited senior scholars in Sigtuna at the occasion of Anne Orford's presence at SCILJ.

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, and the centre's podcast series is available on Spotify.

23 January, "Book launch: Law, Visual Culture, and the Show Trial", with Agata Fijalkowski (Leeds Beckett)

24 January, "Security and the Formation and Application of International Law", a symposium in honour of Marie Jacobsson with Rolf Einar Fife (International Law Commission), Niklas Hedman (Formerly United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs), Max Mejia (World Maritime University), Elinor Hammarskjöld (Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs), Helen Durham (RedR Australia), Marja Lehto (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland), Britta Sjöstedt (Lund University), Said Mahmoudi (Stockholm University), Nilufer Oral (International Law Commission, NU Singapore), Michael Wood (Twenty Essex), Carl-Henrik Ehrenkrona (former Director-General for Legal Affairs, Swedish MFA), Pål Wrange (Stockholm University), Ola Engdahl (Ministry for Foreign Affairs)

20 February, "Colonialism and European Union Law", with Hanna Eklund (Copenhagen)

28 February, "South Africa v. Israel in the International Court of Justice", with Marie Jacobsson and Pål Wrange (in collaboration with ILA Sweden)

21 March, "The VIth Hilding Eek Memorial lecture: Challenges facing the International Court of Justice, with Judge Hilary Charlesworth (ICJ)

18 April. "Harmful effect assessment of a State's cyber operation to make a case per International Law", with Fan Yang

30 April-02 May, "Critical Research in International Law" (CRIL), a doctoral retreat with Sarah Nouwen (European University Institute), Love Rönnelid (SU), Pål Wrange and ten doctoral students from five different countries.

7 May, "The Making of international Courts and international Society", with Michael Rask Madsen (Copenhagen)

16 May, "Book launch: 'Targeting in International law: Counterinsurgency and the legal materiality of the principle of distinction'", with Amin Parsa (Halmstad)

21 May, "International Environmental Law in the African Union", with Namira Negm (the African Migration Observatory in Rabat), in collaboration with the Embassy of Egypt

27 May, "TWAAIL for outer space: Space Law negotiations at the UN 1958-63", with Markus Gunneflo (Lund)

29 August, "Inaugural Lecture of the 2024 Olof Palme Guest Professor: The Securitization of Climate Change", with Anne Orford (Melbourne and Harvard), comments by Jonas Ebbesson (SU) and opening remarks by President Astrid Söderbergh Widding (SU)

12 September, "Global standards on judicial independence and removal", with Christina Murray (Cape Town, ret)

13 September, "Policy implications and regulation of AI in Washington DC", a symposium with 100 participants in Washington DC, organised in collaboration with the Swedish Embassy

23 September, "The New Aesthetics of International Law: After Institutions" with Annelise Riles (Northwestern, Chicago)

26 September, "International Courts and the Politics of Climate Litigation" with the honorary doctor of 2024, Phoebe Okowa (Queen Mary), with comments by Anne Orford

31 October, "Förenta nationernas cyberbrottskonvention", organised by ILA Sweden in collaboration with SCILJ

14 November, "From Vienna to Rome to Timbuktu: Using Systemic Integration to Interpret War Crimes at the International Criminal Court", with Matias Thomsen (Diakonia) and Mohamed Badar (Northumbria Law School)

19-20 November, The National International Law Day including two pre-conference work-shops, with 46 participants from all law departments in Sweden

25 November, "The Crisis of Kartenpolitik: Critical Geography and International Law" with Nikolas Rajkovic (Tilburg)

26 November, "Legal Aspects of the NATO Membership", with Pål Wrange and others, Organised by the Swedish Branch of the International Law Association in cooperation with the Swedish Defence University and SCILJ

2-3 December, "Closing the Impunity Gap by Building a Comprehensive Rome Statute System: How National Courts and the ICC Complement Each Other", a seminar organized as a side-event to the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court, The Hague

17 December, "Power in International Thought", with Jens Bartelson (Lund) and comments by Anne Orford

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. These seminars were organized by doctoral student Fredrik Svensson 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, including in international criminal law, transitional justice and post-conflict peacebuilding and critical theory.

Mark Klamberg and Pål Wrange have participated in the new Stockholm Centre for Global Governance (SCGG) as theme leader and board member, respectively. The research activities of SCILJ are expected to benefit greatly from the association with the 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: International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice, International Law in Times of Crises, Sovereignty and Cyberspace, and International Law and the Political Economy.

Mark Klamberg led or participated in the projects "the Global Governance of Artificial Intelligence" (funded by WASP-HS) and "The influence of International Law on the UN Security Council's Agenda, Debates and Decision-making" (funded by the Swedish Research Council). Both projects have been pursued in cooperation with the Global and Regional Governance Research group at the Department of Politics at Stockholm University.

Pål Wrange received a two year grant from the Swedish Research Council for his project "Digitalization and contestation in international law", to be pursued within the framework of both SCILJ and SCGG.

Love Rönnelid pursued research on the political economy of international economic law and published three articles within that field.

In the spring of 2024, Daniel Pinheiro Astone (also a fellow at the IGLP at Harvard) defended his thesis "Living as a commodity: property rights, systems theory and the trade on human lives", and Hevi Dawody defended her thesis "Terrorism and Exclusion from Refugee Protection".

Currently, there are ongoing doctoral projects at SU in international law pursued by Mariana Fakih, Olga Glukhovska, Ylva Lennartsson Hartmann, Will Underwood and Fredrik Svensson. According to Swedish law, doctoral projects have to be fully funded, and the number of positions is limited.

SCILJ fellow Nikola Hajdin pursues a post-doc, financed by the Swedish Research Council, at Stanford Law School.

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 fellows: Daniel Astone, Damon Barrett, **Hevi** Dawody, Ola Engdahl, David Fisher, Nikola Hajdin, Pär Hallström, Mark Klamberg, David Langlet, Sally Longworth, Gustaf Lind, Katak Malla, Tove Nyberg, Martin Ratcovich Leopardi, Mona Samadi, Maria Sjöholm, Sia Spilioupolou Åkermark, Fredrik Stenhammar and Katinka Svanberg.

The following colleagues are junior fellows: Daniel Astone, Julia Dahlqvist, Petter Danckwardt, Mariana Fakih, Olga Glukhovska, Fredrik Holst, Linnea Kortfält, Ylva Lennartsson Hartman, Maria Nääv, Fredrik Svensson and Will Underwood.

In the autumn of 2024, Anne Orford held the Olof Palme Chair, hosted by the Department of Law at Stockholm University and organized by SCILJ.

Tianije Gu of Guanghua Law School, Hangzhou, was a visiting researcher in 2023 and 2024.

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, and intermittently with the Swedish Institute of international Affairs, the Hans Blix Centre as well as with 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). Due to temporary staff restraints, the master's programme was not offered for the academic year 2024-2025.

In 2024, the department employed two professors, one lecturer, one assistant lecturer, one temporary lecturer and eight doctoral students associated with the Centre.

Financing and Economy

During 2024, 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 Hjerger Foundation, while some expenditures are

funded with support from the Department of Law. During 2022, the centre initiated a practice of annual applications for recurring activities (the public seminars, the CRIL retreat and the Hilding Eek memorial lectures).

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 funders. 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 2024.

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. Daniel Pinheiro Astone was employed as a coordinator on a part-time basis (10%) during the spring of 2024, and in November he was succeeded by Olga Glukhovska.

20 January, 2025



Marie Jacobsson



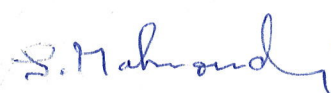
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