



UN Treaty Body System Strengthening - The Dublin Process



Panelists at the Dublin II Outcome Document Launch, New York, March 2012

On 28 March 2012 the Dublin II Outcome Document, the culminating paper of the "Dublin Process" (that was facilitated by HRLC), was presented to a capacity group of some 130 diplomats and other attendees at an information event at the United Nations in New York. The launch event was chaired by Ambassador Anne Anderson of Ireland and co-hosted by the governments of Ireland, Switzerland, Republic of Korea, Poland and Morocco.

The panel presenting the Outcome Document included:

- Prof. Michael O'Flaherty - HRLC Co-Chair, Convener of the Dublin Meetings, Vice Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee; and Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission;
- Florence Sambiri-Jaoko - Chair of the Kenyan Human Rights Commission;
- Zonke Majodina - Chair of the Human Rights Committee;
- Dr. Ibrahim Salama - Director of OHCHR's Human Rights Treaties Division.

Since the launch event, the profile of the treaty body strengthening process has been raised further with the publication of a report by United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay entitled Strengthening the Human Rights Treaty Body System (See In Focus- p.5 for further information). Her report draws heavily from the Outcome Document.

In July 2012, Prof. O'Flaherty hosted a meeting of European National Human Rights Institutions, in Belfast, to adopt the European NHRI's statement of response to the High Commissioner's report. Prof. O'Flaherty commented:

"The United Nations system delivers expert analysis of a country's human rights situation and sets targeted recommendations for improvement. It also raises awareness of human rights across government departments and galvanizes civil society. Human rights protection would be a lot weaker in its absence. However the system is currently in trouble. Today we aim to formulate a strong position in support of the strengthening of the treaty monitoring system. We are only too aware that this may be our last and best chance to secure its future."

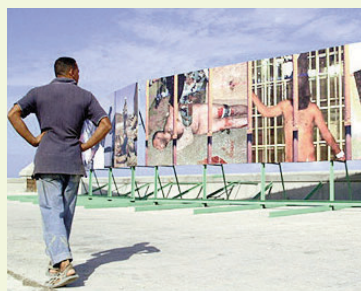


Participants at launch of Dublin II Outcome Document

The High Commissioner's report can be accessed at: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/HRTD/docs/HCReportTBstrengthening.pdf>.

New International Humanitarian Law Unit

HRLC is pleased to announce the creation of a new operational unit. The International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Unit will be led by Prof. Dino Kritsiotis, Professor of Public International Law, Sandesh



and provide opportunities to deepen scholarship and engage with policy makers internationally.

The activities proposed for the IHL Unit include:

- *Annual Lecture on International Humanitarian Law* that will be delivered by a senior figure in the field.

- *Summer Workshop on International Humanitarian Law* which will provide an advanced appreciation of international humanitarian law topics, themes, developments etc. for academics, practitioners and those working or researching in the field (including doctoral students). The faculty of the summer workshop will diversify the method of instruction and involvement of participants by engaging in a range of activities such as: lectures; small group discussions; presentation and discussion of a book on the subject; case studies.

The IHL Unit will also be a platform for existing and additional international humanitarian law activities including international humanitarian law mootings, the facilitation of timely discussions on armed conflict characterisations (e.g. Libya, Syria), by offering to host a website of opinion papers by experts on whether hostilities have reached the point of international/non-international armed conflict. Another possibility that will be explored is the role of webinars for the dissemination of the subject, or of encouraging discussion of particular themes (e.g. reservations to humanitarian treaties). The Unit will look into the possibility of holding specialised seminars which lead to publication (e.g. in the *Journal of Conflict & Security Law* (Oxford University Press) or in HRLC's *Human Rights Law Review* (also Oxford University Press).

10th Anniversary of the International Criminal Court: Achievements to Date and Prospects for the Future

On 21 June 2012, HRLC's International Criminal Justice Unit, led by Dr Olympia Bekou, in collaboration with the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) organised an international conference to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Over 25 experts in international criminal law and 100 participants from various backgrounds – legal practitioners, ICC staff, NGO community, academia and government - reflected upon achievements of the Court to date and its challenges for the future.

The conference was inaugurated by Henry Bellingham MP, a Minister of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, who underlined the importance of the ICC for the rule of law in the international community.



Speakers at Conference: (from left to right) Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, Temple Garden Chambers; Prof. Robert McCorquodale, Director, BIICL; Dr. Bekou, University of Nottingham.



Speakers at Conference marking 10th Anniversary of the ICC: (from left to right) Dr. Bekou, University of Nottingham; Mark Ellis, Executive Director, International Bar Association; Prof. Dominic McGoldrick, University of Nottingham; Dr. Sarah Nouwen, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge.

In a key-note speech Prof. William Schabas provided a comprehensive overview of topical questions ranging from the genesis of the ICC to its current functioning. Sir Adrian Fulford, a former judge at the ICC, closed the conference with an address in which he shared his own experience as an international criminal judge and enlisted a number of useful suggestions on how to improve the functioning of the Court in the future.

The conference was supported by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Temple Garden Chambers.

OSCE Conference on Internet Freedom

In June 2012, Prof. Michael O'Flaherty was a plenary speaker at a two-day conference on internet freedom hosted by the 2012 Irish Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). The delegates including government officials from the 56 member states in Europe, central Asia and north America, as well as representatives from the private sector and NGOs, examined issues surrounding internet governance and uses of the internet to facilitate and enhance, as well as potentially to limit the exercise of the rights to freedom of expression.

The contribution of Professor O'Flaherty can be accessed at: Working Session – Part 1 <http://www.osce.org/cio/91473> and Working Session – Part 2 <http://www.osce.org/cio/91474>.



Prof. O'Flaherty (middle) with Judge Sir Nicholas Bratza and other members and staff of the Human Rights Committee and European Court of Human Rights.

Prof. O'Flaherty meets with judges of the European Court of Human Rights

On 29 June 2012, Prof. O'Flaherty and three other members of the UN Human Rights Committee participated in the first ever meeting between a UN human rights treaty body and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). The meeting, chaired by Sir Nicholas Bratza, President of the ECtHR provided a platform for the two bodies to commence a dialogue in relation to practice and jurisprudence. Topics discussed included the application of interim measures of the protecting rule, approaches to disappearance cases and the manner in which the two bodies address the right to freedom of expression.

HRLC is the UK National Focal Point for European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

In September 2011, HRLC was re-confirmed as the UK National Focal Point (NFP) for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). In this capacity, HRLC has completed a number of key research projects for the FRA including legal overviews of the developments in law and policy in relation to victim support, the situation of Roma in the UK, the impact of the economic crisis on women, and a contribution to the FRA's Annual Reports for 2011 and 2012 which analyse all key thematic areas prioritised by the FRA.

In addition, HRLC has undertaken, in conjunction with leading academic experts, two social fieldwork projects that consider the participation of children in civil and criminal justice proceedings and concerning data protection redress mechanisms for individuals. These fieldwork projects involve the collection of primary data and information through interviews and focus group discussions.

All research carried out by HRLC will be used by the FRA to produce comparative reports that refer to the whole of the European Union. These reports will then form the basis for informed decision making by the EU's executive organs on fundamental rights issues.

The Rights of Women and Children

In June 2012, HRLC hosted a delegation of judges from the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand for a two week course on the rights of women and children. The course comprised seminars and study visits that focused upon international standards related to the rights of women and children, as well as the application of family law and practice in the UK and the legal protection that is afforded to women and children.



Delegation of Judges from the Office of the Thai Judiciary with Prof. Harris.

Seminars were delivered by academics and practitioners providing a holistic view of international standards and UK law and practice which will enable participants to carry out a comparative analysis of the current legal framework in Thailand. The seminars were complemented by study visits to governmental and judicial organisations such as the Office of the Children's Commissioner, the Government Equalities Office, Nottinghamshire Family Court, HMP Newhall Prison and Garden Court Barristers' Chambers, London.

International Criminal Justice - Milestones

Lubanga Case – The First Judgment of the International Criminal Court



Thomas Lubanga during his trial at the ICC.

In April 2012, Dr. Bekou participated in a *Rapid-Response Seminar: The First Judgment of the International Criminal Court – the Lubanga Case* organised by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL). The seminar discussed the inaugural judgment of the ICC handed down on 14 March 2012. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, a leader of the Patriotic Force for the Liberation of the Congo, was found guilty of the war crimes of enlisting and conscripting children under the age of 15 and using them to participate actively in hostilities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The judgment is important owing to its focus on the use of child soldiers and will also pave the way for reparations for victims.

Other speakers at the seminar, chaired by Dr. Andraž Zidar, BIICL, included: Prof. Robert Cryer, University of Birmingham Law School, Dr. Mia Swart, Research Fellow, the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, BIICL and Stephanie Barbour, Amnesty International.

Milestones in International Criminal Justice

On 28 June 2012, Dr. Olympia Bekou delivered a paper at a seminar *Milestones in International Criminal Justice*, which focused on legal developments in recent judgments and complementarity issues in the International Criminal Court (ICC). The seminar was chaired by Elizabeth Wilmshurst, Associate Fellow, International Law Programme, Chatham House. Dr. Bekou's paper was entitled *Legal Headlines from new Case Law: Lubanga and Charles Taylor*. Other panel members discussed issues such as complementarity in the Libyan context (Steven Powles, Doughty Street Chambers) and problems with immunities (Dapo Akande, University of Oxford). The seminar was part of a series on international criminal law co-hosted by Doughty Street Chambers and Chatham House International Law Programme.



Charles Taylor during his trial at the ICC.

Children's Rights Alliance - Why Human Rights Monitoring Matters

In May 2012, Prof. O'Flaherty and Prof. Aoife Nolan gave the keynote speeches at the Children's Rights Alliance Annual General Meeting. Prof. O'Flaherty spoke on The Importance of Civil Society Groups Engaging in Human Rights Shadow Reporting. Prof. Nolan's topic was Children's Rights after the Financial Crisis: A Call to Arms for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Prof. O'Flaherty's and Prof. Nolan's contributions can be accessed on the Children's Rights Alliance website: <http://www.childrensrights.ie/resources/watch-michael-oflaherty-and-aoife-nolan>.

HRLC Summer School 2012 and Distance Learning Course – The Perfect Combination

Protecting Human Rights Through United Nations Mechanisms – HRLC Summer School 2012

In June 2012, HRLC welcomed 33 participants to its Annual Summer School on Protecting Human Rights through United Nations Mechanisms. The background of the participants was extremely diverse including representatives from the National Human Rights Institutions of Bahrain, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland and Sierra Leone, representatives of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), staff of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and members of the Serbian Ombudsman Protector of Citizens.

- The Summer School faculty included:
- **Prof. Michael O’Flaherty**, HRLC Co-Chair, Vice-Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee and Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission;
 - **Prof. Cees Flinterman**, former member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and member of the UN Human Rights Committee;
 - **Tanya Ward**, Chief Executive, The Children’s Rights Alliance, Dublin;
 - **Prof. Sir Nigel Rodley**, Chair of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex; Member of the UN Human Rights Committee; former Special Rapporteur on Torture;
 - **Marie-Eve Friedrich**, Human Rights Officer, Petitions Team, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);
 - **Prof. George Ulrich**, Rector, Riga Graduate School of Law
 - **Diana Copper**, Head of European and International Policy, Equality and Human Rights Commission, London;
 - **Dr. Bertrand Ramcharan**, former Deputy and Acting UN High Commissioner for Human Rights;
 - **Rachel Brett**, Human Rights and Refugees Representative, Quaker UN Office, Geneva.



Summer School participants undertake group exercise work.

International Human Rights Law Distance Learning – First Anniversary

HRLC’s distance learning course on International Human Rights Law has completed its first full year of operation. By Summer 2012, a total of 29 distance learners had enrolled on the course.

In June 2012, the HRLC Summer School cohort included a number of HRLC distance learners, who upon completion of the distance learning modules on international human rights law complemented the knowledge thus far gained by participating in and interacting with the Summer School participants and faculty.



HRLC Summer School 2012 Participants.

The distance learning course offers the following modules:

- UN Human Rights System
- International Refugee Law
- Current Human Rights Issues
- International Humanitarian Law
- Regional Human Rights Systems (African, European and Inter-American)
- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- International Criminal Justice

Robyn Henderson commenced the distance learning course in October 2011 and completed it in June 2012. She also attended the Summer School in June 2012 and kindly agreed to answer a few questions about her experience.

HRLC: What made you decide to enrol on the HRLC Distance Learning course?
Robyn: I had heard about the course from colleagues I worked with in the Solomon Islands who indicated that it was likely to be interesting and appropriate for my purposes.

HRLC: In your opinion, what has been the best aspect of the Distance Learning course?
Robyn: I thought the course was informative and provided me with the fundamentals on which I could build in my own time. I enjoyed the feedback I received and the useful tips on where I could find additional references and ideas.

HRLC: How will you use what you have learnt from the course in the future?
Robyn: My intentions are to use the knowledge I gained in working on refugee and asylum seeker issues in Australia in a more constructive and informed way.

HRLC: Would you recommend the course to friends and colleagues?
Robyn: I would and indeed have recommended the course to my friends and colleagues.

HRLC: To what extent did the Summer School enhance your experience of the distance learning course?
Robyn: The Summer School was a perfect way to end the course. Meeting with participants from all around the world is always a stimulating experience and this, supplemented with the thoughtful presentations from current and practicing UN officials, was excellent. The distance education process made the Summer School more comprehensible and assisted in the practical component of the course.

For more information on the Distance Learning Course please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc/distancelearning.

In Focus

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights sets out a Road Map for Treaty Body Strengthening

Strengthening the Human Rights Treaty Body System was published in June 2012, by Ms Navi Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The report considers all the submissions received by stakeholders who have contributed to the consultations in the framework of the Dublin Process, initiated by HRLC. Since 2010, 19 consultations have taken place, attended by key stakeholders including treaty body members, representatives from national human rights institutions and non-governmental organisations, academics and States who have contributed to the process both formally and informally. The opening and closing meetings in Dublin, in November 2009 and November 2010, were chaired by Prof. O’Flaherty and facilitated by HRLC, with the support of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs.

The overall objectives of the Dublin Process were to raise awareness of the challenges facing the treaty body system, to identify concrete suggestions to address these challenges and to determine the necessary resources to adequately support the work of the treaty bodies. Ms Pillay’s opening address on 16 July 2012, to the Informal Meeting of the Intergovernmental process on the strengthening of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies, suggests that these objectives have been realised. She stated that “the report provides a coherent framework compiling the proposals, identifying synergies, linkages, and areas for mutual reinforcement, and a basis for future common ground.”

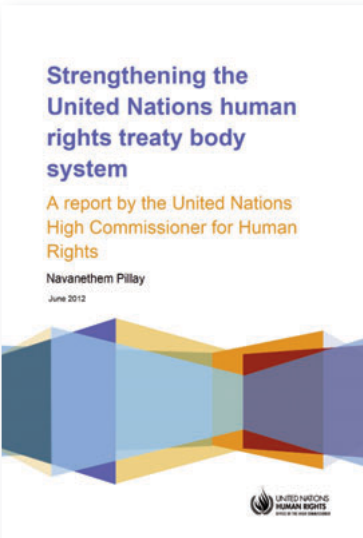
Ms Pillay also observed that the outcome of the consultation process and subsequent report has ensured that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is now “better equipped to fully understand the extraordinary challenges generated by a rapid growth of the system and we also have numerous forward-looking proposals that address most key aspects of the functioning of treaty bodies.”

In June 2012 the importance of the treaty body strengthening process was acknowledged by all ten treaty body chairpersons at the 24th Annual Meeting in Addis Ababa. The Chairs endorsed the vision to be found in the report and already implemented one the key recommendations in the Dublin Process findings with the adoption of the Addis Ababa Guidelines on the Independence and Impartiality of Treaty Body members.

Prof. O’Flaherty speaks on the current state of the treaty body strengthening process at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwMuv3FckoQ&feature=youtu.be>.



High Commissioner Pillay, flanked by the President of the General Assembly and UN Secretary General, addresses treaty body strengthening consultation in New York, April 2012.



UNHCR’s Report on Strengthening the Human Rights Treaty Body System, June 2012.

Freedom of Expression and the UN Human Rights Committee

Following the adoption of the General Comment on Freedom of Opinion and Expression (General Comment No. 34 on art. 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), Prof. O’Flaherty has continued to disseminate this important Human Rights Committee document. In recent months he has delivered documents about the General Comment at institutions including Columbia University, the American Society of International Law Annual Conference, the Bar Association of New York, UN Headquarters, New York, Queen’s University, Belfast, National University of Ireland Galway and University College, Cork.

Implementing and Monitoring International Human Rights Conventions



Delegation from Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Social Development of Bahrain with Prof. Harris, Prof. Trevor Buck and Amy Weatherburn

In March 2012, HRLC hosted a delegation of six judges and officials from the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Human Rights and Social Development of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The course was funded by the UK Embassy in Bahrain and focused on *Implementing and Monitoring International Human Rights Conventions*. The course consisted of a combination of training sessions by human rights experts, academics and practitioners, and visits to Nottingham Magistrates' Court, Nottingham Crown Court, HMP Nottingham, as well as the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Amnesty International, Justice and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

HRLC to deliver Human Rights Capacity Training to FCO Officials

HRLC has been re-appointed by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to deliver the introductory-level human rights training for its officials. Also, for the first time, and in partnership with the Centre for Political and Diplomatic Studies (CPDS), it will also take responsibility for the FCO's advanced human rights training programmes for the next three years. The courses are being designed and delivered in close consultation with the FCO Human Rights and Democracy Department to provide a vocational training course for UK diplomats working on human rights and democracy overseas.

The Role of Ombudsmen and National Human Rights Institutions

On 18 May 2012, Prof. O'Flaherty delivered the keynote address to the British and Irish Ombudsman's Association Annual General Meeting in Belfast. Prof. O'Flaherty's speech considered the overlap between the role of ombudsmen and National Human Rights Institutions in ensuring that justice is delivered. This interrelationship of such bodies includes the need to embed a human rights approach to all procedural aspects of public administration and ensuring human rights is considered to be one of the key underlying principles of governance. His address can be accessed at: <http://www.nihrc.org/index.php/news/item/252-chief-commissioner-addresses-british-and-irish-ombudsmans-association-agm>.

The Good Friday Agreement – Building and Sustaining Peace

In April 2012, Prof. O'Flaherty intervened at the plenary session of the conference Shared Future: Building and Sustaining Peace, the Northern Ireland case study, organised by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). The conference presented the experience of achieving a peaceful political settlement in Northern Ireland – the Good Friday Agreement – as a case study of possible relevance to conflict resolution efforts in the OSCE area and elsewhere. The conference delegates were addressed by a broad range of senior political figures with first-hand experience of the peace process. The conference was aimed at providing a platform for participants and speakers to share their experience with OSCE participating States.

Human Rights in Zimbabwe

In March 2012, HRLC welcomed a group of Zimbabwean Fellows from the Royal Commonwealth Society to participate in a one day workshop. The workshop provided a general overview of international human rights standards and how they apply to Zimbabwe. A specific session was dedicated to the *Right to Reproductive Health in Zimbabwe*, which was delivered by Prof. Thérèse Murphy. The Fellows were representatives of four civil society organisations: the Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights, Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition, Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR), Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN). These organisations all aim to strengthen democracy and protect human rights in Zimbabwe by promoting free and fair elections, working on advocacy and peace building, and improving the quality of health care management.



Zimbabwean Fellows from Royal Commonwealth Society with Prof. Harris and Prof. Murphy.

Legal Tools presented at ICC Working Group on Cooperation

In June 2012, Dr. Olympia Bekou attended the Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in The Hague, at the premises of the International Criminal Court. Dr. Bekou presented the Legal Tools, with particular reference to the National Implementing Legislation Database, developed by the International Criminal Justice Unit of HRLC, since 2006. The presentation illustrated the way in which the Legal Tools (www.legal-tools.org) can be used to aid the mandate of the Working Group.

HRLC and the School of Law

Security and International Law – Preventive Approaches to Counter-Terrorism

On 21-22 April 2012, the School of Law hosted the International Law Association British Branch Annual Spring Conference. The theme of the conference was *Security and International Law* and consisted of a mixture of plenary and parallel panels which considered the following sub-themes: human security; nuclear security; maritime security and piracy; security in international humanitarian law and responsibility to protect (R2P); security and counter-terrorism; economic security on land and sea; self-defence in international peace and security; the UN Security Council and the Arab Spring; and the security of natural resources.



The Conference theme and sub-themes encompassed issues of human, political, military, socio-economic, environmental and energy security and raised two principal questions. To what extent can international law address the types of natural and man-made security risks and challenges that threaten our livelihood, or very existence, in the 21st Century? Where does international law fall short in meeting the problems that arise in different situations of insecurity and how should such shortcomings be addressed?

The Conference, which attracted well over a 100 participants, was sponsored by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Volterra Fietta, Clifford Chance, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Hart Publishing and Edward Elgar Publishing.

Human Rights and the Responsible sourcing of Diamond and Gold Jewellery

In June 2012, a special edition of the journal *Human Rights & Legal Discourse* was published to highlight the work on 'Human rights challenges for multinational corporations working and investing in conflict zones', which has been undertaken by Working Group 3 on 'Human Rights Partnerships'. This forms part of COST Action IS0702 on 'The Role of the EU in Human Rights Reform', of which HRLC is a part since 2009. Prof. Mary Footer, head of HRLC's Business and Human Rights Unit, contributed to this special edition with an article entitled: 'Shining Brightly? Human Rights and the Responsible Sourcing of Diamond and Gold Jewellery from High Risk and Conflict Affected Zones'.

Criminal Evidence and Human Rights

In May 2012, *Criminal Evidence and Human Rights* was published by Hart Publishing, Oxford. Prof. Paul Roberts co-edited the publication with Jill Hunter, Professor of Law, University of New South Wales. The volume is a collection 16 essays and the editors' thematic introduction and explores the concept of a "human rights revolution" in criminal law evidence and procedure across a wide variety of jurisdictions with focus on topics such as evidence obtained by torture, the presumption of innocence, hearsay, the privilege against self-incrimination and 'rape shield' laws.

University of Nottingham's May Fest 2012

HRLC participated in May Fest 2012, the University of Nottingham's open day where members of the local community are invited to visit the University and discover the innovative and wide-ranging activities that are undertaken by students and staff.

HRLC engaged with members of the public by asking them to assess their understanding of human rights. This was done through an interactive exercise which asked them to consider the difference between 'Human Rights or Wishful Thinking.'

Counter-Terrorism and International Law and Practice

In January 2012, as part of the World Justice Project, the Security and Human Rights Unit published a comprehensive collection of 1200 pages co-edited by Prof. Ana Maria Salina de Friás, Dr. Katja Samuel and Prof. Nigel White, *Counter-Terrorism: International Law and Practice* (Oxford University Press, January 2012).

Since the book was published and the executive report finalised, the team has been focussing on the effective dissemination of the project's key findings and recommendations. This has been achieved by hosting a series of national and international book launch events, presentations, workshops and discussions.

The Unit organised a book launch panel at the ILA Spring Conference. Prof. White addressed the topic, Preventive Security and the Rule of Law in Counter-Terrorism. Prof. Salina de Friás discussed States Obligations under International Refugee Law and Counter-Terrorism. The books co-editors were joined by Prof. Sir Nigel Rodley (University of Essex) who discussed Detention as a Response to Terrorism; Colonel (retired) Richard Prgent (formerly US JAG, NATO Legal Advisor for Kosovo, Deputy General Counsel for CPA in Iraq) who considered Torture, Interrogation, Counter-Terrorism and the Rule of Law and Dr. Olympia Bekou who focused upon Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism: the Role of International Criminal Jurisdictions.



Book Launch Panel at ILA Conference, March 2012 (left to right): Prof. Nigel White, John Louth, Colonel (retired) Richard Prgent, Dr. Katja Samuel, Professor Sir Nigel Rodley, Prof. Ana Maria Salina de Friás, Dr. Olympia Bekou, Merel Alstein and Anthony Hinton.

Forthcoming Events

HRLC Short Course Autumn 2012

HRLC's International Human Rights Law Short Course is a three month residential course designed to give an in-depth understanding of international human rights standards through seminars, guest lectures, workshops, visits, tutorials and conferences. It provides



valuable insight and contextual knowledge of the practical operation of human rights law for those interested in human rights protection, from civil society organisations, government, judiciary, police, charity or legal professions, academia, media and business.

Course Content

The course content covers:

- United Nations and regional human rights standards;
- The United Nations human rights system: the Human Rights Council, Treaty monitoring bodies and Special Procedures;
- Regional human rights systems;
- Implementation of human rights standards in national systems, human rights commissions and other bodies.

Additionally participants may also take modules from the LLM programme of the University of Nottingham School of Law.

The course can be extended to six months with an internship (subject to eligibility) at a non-governmental organisation or a research option within the Centre.

Course highlights include:
Regular exchanges with senior professional and experts, visits to courts and prison, access to world class library, certificate of attendance.

Course fees

UK/EU Participants:

- £1,950 (3 month course)
- £2,500 (3 month course + internship)
- £3,900 (3 month course + research option)

International participants:

- £2,950 (3 month course)
- £3,500 (3 month course + internship)
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Summer Interns 2012

HRLC was pleased to welcome two LLM students chosen for a summer internship within the Centre. They worked on the ICC Legal Tools Project within the International Criminal Justice Unit. Under the supervision of Dr. Bekou, the interns sourced national implementing legislation of the ICC Statute, undertook research and assisted with papers and reports, reviewed comparative overviews and key provision analyses, and performed spot checks for accuracy on the National Implementing Legislation Database (NILD).

Auriane Botte is originally from Toulouse, France where she completed her LLB in Public law, including an Erasmus year in England. Whilst undertaking an MA in Conflict Studies at the University of Wolverhampton her interest in international criminal

justice developed. She is currently completing her LLM in International Criminal Justice & Armed Conflicts at the University of Nottingham. Alongside her academic achievements, she developed practical skills by volunteering for various organisations, such as the Refugees and Migrant Centre of Wolverhampton.

Taylor Buck obtained a BA in Criminology from the University of Calgary, Canada and is completing his LLM in International Criminal Justice & Armed Conflict. He is currently working on his LLM dissertation, with a focus on the regulation and protection of private military and security companies involved in peacekeeping operations.

HRLC looks forward to welcome back Chloe Cheeseman for a late summer internship in the Publications Unit.

Recent Publications

In addition to other work reported elsewhere in this newsletter, HRLC has recently published the following:

- International Human Rights Reports Volume 19 Issue 3 – July 2012
- Yearbook of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment Volume 17 (2008) – April 2012
- Human Rights Law Review – Volume 12 Issue 1 – March 2012

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