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This report gives an overview of activities and events held by the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law during the period 1 October 2025 - 30 September 2026.

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The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

Established in 1983, the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law is the centre for the study of International Law at the University of Cambridge, UK.

The Centre provides a framework and forum for critical and constructive thought about the function, content and working of law in the international community, as well as developing an appreciation of international law as an applied body of rules and principles. A number of Fellows associated with the Centre are actively involved in the practical development and application of international law.

The Centre is not involved in the formal teaching or supervision of University of Cambridge students; this is the responsibility of the Faculty of Law, of which the Centre is part. The Director, Deputy Director and some of the other Fellows of the Centre, in their role as members of the Faculty, are actively involved in teaching and research supervision. The Centre provides a regular forum for lectures and seminars.

The reception of visiting scholars from around the world is a key aspect of the Centre's activity. Visiting academics and PhD candidates are welcomed throughout the academic year and during the summer months.

The specific objectives of the Centre are:

- to serve as a discussion forum for current issues by organising seminars, lectures and meetings aimed at developing an understanding of international law;
- to promote research and publications in international law, including the publication of core research materials;
- to provide an intellectual home for scholars of international law from around the world who wish to pursue their research in a pleasant atmosphere that is stimulating to the generation and exchange of ideas;
- to provide education and training programmes of the highest quality to external institutions under special arrangements made with those institutions;
- to maintain a library of materials relating to International Law.

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Directors' Foreword

Dear colleague

We are pleased to introduce the Centre's annual report for 2025-26.

The Centre was delighted to welcome three new fellows – Dr Lovleen Bhullar, Dr Mohamed Mousa, and Dr Malavika Rao. The Centre also welcomed 64 visiting fellows and scholars from 29 countries, the highest number in recent years.

As we write this foreword, the annex room is in the process of being renovated. Once complete, the refurbishment will allow us to offer increased desk space for our fellows.

The Centre was bursting with events during the academic year, many of which are detailed in the pages that follow.

We remain grateful to Professor Surabhi Ranganathan, Vanessa Bystry, Chriselia De Vries, Karen Fachechi, Sarah Hill, and Gavin Howlett-Foster for making the Centre what it is.



Professor Sandesh Sivakumaran
Centre Director
(until 31 August 2026)



Professor Jan Klabbers
Centre Director
(from 1 September 2026)

Lectures & Events

Lectures and events held by the Centre (or jointly held with another University institution) for the academic year 2025-2026 included the following:

- Friday Lunchtime Lecture series (held in term time)
- Eli Lauterpacht Lecture 2025
- Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures 2026
- Additional conferences, lectures, seminars and workshops including the 'In conversation with' and 'Reflections in international law' lecture series.

Friday Lunchtime Lecture series

During the University term, the Centre holds the popular and well-attended Friday lunchtime lectures at 1 pm on issues in international law which are given by leading academics and practitioners.

22 May 2026 - 'The Global Housing Crisis and International Law: A Critical Assessment' - Prof Balakrishnan Rajagopal, MIT

8 May 2026 - 'Human Rights and Investment Arbitration: Cross - Currents or Parallel Streams?' - Hussein Haeri KC, Withers

1 May 2026 - 'Implications of U.S. Foreign Aid Cuts and Reciprocal Tariffs for African Countries - A View from the Global South' - Prof Olabisi Akinkugbe, University of Dalhousie

20 March 2026 - Panel Discussion: 'Being an International Lawyer at a Time of Rupture: Role, Responsibility, and Relevance' - Prof Lorand Bartels, Dr Tor Krever, Prof Sarah Nouwen, Dr Rumiana Yotova

13 March 2026 - 'The Secret Life of the Legal Adviser: Strategies of International Law-Making' - Prof Michael Byers, University of British Columbia

6 March 2026 - 'Athenia, or the Nuremberg Trial at Midpoint' - Prof Diane Marie Amann, University of Georgia

27 February 2026 - 'Submarines and Underwater Maritime Autonomous Vehicles: New Wine in Old Bottles?' - Prof Natalie Klein, UNSW Sydney

20 February 2026 - 'Reading International Law as Stories' - Prof Tamsin Paige, Deakin Law School

13 February 2026 - 'Due Diligence at a Crossroads: The Old Road, the New Road, and the Bridge Between' - Dr Penelope Ridings, International Law Commission

6 February 2026 - 'The Systemic Function of General Principles' - Prof Mads Andenas & Prof Johann Ruben Leiss, University of Oslo

30 January 2026 - 'Russia, the Soviet Union, and Imperial Continuity in International Law' - Prof Lauri Mälksoo, University of Tartu, Estonia

23 January 2026 - 'Marxist Insights for International Law' - Prof Antonios Tzanakopoulos, University of Oxford

5 December 2025 - Friday Seminar: 'Queer Theory and Human Rights: Methods and Critiques' - Prof Loveday Hodson, Dr David Ikpo

28 November 2025 - Eli Lauterpacht Lecture 2025 - 'Hard Law in Times of Liquid Modernity: Treaty Law and Practice in the 21st Century' - Santiago Villalpando, Legal Advisor and Director of UNESCO

21 November 2025 - LCIL-CILJ Annual Lecture 2025: 'The Application of Human Rights Law to the Armed Forces' - Prof Alison Duxbury, Melbourne Law School

7 November 2025 - 'International Police Cooperation in an Era of Rising Authoritarianism' - Prof Kristina Daugirdas, University of Michigan

31 October 2025 - 'Is the disorder of our times unprecedented?' - Prof Ayse Zarakol, University of Cambridge

17 October 2025 - 'Public International Law in the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom' - The Right Hon Lord Lloyd-Jones, Justice of the Supreme Court

10 October 2025 - 'International Organizations between Mission and Market' - Prof Jan Klabbers, University of Cambridge













Eli Lauterpacht Lecture 2025

Hard Law in Times of Liquid Modernity: Treaty Law and Practice in the 21st Century



Santiago Villalpando
Legal Advisor and Director of UNESCO

28 November 2025

In recent years, several authoritative voices have pointed out certain developments which seem to indicate that States are shifting away from treaty law-making for the governance of their international relations.

Taking as a starting point the sociological concept of “liquid modernity” introduced by Zygmunt Bauman, this lecture explored how treaties, archetypes of solid and stable law-making, have reacted to an unstable global community where norms seem to be eroding and long-term commitments appear to be challenged.

The lecture showed that there is no doubt that the law and practice of treaties have evolved to adapt to a shifting international environment, but the news about the death of treaties is greatly exaggerated.

Dr Santiago Villalpando has had a distinguished career across a number of international courts and international organizations. These include the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the International Court of Justice, the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, and UNESCO.

This lecture was followed by a careers event aimed at students where Dr Villalpando spoke about legal careers in international organizations.

The Eli Lauterpacht Lecture was established after Sir Eli’s death in 2017 to celebrate his life and work. This lecture takes place at the Centre on a Friday in Michaelmas Term. These lectures are kindly supported by Dr Ivan and Mrs Francesca Berkowitz who are Principal Benefactors of the Centre.



Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures 2026

Immunities of State Officials and Prosecutions for International Crimes - Where does the Law Stand?



Prof Dapo Akande
University of Oxford

8 - 10 June 2026

Lecture 1: 8 June - 'International Law Immunities - Do we need them?'

Lecture 2: 9 June - 'Immunities and Prosecutions for International Crimes in Foreign Domestic Courts'

Lecture 3: 10 June - 'Immunities and International Criminal Tribunals' and Q&A

The Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures is an annual three-part lecture series given in Cambridge to commemorate the unique contribution to the development of international law of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht. These lectures are given annually by a person of eminence in the field of international law.



Additional conferences, lectures, seminars and workshops

15 May 2026 - Conference: 'The influence of different legal traditions on public international law'

13 May 2026 - ‘Rebuilding the Organisational Box? New Theory, New Practice in International Institutions’

30 April 2026 - Book Talk: 'Sovereignty disputes and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. A public order perspective' - Dr Tom D Grant, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

28 April 2026 - 'Agreement on Marine Biologic Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). Una Visión desde el Atlántico Sur' - Prof Carlos Mata, University of the Republic, Uruguay (Udelar)

27 April 2026 - Cambridge University Arbitration Society (CUArb)/LCIL lecture: 'Arbitrating Space-related Disputes'

5 March 2026 - ICRC & LCIL event: 'Contemporary issues in the law of occupation' - Philip Spoerri, ICRC; Amy Sander, Essex Court Chambers, Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran, University of Cambridge

19 March 2026 - 'Separating powers in the lex sportiva: Can the Court of Arbitration for Sport become an independent check on the transnational governance of sport?' - Dr Antoine Duval, Asser Institute

16 March 2026 - 'The Current State of the Rules of International Law against Attempts to Acquire Territory by Force: A Practitioner's View' - Ambassador Tomohiro Mikanagi

24 February 2026 - ‘Geopolitical Challenges, International Law and the Role of Armed Forces’ - Ian Park, Royal Navy

26 February 2026 - 'The End (and Future) of States' - Prof Monica Hakimi, Columbia Law School

16 February 2026 - ‘The Anatomy of an Investment Treaty Case’ - Camilla Gambarini, Withers

9 February 2026 - Salvador Allende Lecture 2026 'On Impunity: From East West Street to 38 Londres Street' - Philippe Sands KC

9 February 2026 - A Conversation with Prof Philippe Sands KC

5 February 2026 - CUArb/LCIL lecture: 'Enforcing Arbitral Awards in the Digital Age: Strategy and Pitfalls under the New York Convention'

29 January 2026 - Cambridge Arbitration Society: 'Transnational Orders through Arbitration: Basketball Arbitral Tribunal and Ex Aequo et Bono Decision-Making'

23 January 2026 - CUArb/LCIL lecture: Tales from the Arbitral Tribunal: A conversation with José Emilio Nunes Pinto

22 January 2026 - CILJ Panel Discussion: 'Recent International Case Law: Key Lessons for the International Arbitration Community'

5 December 2025 - Seminar: 'Queer Theory and Human Rights: Methods and Critiques'

5 December 2025 - Workshop: Human Rights and Storytelling

24 November 2025 - CUArb/LCIL lecture: 'The New Arbitration Act 2025: A Timely Evolution, or a Missed Opportunity?'

11 November 2025 - 'Pluriloguing with ourselves: non-dominant feminisms in global governance' - a conversation with Gina Heathcote and Amena Yassine

6 November 2025 - 'The UN's tortious liability in peacekeeping missions' - Prof Dr Kirsten Schmalenbach, Paris-Lodron University, Salzburg

4 November 2025 - CUArb/LCIL lecture: 'Sanctions, Counter-Sanctions and the Jurisdictional Battles with Russia following the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine'

14 October 2025 - CUArb/LCIL lecture: 'Investment Treaties under fire - Infrastructure Services v Spain'

3 October 2025 - CUArb/LCIL lecture: 'Where is Arbitration Going? A talk on reform, anxieties and potential solutions'













Third Lauterpacht Centre Conference on International Dispute Settlement - Remedies in International Disputes

Friday 24 October 2025

International courts and tribunals have been the focus of much world attention in recent times as a means of addressing some of the world's most pressing problems through the processes of adjudication. But international litigation is much more than the airing of grievances in a judicial setting: its value depends upon the provision of appropriate and effective remedies. In the practice of international courts, there is much evidence of innovation in remedies: from the development of provisional measures in the Gaza Strip proceedings in the ICJ; to a renewed focus on the approach to compensation in a series of recent cases before the Court; to controversies about determination of compensation in investment arbitration; to reparations for ecological and climate harms and for victims in armed conflict. However important they are in practice, the topic of remedies has until recently been comparatively neglected in legal scholarship. This is changing as the ILC plans to revisit the topic of compensation in its next programme of work.

The Third Lauterpacht Centre Conference on International Dispute Settlement brought together leading scholars and practitioners of international law to debate the issues.









'In Conversation with' lecture series

In conversation with Prof Joan Donoghue and Sir Christopher Greenwood

7 November 2025



Prof Joan Donoghue is a former Judge and President of the International Court of Justice, a visiting professor in the law school at the University of California, Berkeley, and for the 2025/26 academic year is the Arthur Goodhart visiting professor in legal science at the University of Cambridge.

Sir Christopher Greenwood is Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, a former Judge of the International Court of Justice and an Honorary Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre.

Sir Christopher Greenwood and Prof Joan Donoghue had the privilege of serving together as Judges on the International Court of Justice. They also have seen international law from a variety of other perspectives, including as advocates, as members of arbitral tribunals, as advisors to governments and as teachers. As befits a chat between old friends, they touched on a range of topics and welcomed

Reflections on International Law lecture series

'The Abandoned Investor' - Prof Christoph Schreuer, University of Vienna

28 January 2026

Under classical international law home States of investors would be expected to look after the interests of their nationals by exercising diplomatic protection. Investment arbitration has given investors the possibility to pursue their own interests and has at the same time depoliticized investment disputes. More recently the tide seems to turn with home States taking positions that work to their investors' detriment. This trend manifests itself through interpretations of investment treaties and even agreed termination of these treaties. The lecture discussed these developments.

Commentator: Professor Ursula Kriebaum, University of Vienna



Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award

2 December 2025



Prof Surabhi Ranganathan, Deputy Director of the Centre, was awarded the prestigious Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award 2025, a prize of 1.5 million euros. The award recognized her groundbreaking work on ocean governance and the law of the sea, particularly its political challenges. The award ceremony took place in Berlin on 2 December 2025.

The Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award is a joint initiative of the Max Planck Society and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. It is given to outstanding international researchers for their exceptional academic achievements. Supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the award alternates between the natural and engineering sciences, life sciences, and the humanities and social sciences.

Prof Ranganathan's research focuses on the growing competition for deep-sea resources, like the manganese nodules found in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone between Hawaii and Mexico. These nodules are rich in manganese, nickel, copper, cobalt, and rare earth elements, making them highly valuable to the electronics and energy industries. Currently, the international law of the sea successfully protects this sensitive deep-sea ecosystem from exploitation by commercial companies.

With the prize money, Prof Ranganathan plans to launch a project called "Ways of Worldmaking: The Global South and the (Re)Imagination of Global Ocean Governance". In collaboration with HU Berlin and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, the project will re-examine the law of the sea from a global perspective, with a focus on decolonization.





Award Ceremony for the (third) Max Planck-Cambridge Prize for International Law (MaxCamPIL) 2025

14 November 2025



The Max Planck-Cambridge Prize Ceremony celebrates outstanding scholarship in public international law and honoured Eliav Lieblich, Professor of International Law at Tel Aviv University, as the 2025 prize recipient.

The Max Planck-Cambridge Prize is a joint initiative of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg. Awarded biennially, the prize highlights the relevance of fundamental research in the field of international law in a phase of reconfiguration of the global order. Its aim is to identify an outstanding mid-career legal scholar whose contributions to the study of international law have enriched the field and are likely to continue and develop further.

The selection committee – comprising Drs Orfeas Chasapis-Tassinis, Matilda Gillis and Mayaan Menashe and Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran from the Lauterpacht Centre, as well as Drs Jannika Jahn, Luke Dimitrios Spieker and Robert Stendel and Prof Anne Peters from the Max Planck Institute – agreed that Prof Lieblich is an outstanding, innovative, and highly original scholar whose work continues to engage, surprise, and inspire the international law community. In particular, the committee highlighted his influential contributions to the law on the use of force, international humanitarian law, and the history and theory of international law.

The ceremony opened with words of welcome by Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran, Centre Director and was followed by a laudatio delivered by Prof Anne Peters, Managing Director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.

An interview with Prof Lieblich followed and was conducted by Dr Fabian Eichberger and Dr Liana Minkova, both postdoctoral researchers and Fellows of the Centre.



International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) Secondment Programme

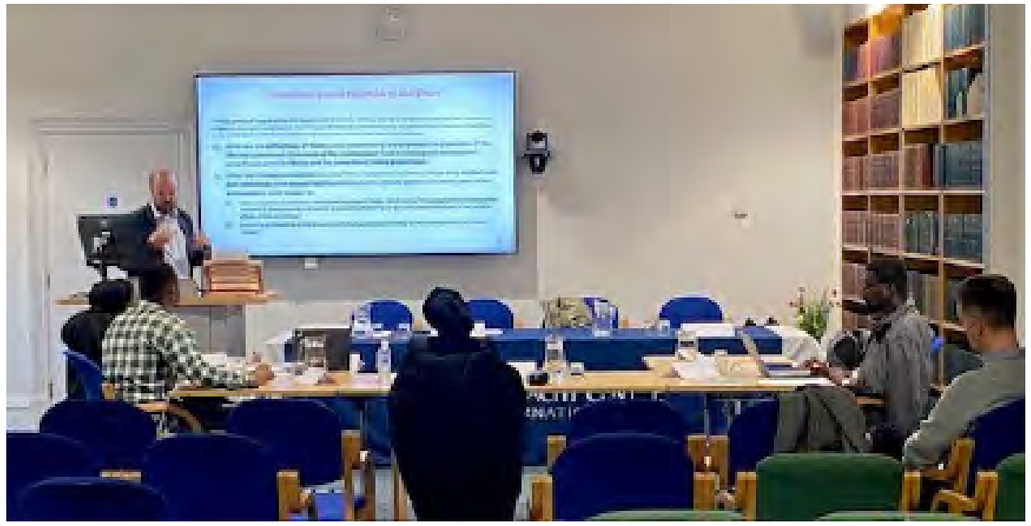
On 14 October 2025, the Centre was delighted to welcome participants on the International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) Flagship Secondment Programme. The Centre has been involved in this initiative for 12 years.

The annually-held international secondment programme allows lawyers practising in various African jurisdictions to be selected and sponsored for a three-month secondment (September to December) at highly reputed international law firms and corporations based in London, Paris, Lisbon and Dubai.

The programme provides an academic enrichment series that incorporates training modules on various topics relevant to the African legal sector. A wide variety of practice areas and sectors are covered as part of the training modules which take place in London in the first two weeks of the programme before the lawyers then go to the various host cities. Finally, the ILFA lawyers undergo seminars at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The overall objective is to ‘educate, equip and empower’ African lawyers.

Prof Surabhi Ranganathan welcomed the visitors to the Centre. This was followed by three talks: Prof Harro van Asselt on ‘The rise of international climate litigation’; Dr Giovanni Mantilla on ‘The Political Origins of International Humanitarian Law' and Antoana Nedyalkova, Carlos Juliano Simões-Ferreira and Andrea Farrés Jiménez from the Red Cross Team based at the Centre who presented their work on 'The Customary International Humanitarian Law Project’.

International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) was created in 2006 by partners from leading London law firms with an interest in Africa, who wanted to use their positions and contacts to assist in “top-down” African development. ILFA is an Africa-focused capacity building organisation whose mission is to build legal excellence in Africa by providing access to advanced legal training, networking opportunities and education for African lawyers and senior professionals engaged in the negotiation of complex transactions in Africa. ILFA’s goal is to enhance the quality and delivery of legal services to clients across Africa and to strengthen the rule of law in Africa.



Cambridge International Law Discussion Group (CILDG)

The Cambridge International Law Discussion Group (CILDG) serves as a central forum for scholarly exchange within the international law community at Cambridge. Meeting weekly during term time, the group brings together PhD researchers in public international law and Fellows of the Lauterpacht Centre for discussion, debate, and the presentation of works in progress. Sessions are held at the LCIL in a collegial environment that encourages constructive engagement with new ideas and developing research.

CILDG is co-convened by Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran, Centre Director, alongside PhD candidates Helin Laufer and Alina Papanastasiou. Together, they coordinate a diverse programme that reflects the breadth of contemporary international legal scholarship, offering speakers an opportunity to present draft articles, conceptual pieces, and chapters, and to receive thoughtful feedback from peers.

The 2025-2026 schedule included the following sessions:

15 October 2025: Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran: 'The Legal Status of the Prohibition on Violence against Women under International Law: The Interplay of Treaties, Custom and Soft Law'

22 October 2025: Introduction to PhD projects in international law at Cambridge & Keilin Anderson: ‘Countermeasures for Provisional Measure Breaches’

29 October 2025: Dr Tor Krever: 'The Pirate and the Origins of Universal Enmity'

5 November 2025: Workshop for PhD students with junior members of the Bar

12 November 2025: Dr Lena Holzer: 'Assemblage Theory as a Queer-Feminist Method to Study International Law'

19 November 2025: Helin Laufer: ‘The Applicability of Investment Treaties in Times of Armed Conflict’

26 November 2025: Prof Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan: 'International Law and Technology'

3 December 2025: Renatus Otto Franz Derler: ‘General Principles of Law and the Persistent Objector Rule: A Theoretical and Practical Incompatibility’

5 March 2026 - Andrea Farrés Jiménez - 'The Principle of Humanity in International Humanitarian Law'

22 April 2026 - Jennifer Tridgell – ‘‘Coding Multilateralism’: Implications of the United Nations’ Governance of Free and Open-Source Software for International Organisations in the Digital Age’

5 May 2026 - Natasha Burton: Cambridge University Press Editors talk on publishing monographs

20 May 2026 - Prof Balakrishnan Rajagopal: ' Decolonizing international law: A TWAIL perspective'





International Law & Arbitration executive course - March 2026

The Centre hosted the fourth executive education course in March 2026 in cooperation with the University of Vienna. Professors Jorge Viñuales and Michael Waibel served as co-directors of the course.

This five-day programme provided an advanced introduction to international investment law in the context of public international law and practice. From 23 - 27 March 2026, 14 participants were instructed by staff from Cambridge Law Faculty and Judge Business School and leading practitioners including Prof Campbell McLachlan, Dr Federica Paddeu, Dr Rumiana Yotova, Brooks Daly, Hussein Haeri KC, Matthew Weiniger KC, Sophie Lamb KC, Wendy Miles KC, and Michelle Bradfield. The 14 experienced participants came from Asia, the Americas, Europe and the UK.

Investment arbitration raises challenges distinct from those raised in other forms of international dispute settlement, including complex questions of how to value assets and how to develop and position an arbitration practice in a highly competitive arbitration market. This course is designed to equip practitioners to master procedural and substantive aspects that arise in investment arbitrations.

Over the course of the week, participants developed a thorough grounding in the central substantive treatment standards and procedural aspects of investment arbitration.

Alongside six hours of interactive seminars each day at the Lauterpacht Centre, participants had the opportunity to get to know the instructors and fellow participants. In addition to punting on the river Cam, and a 'Fish & Chip' supper at a famous Cambridge pub, the Centre hosted a welcome dinner at Jesus College and a course dinner at Christ's College.







BRC/ICRC Customary International Humanitarian Law Project

The research team working on the Customary International Humanitarian Law Project of the British Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) enjoyed another successful year at the Centre. The Lauterpacht Centre has hosted the Project since its start in 2007.

The project provides geographically representative information in the field of international humanitarian law (IHL) by updating the practice section of the ICRC's award-winning online Customary IHL Database. The Database contains the 161 rules of customary IHL identified in the ICRC's seminal 2005 Study and the practice related to these rules. Its aim is to provide accurate and extensive information on customary IHL and to make this information readily accessible online. The Database covers national practice from States across the world, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, as well as practice found in international materials.

In the 2025–2026 academic year, the Database was updated with new practice from four States: Canada for the year 2014; Nigeria for the year 2015; Croatia for the years 2008-2010; and Cambodia for the years 2012-2016. While the practice section continues to make worldwide practice available in English, since December 2019 the rules section of the database has also been available in six additional languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

In October 2025, the research team presented the Project to visiting members of the organisation International Lawyers for Africa (photo belowed), which was a valuable opportunity to disseminate knowledge of IHL, as well as to promote the Database and the Study.

In December 2025, members of the research team, together with the ICRC Legal Adviser working on the Customary IHL Project, published a blog post marking the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the original Study.

In 2026, the team celebrated Antoana Nedyalkova's sixth anniversary with the Project, Carlos Juliano Simões-Ferreira's and Andrea Farrés Jiménez's fifth anniversary with the Project, as well as Harriet Macey's first anniversary with the Project.

This year also brought changes in the research team. In September 2026, the team said farewell to Andrea Farrés Jiménez, who had been an invaluable member of the Project for the past five years. While she will be greatly missed by the remaining members of the team, we are also very happy to see her moving on to new endeavours and wish her all the best.

Red Cross Team (bottom left to right) Carlos Juliano Simões-Ferreira, Andrea Farrés-Jiménez and Antoana Nedyalkova



Fellows' Publications

Harro van Asselt

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Michael Mehling and Harro van Asselt (eds), Research Handbook on Climate Finance and Investment Law (Edward Elgar 2025).

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Lorand Bartels

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Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Wayne Garnons-Williams, University of Waterloo / IITIO: 'Indigenous Peoples Inspiring Sustainable Development - Implementing UNDRIP through International Law and Covenants' (CUP, 2026)

Tom Grant

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The Centre administers the following scholarship and funding schemes:

Brandon Research Fellowship

The Brandon Research Fellowship was funded by a generous gift in 2009 by the late Mr Michael Brandon and his son, Mr Christopher Brandon.

The successful candidate for the Brandon Scholarship 2026 was Dr Mawuto Tossa from the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University. Dr Tossa's research relates to 'Reconciling investment facilitation and climate action: the contribution of African regional organizations'. Mawuto visited the Centre in Lent Term 2026.

Dr Christopher Gevers, the successful candidate for the Brandon Research Fellowship 2024 also visited the Centre during the summer research period of 2026. Christopher's research related to 'Westlake, Smuts and the 'South African War' (1899-1902)'.



Dr Mawuto Tossa presents his work to fellow academic visitors



Dr Christopher Gevers presents his work to fellow academic visitors

Bohdan Winiarski Scholarship

The Bohdan Winiarski scholarships are funded by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the United Kingdon of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and named after the Polish Judge and international lawyer, Bohdan Winiarski.

The successful candidates for the Winiarski Scholarship 2026 were Mr Zeno Suller from Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, and Dr Piotr Sieniawski from Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University in Warsaw.

Mr Suller visited the Centre during the Easter Term 2026 and his research topic related to 'Preserving Sovereignty in a Sinking World: Proposing a Sui Generis Legal Personality for Endangered Island States'.

Dr Sieniawski visited the Centre during the summer research period 2026 and his research topic related to 'De facto regimes' extinction in the light of international law. The case of Nagorno-Karabakh'.

Student Summer Internship Funding Scheme 2026

In 2024, in collaboration with the Faculty of Law, the Lauterpacht Centre introduced and administered a new funding scheme for LLM students undertaking summer internships with institutions and organisations with an interest in the field of international law.

Funding is available for up to three students, who are taking three or more papers in the international law specialism, to undertake an unpaid, public interest internship in international law during the University's summer recess period. Funding is provided as a contribution towards costs associated with the internship, such as travel, visa applications and accommodation.

The amount of funding awarded is at the discretion of the selection committee which is made up of academic members of the University who specialise in international law.

For 2026, the successful students were:

Chi Wai Hu (right) who secured a summer internship at the United Nations, working on international criminal law, and



Yuriy Uhrynto (right), who has been developing a roadmap for Ukraine's transitional justice process at the Cambridge Centre for Geopolitics, as part of its Future of Ukraine Programme, under the supervision of Dr Victoria Vdovychenko.



Visiting Scholars' Programme

During the 2025-2026 academic year, the Centre's Visiting Scholars' programme continued to thrive.

64 post-graduate students and visiting academics and professionals came from around the world to stay for a period of research. The length of stay varied - anything from a few weeks/months over the summer research period (June to September) to one or more academic terms.

The Centre offered bench space to visitors across no 5 and 7 Cranmer Road. The Centre also offers four double ensuite rooms on the second floor of Bahrain House for visitors. These rooms are much sought after and are full every term.

Visitors are always grateful for the opportunity to carry out their research in the tranquil setting of the Centre whilst accessing some of the best online and print research sources available.

Visitors also enjoy the community feel of the Centre and enjoy meeting each other and Centre Fellows and guests during the daily coffee time in the kitchen of no 5 where they can discuss their research and make new connections.

Visitors often take the opportunity to present their work to each other and Centre Fellows, finding the feedback of great value to their research.

















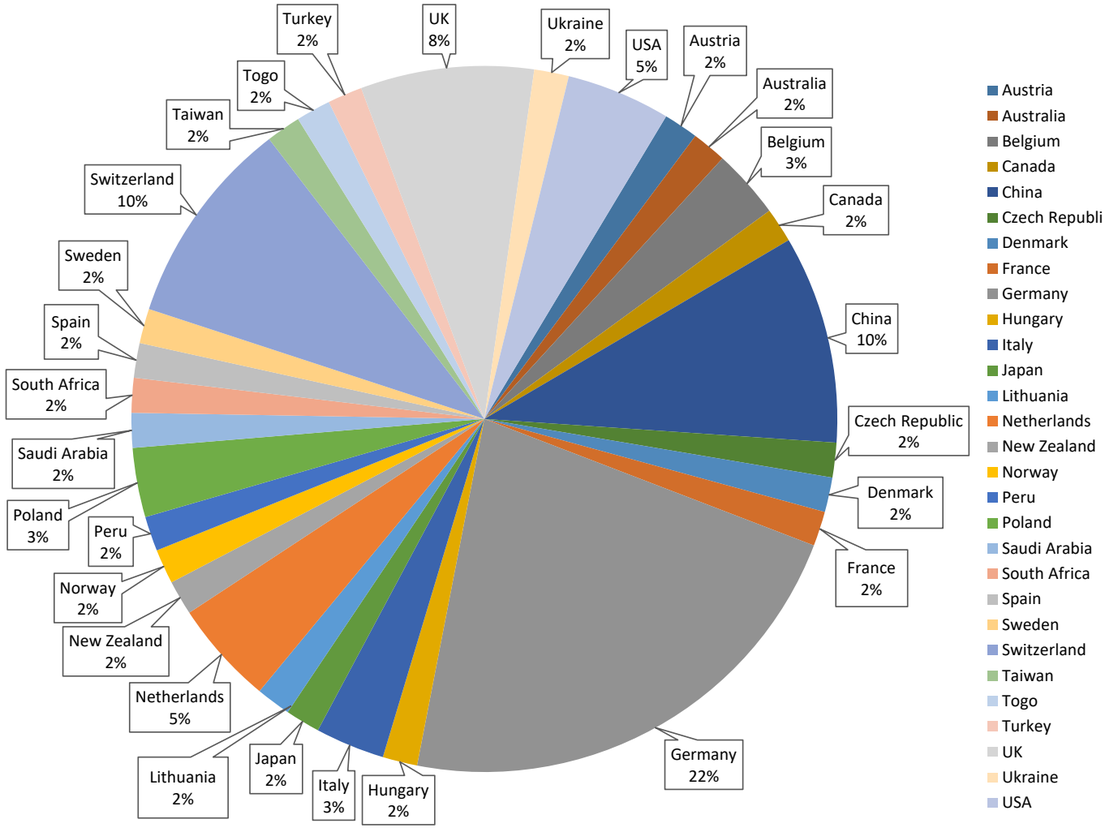








Visiting scholars by country of institution to the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law 2025 - 2026



Breakdown of Visiting Scholars 2025 - 2026

From 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026 the Centre welcomed 64 visitors from 29 countries. 51% were PhD students, 40% academics and 9% independent researchers.

Name	Institution	Research Topic
Mr Gracious Avayiwoe	University of Hong Kong	Public International Law; International Dispute Settlement - 'Unlocking the Merits of Inconsistency at the International Court of Justice
Mr Muhammed Bardakci	Galatasary University, Turkey	International Law of Responsibility: The Legitimacy of Collective Countermeasures in International Law
Ms Leonie Brassat	Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Germany	The lawfulness of military operations to rescue and evacuate nationals from abroad (the 'protection of nationals' doctrine) under the ius ad bellum
Ms Carmen Bullon Caro	Universidade da Coruna, Spain	Regulatory approaches to operationalize One Health
Prof Wang (Blake) Chen-Yu	College of Law, National Taipei University, Taiwan	Artificial Intelligence and International Law under the Global Economic Order: WTO, State Responsibility, and East Asia Perspectives
Dr Giovanni Chiarini	Alfaisal University College of Law and International Relations, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Genocide
Dr Gerard Conway	Brunel Law School, London	Legal Reasoning in International Courts
Ms Martina Coxova	Charles University, Faculty of Law, Czech Republic	General Principles in International Administrative Tribunals: Between Coherence and Fragmentation - A Case Study on Acquired Rights
Mrs Pooja Damodaran	Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania	Protection of digital data as an investment under international investment law
Dr Mariela De Amstalden	University of Exeter, UK	Temporality in International (Technology) Law: Legal Histories of Uncrewed Future Flights
Ms Kheda Djanaralieva	Centre de droit international de la Faculté de Droit et Criminologie de l'Université libre de Bruxelles	How does the passage of time impact the interpretation and application of the rules of international law governing situations of prolonged occupation?
Mr Rouven Diekjobst	Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict, Ruhr-University Bochum	Human Dignity and War: Reconciling Law and Practice of Armed Conflict with the Protection of Human Dignity under the German Constitution
Ms Beichen Ding	World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland	Extraterritorial Climate-Related Trade Measures: Revisiting the Principle of Non-Intervention in the Context of the Common Concern of Humankind
Prof Alison Duxbury	Melbourne Law School, Australia	Application of Human Rights Law to Members of Armed Forces (International Human Rights Law)
Justice Ingvald Falch	Supreme Court of Norway	State's jurisdiction, Treaty law
Prof Caroline Foster	University of Auckland, New Zealand	Hague Lectures on "Facilitative Compliance under Multilateral Treaties"
Dr Milosz Gapsa	University of Łódź, Poland	International Procedural Law - 'The Operative Parts of Orders Denying Provisional Measures'

Name	Institution	Research Topic
Mr Christopher Gevers (Brandon Fellow)	School of Law, University of KwaZulu-Nata	Westlake, Smuts and the ‘South African War’ (1899-1902)
Weiyao Han	Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong	Third World Approaches to International Law and International Dispute Resolution - "The South and the Convention: A TWAIL-Informed Shift in International Dispute Resolution Lawmaking"
Mr Marc Heim	UCL, London	International Law/ EU Law / Economic and Trade Law Title: Balancing Institutional Diversity and “Fair” Competition: How (EU) Trade Defense Instruments Can Protect Market-Driven Environments from China’s Industrial Policy Spillovers
Mr Markus Hennig	Bucerius Law School, Germany	Economic Coercion and the Anti-Coercion Instrument of the European Union
Prof Alexandre Hermet	Sciences Po Toulouse, France	Sources of Law; relationship between International Law and International Relations SELF-GENERATION OF POLITICAL RULES
Mr Julian Hettihewa	Higher Regional Court of Cologne, Germany	Searching for Youth in the Principle of Distinction
Mr Jan-Henrik Hinselmann	Johannes-Gutenberg Universität Mainz	International law (financial and monetary law) Monetary Sovereignty in a New International Economic Order (Habilitation project)
Mr Sinan Karabas	Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg	Constitution and Noise. The constitutional treatment of noise conflicts in the context of environmental law
Mr Joshua Kriesmann	Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz	The Limits of the Principle of Full Reparation
Ms Amanda Kron	Lund University, Sweden	Understanding Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence: Exploring the Potential of the Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment
Dr Lys Kulamayadil	Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg	Law by Colour Code: Locating Race and Racism in International Law
Prof Andreas Kulick	Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz	Reparations and Compensation in International Law
Mr Christopher Kunzmann	Bucerius Law School, Hamburg	The Compatibility of International Investment Agreements and Climate Protection
Dr Federico La Vattiata	University of Catania, Department of Law	Governance and Accountability in AI-Driven Cyberwarfare: IHL and ICL in the Age of Autonomous Weapon Systems
Ms Camille Lefebvre	Leiden University, The Netherlands	Rethinking State Responsibility in Migration Governance: A TWAIL-centred approach
Dr Xinyue Li	East China University of Political Science, China	International Economic Law and Quantum Theory: Quantising Geoeconomics

Name	Institution	Research Topic
Dr Gemma Lligadas Gonzalez	Forschungszentrum Center for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU CHREN); Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	Theory of International Law, International Law and Domestic Law, International Human Rights Law: “Inter-judicial coordination and global crises: global judicial trends in the balancing of global public goods and their impact on the international legal system
Ms Sophia Lulay	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat Munich, Germany	The Brussels Effect Reconsidered: Norm Diffusion, Legal Extraterritoriality, and the International Legal Dimensions of the EU Artificial Intelligence Act
Dr Artemis Malliaropoulou	The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands	Constitutional law and arbitration: “a tale of two cities”? A comparative analysis of potential cross-fertilisation between these two distinct and parallel prima facie fields in England and Greece
Mr Massimo Marelli	International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva	Data Protection and Cybersecurity in Humanitarian Action: developing a research agenda for the next decade, building on 10 Years of Data Protection in Humanitarian Action
Mr Lucas Mathieu	Geneva Graduate Institute	Business and Human Rights; International Law in Domestic Courts. Subject Title: Corporations, Domestic Courts, and International Law
Mr Paolo Mazzotti	Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Germany	Non-Economic Values in EU Free Movement Law and International Investment Law
Prof Mario Mendez	Queen Mary University of London	(Foreign Relations Law) Controlling the Treaty-Making Power
Dr Zvenyslava Opeida	Ukraine	Addressing non-trade concerns in the WTO
Mr Benjamin Peters	Geneva Graduate Institute	Relating to the world: The Concept of Interest in International Law
Prof Balakrishnan Rajagopal (Leverhulme Professor)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	Visiting Leverhulme Professor to the Faculty of Law
Mr Rod Ramsden (Independent researcher)	Lex Mercatoria Law & Finance Group (Canada)	A Legal Model for the Establishment of a Global Asset Freezing Database: A comparison of the Ukrainian and Ontario Legal Systems in overcoming issues of Sovereignty, jurisdiction, human rights, data protection and enforcement
Mr Aaron Romero Garcia	Italian Chamber of Commerce in Peru (CCI)	International Investment Law, Applied Financial Regulation:The Paradox of Investment Sophistication: Reconciling FDI Screening and Qualitative Admission Criteria with Market Access and Performance Requirement Prohibitions in Modern FTAs.
Prof Chie Sato	Meiji University, School of Law, Japan	Significance of “due diligence” obligation under UNCLOS in the Era of Diversified Ocean Use
Dr Raphael Schafer	Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London	Keeping the Balance: The Rise and Fall of the European International Order, 1814-1853

Name	Institution	Research Topic
Prof Ulrich Schroeter	University of Basel, Switzerland	The legality of secondary sanctions under public international law
Ms Elin Schutte	International Law Department, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID), Switzerland	Territory and Genocide in International Law
Ms Yiran Shi	China University of Political Science and Law	From “Human-Centric” Rhetoric to Legal Obligations: Can International Law Bridge the Structural Divergence of the Global North and South in AI Governance?
Dr Piotr Sieniawski (Bohdan Winiarski Scholar)	Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University in Warsaw	De facto regimes’ extinction in the light of international law. The case of Nagorno-Karabakh
Mr Julian Simcock	Independent Researcher	AI-Powered Plain Language Search Interface for UN Negotiations
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Mr Zénó Suller (Winiarski Scholar)	Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary	Preserving Sovereignty in a Sinking World: Proposing a Sui Generis Legal Personality for Endangered Island States
Dr Mawuto Tossa (Brandon Scholar)	University of Lome, Togo	Reconciling Investment Facilitation an Climate Action: The Contributions of African Regional Organisations
Mr Leon Trampe	Humboldt University of Berlin (Faculty of Law)	Counter-Terrorism Criminal Law and International Criminal Law
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Ms Claudia Wortmann	Hasselt University and KU Leuven	Methods of Assessing Damages and Evaluating Energy Assets in International Investment Law: Dissecting the Interplay of Climate Change and International Economic Law.
Ms Liyuan Yu	Peking University Law	Artificial Intelligence Risk-Based Governance: Developing The International Legal Framework
Ms Qian Zhang	Guanghua Law School, Zhejiang University, China	Study on the International Investment Legal Protection Mechanism for the Right to Development of Host State Residents
Dr Wim Zimmerman	Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria	Public international law; Sociology of international law; International criminal law; International relations

A selection of feedback from Visiting Scholars 2025-2026

The research stay at the Lauterpacht Centre was immensely rewarding, both academically and personally. The Centre fostered an atmosphere that encouraged deep engagement with international law, while the community of internationally minded peers provided strong support and social connection. The close-knit relationships with fellow visitors made the experience truly unique, offering a level of interaction and camaraderie that goes beyond what is usually possible. Informal exchanges over daily coffee, lunch, or the weekly Friday Lecture further enriched the stay. Special thanks go to the administrative team – Chriselia, Karen, and Vanessa – for keeping everything running smoothly. Accommodation provided by the Centre is highly recommended, making the challenge of finding housing in Cambridge much easier. Overall, a stay at the Lauterpacht Centre offers a unique opportunity for professional and personal growth at one of the world’s leading universities.

Thank you for making my research visit such a warm and welcoming experience. The spring setting, the coffee breaks, and the lively chats made it all feel easy and natural. It was a highly intellectually stimulating and productive time for me, which I truly appreciated. Thank you for all the care and effort you put into everything.

I had a productive and pleasant research stay at the Centre. I had access to documentary resources of unmatched quality, and enjoyed the lectures. The administrative team is highly professional, with its members exuding great human qualities at any moment. I hope I would have the opportunity to visit the Centre again.

The Centre provides an unparalleled ambience for rich scholarly exchanges that has enhanced the direction and depth of my PhD research.

To the entire team of the LCIL: I loved every minute of my research stay here. I could not thank everyone enough. It was such a great group to be in, and the environment is truly one-of-a-kind. I hope to come back soon enough!

I had a wonderful stay at the Centre. The staff were incredibly friendly and helpful, and the other visitors were kind, engaging, and inspiring. The various events offered a great opportunity to engage with others working on related or different topics. The facilities were excellent, contributing to a highly productive working environment. Overall, I had a very enjoyable and productive time.

It's been wonderful and extremely helpful. Especially the long hours of access.

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I am very happy that I have become a part of the prestigious academic family at the LCIL. I have made great progress on my thesis work here with the outstanding environment and valuable feedback I got during my presentation. I have also met people from various levels of academia and legal practice, and this has been a great opportunity to extend my network as an early career scholar.

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