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A post Brexit world – “bend to the politics of isolationism or stand out as beacons of compassion and justice?”



Martha Spurrier, Director of Liberty and HRLC Co-Directors Professor McGoldrick (left) and Professor Harris (right).

On Thursday 9 February 2017, HRLC was honoured to welcome Martha Spurrier, Director of Liberty, to deliver our Annual Lecture 2017.

Prior to joining Liberty, Martha had specialised in defending access to justice and the rights of women, children and disabled people at Doughty Street Chambers.

In 2015 Martha co-founded the 'Act for the Act' campaign, which put posters on trains, buses and billboards across the country telling the stories of men, women and children who had used the Human Rights Act when things went wrong in their lives.

In her address, Martha took stock of the current political landscape in the UK and reflected on what is dividing us as a society. There is a real upheaval and real uncertainty that has been playing out in both the corridors of power and on the streets in the wake of the EU Referendum result. Human rights can offer a powerful framework to ensure a tolerant, diverse and equal society; they give expression and legal codification to humankind's better nature whilst guarding against intolerance.

“So as we negotiate our way out of the EU, as we redefine ourselves as a nation, we can either bend to the politics of isolationism or we can stand up and stand out as beacons of compassion and justice and we can force our leaders to do the same.”

The rise in xenophobic hate crime following the Referendum needs to be condemned. At its core it has been legitimised by years of aggressive anti-migrant government policies. Notably, by the use of indefinite administrative detention for immigration purposes and the tawdry conditions of the facilities.

The Government's intention to repeal the Human Rights Act and the more recent revelations relating to Theresa May's indication that withdrawal from the European Convention on Human Rights would be added to her party's manifesto raise grave concerns. However, there are ways in which human rights proponents can campaign towards safeguarding these vital legislative protections: on social media; challenging the Government's arguments; and ultimately through the ballot box.

Martha's full address is available on our website at www.nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc/annuallecture

FRA – What's new?

In October 2016, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) published its report *Key migration issues one year on*. Since September 2015, the FRA has published monthly data collection reports on the migration situation. In this report, the FRA highlights four priority areas after reviewing data collected over the past year, namely unaccompanied children; safety and protection at reception facilities; impact on local communities; and violence and hate speech against migrants.

In November, the FRA published two reports on cross-border criminal justice – *Rights of suspected and accused persons across the EU: translation, interpretation and information* and *Criminal detention and alternatives in the EU: fundamental rights aspects in cross-border transfers*. HRLC provided the UK data for both reports.

In February 2017, the FRA published the report *Child-friendly justice: Perspectives and experiences of children involved in judicial proceedings*. The report is based on interviews with 392 children across nine Member States, including the UK. It both identifies the barriers children face and possible solutions, as well as a number of promising practices already in use in EU Member States. For example, dual representation by a guardian and legal representative to prepare and provide support throughout proceeding was praised as a promising practice in the UK. It complements the FRA's earlier report containing professionals' perspectives on child-friendly justice, which was published in May 2015. HRLC conducted qualitative research with children and provided the UK data. The research was led by Dr Sarah Krähenbühl.

HRLC has completed two FRA reports since September 2016, namely:

- Contribution to the Fundamental Rights Report 2017
- Protecting media professionals and on incitement to hatred

We are currently working on six further requests:

- Rights of crime victims to have access to justice – a comparative analysis (Fieldwork)
- Severe labour exploitation – foreign workers' perspectives (Fieldwork)
- Monthly data collection on the current reform of intelligence legislation
- Living in another Member State: barriers to EU citizens' full enjoyment of their rights
- Standing and operational space of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in contributing to respecting and promoting fundamental rights in EU Member States
- Roma and Travellers

All FRA reports are available at www.fra.europa.eu

Combating gender-based violence: A Nottingham approach

On 6 December 2016, in support of the 16 Day of Activism against Gender-based Violence (GBV) and Nottingham-based charity Equation, HRLC organised a panel discussion on GBV to raise awareness about the issue and the effect changing policies have on victims.

The panel was chaired by Professor Aoife Nolan, Head of HRLC's Economic and Social Rights Unit. Speakers on the panel were:

- **Ms Jane Lewis** – Community Safety Strategy Manager (Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategic Lead), Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership
- **Dr Julie McGarry** – Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Chair of the Domestic Violence and Abuse Integrated Research Group
- **Dr Lyndsey Harris** – Assistant Professor in Criminology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Expert on survivors of abuse with complex needs

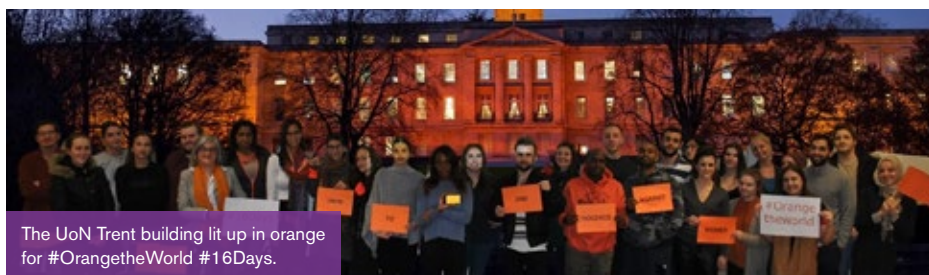
Ms Lewis introduced the concept of gender-based violence and addressed relevant UK legislation and policy. At the local level, reporting data shows that only 40% of survivors report

GBV and there are approximately 14,000 perpetrators in Nottingham.

Dr McGarry focused on examining responses to domestic violence and abuse by professionals in healthcare settings. There is still work to be done in educating health care professionals about the complexities related to GBV victims and in developing the infrastructure that supports identification and management of GBV.

Finally, Dr Harris presented her research on survivors of domestic and sexual violence with complex needs and outlined the specific barriers for these particular survivors to access support.

The 16 Days of Activism against GBV campaign runs every year from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, until 10 December, Human Rights Day. The campaign aims to raise awareness of and speak out against violence against women and girls around the world to effect change. In support of the campaign's hashtags on social media, #16Days #OrangetheWorld, the University's Trent building was lit up in orange.



Sports and human rights – Sarah Joseph in Nottingham

Sarah Joseph, Professor of Law at Monash University and Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law delivered a guest lecture on *Sport: its human rights implications* in October 2016.

There are multiple links between sport and human rights, and an Olympic year provides a good opportunity to take stock. Professor Joseph began by outlining the positive role for change that sport can play in the political sphere and how, over the years, it has been a powerful tool used to advance civil rights movements and to bring about political change – from the famous black power salute by Tommie Smith and John Carlos at the 1968

Olympic Games to the use of a sporting boycott against apartheid South Africa.

Sport, however, can also have a negative impact on human rights. For example, athletes' ability to access certain rights, including a whole host of labour rights, the right to health and due process rights when submitting to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), is severely restricted. Moreover, there are numerous examples of discriminatory practices in the sporting world and of negative human rights impacts of large scale sporting events, such as the Olympic Games or the FIFA world cup.

Business, Human Rights and Security – two-day workshop

On 26 and 27 January 2017, HRLC's Business, Trade and Human Rights Unit and the Nottingham International Law and Security Centre (NILSC) hosted an expert workshop on Business, Human Rights and Security.



Participants at the workshop on Business, Human Rights and Security.

The workshop programme covered authority of State and non-State actors in complex societal and business arrangements, as well as the roles and responsibilities of multinational corporations and other business enterprises operating in weak governance States. The State-business-security nexus was explored in light of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and with particular focus on the agricultural commodities sector. Finally, complaint and grievance mechanisms were reviewed.

The workshop served also to disseminate the results of research funded by the NWO (Dutch Scientific Organisation) and which NILSC colleagues completed, together with the Dutch NGO Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations and the Indonesian NGO Inkrispenna. The research examined the role of private and State security actors in Indonesia, with case studies of the link between business, human rights and security in the palm oil and paper and pulp industries.

Keynote by Professor Anita Ramasastry

The highlight of the workshop was the keynote speech and NILSC Annual Lecture by Professor Anita Ramasastry from the University of Washington School of Law, who is also a member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights. In her talk – *Taking Stock: Is there greater accountability for corporate complicity in human rights violations in conflict affected areas?* – she looked at more than 20 years of activity to address corporate involvement in human rights abuses in conflict affected areas and fragile States. The concept of corporate complicity first appeared in the late 1990s, with the advent of the UN Global Compact and a seminal paper by Scott Jerbi and Andrew Clapham. What has happened since then and where do we go from here were the central themes of her talk, which is available on our website.

FRAME: Time for the last report and dissemination



Ms Peake presenting in India.

After more than three years of intensive research, FRAME has entered its final stage.

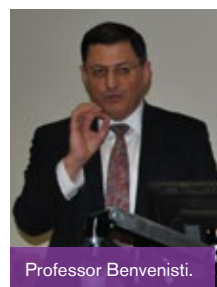
HRLC's last report which presents 'Case studies on the integration of EU development, trade and human rights policies' has been completed in late September. The report contains two case studies that explore the practical implementation of EU trade and development policies targeted at addressing complex human rights challenges facing lower income countries.

In both cases these human rights challenges arise from industrialisation linked to economic development – the ready-made garment (RMG) industry in Bangladesh and the extractive industries in Mozambique. The report is the result of a collaborative effort between the HRLC team – Professor Jeff Kenner (project leader), Ms Katrina Peake (PhD candidate) and Ms Manpreet Ark (HRLC intern) – and partners from the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies.

Since September the team and our partners have been busy with the dissemination of research results. Most recently, Ms Peake presented the Bangladesh case study at an international seminar in New Delhi in late January 2017, organised by ISIL, the Leuven Centre and the Faculty of Legal Studies of the South Asian University. Professor Kenner talked in early February at a seminar on the EU and human rights in Africa organised by the Human Rights Centre of the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

The final conference of the FRAME project will take place on 26 April in Brussels when the results of the four year project will be presented to EU officials, practitioners, academics and civil society members.

Flurry of IHL activity in November



Professor Benvenisti.

In November 2016, the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Unit held its Annual Lecture and convened the annual LLM roundtable – all within two days.

Professor Eyal Benvenisti from the University of Cambridge delivered the International Humanitarian Law Unit's Annual Lecture on Tuesday 29 November. Professor Benvenisti's address was entitled *Solferino or Paris? The Birthplace of the Modern Laws of War*.

Professor Benvenisti challenged the conventional account of the birthplace of and motivations behind the codification of the modern laws of war. Traditionally associated with the Battle of Solferino and Henry Dunant as well as legal scholars such as Bluntschli, the history of the modern laws of war has been told as a narrative of a humanitarian idea, namely the intention to limit the horrors of war and to humanize warfare. Yet Professor Benvenisti posed the question whether Solferino had been indeed the impetus for international humanitarian law. A full report on his lecture can be found on our website.

On Wednesday 30 November, a Roundtable on the topic of *Humanitarian Assistance, Starvation and the Siege of Aleppo* was convened, with the generous assistance of the British Red Cross. LLM students Ms Philipa Ramos Brebner, Ms Eirini Favg, Ms Josie Laidman, Ms Robyn Kerrison, Ms Aisling Morgan and Mr Edoardo Vacca presented their research and ideas alongside Ms Lynsey Mitchell, PhD candidate in Law, and Ms Thérèse O'Donnell, Reader in Law, both from Strathclyde University. Following a welcome and introduction by Professor Dino Kritsiotis, Head of the IHL Unit, the event was chaired by Dr. Marko Milanovic, Professor Neville Wylie and Professor Kritsiotis. The presentations and discussions engaged with the topic in a legal, historical, social and cultural context.



From left to right: Mr Rackwitz, Ms Katsimardou-Miariti, Professor Bekou, Ms Flues, Ms Sheffield and Dr Jones.

Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database launched in The Hague

In November 2016, the International Criminal Justice (ICJ) Unit formally launched the Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database (CJAD) at the 15th Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court (ICC), in The Hague.

CJAD is a new database that facilitates access to State legislation on cooperation with the International Criminal Court, which has been developed by the ICJ Unit over the past three years.

More than 70 people attended the launch, including ICC officials, State representatives and NGO delegates. HRLC was represented by Professor Olympia Bekou, Head of ICJ Unit and Deputy Director of the Case Matrix Network, Ms Agnes Flues, HRLC Co-ordinator, and Ms Katerina Katsimardou-Miariti, HRLC Research Assistant.

The event featured a panel discussion chaired by Mr Klaus Rackwitz, Director of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy.

Panel presentations included:

- *Where Do We Stand in Opening Access to ICL Sources?*, Professor Morten Bergsmo, Director of the Centre for International Law Research and Policy
- *Cooperation and the ICC: A View from the ICC-OTP*, Mr Amady Ba, Head of the

international cooperation section, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

- *State Cooperation and the Role of the Hague Working Group on Cooperation*, H.E. Ambassador Paul Wilke, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and Convener of the ICC Hague Working Group on Cooperation
- *Cooperation Best Practices: A State's View*, Mr. Gérard Dive, Coordinateur fédéral de la coopération avec les juridictions pénales internationales, Conseiller-chef de service, Belgique
- *Challenges on Cooperation: A View from Civil Society*, Mr Matthew Cannock, Head of Office, Amnesty International Centre for International Justice
- *Strengthening the ICC Cooperation Regime: Introduction to the Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database (CJAD)*, Professor Olympia Bekou



Screenshot of CJAD.

Professor Bekou, the creator of CJAD said: “2015 saw indicted Sudanese president Al Bashir travel to 76 countries with impunity. The failure of South Africa to arrest him when he visited the country, brought the need to examine a State’s national legal framework on cooperation with the ICC to the fore. It is our hope that CJAD will facilitate access to information, leading to better cooperation with the Court.”

Ambassador Wilke welcomed the launch of CJAD, commenting: “CJAD will inform the preparation of materials on cooperation for future meetings of State representatives and civil society and will enable the Court to better understand the specificities of the various legal systems around the world”, while Mr Ba expressed the ICC Prosecutor’s belief that CJAD will facilitate the work of the Office of the Prosecutor.

CJAD was created following a request by The Hague Working Group of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC. Developed by the HRLC as part of CILRAP-CMN’s International Criminal Justice Toolkits Project, CJAD provides a central information hub on all aspects of cooperation legislation. CJAD functions as an add-on to the National Implementing Legislation Database (NILD), developed and maintained by HRLC.

CJAD is a fully searchable database of national legislation implementing the ICC Rome Statute’s cooperation and judicial assistance regime, which enables users to easily identify relevant provisions or sections of national legislation using approximately 250 purposely designed keywords. Through free universal access to CJAD, users are able to access, review and compare online information regarding cooperation legislation, thus facilitating the drafting of national legislation and increasing harmonisation among States’ practices.

CJAD is an important tool for enhancing consistency in national cooperation with the ICC, leading to improvements in both the number and the speed of successfully executed requests for cooperation from the ICC, thereby contributing to the fight against impunity.

CJAD is fully available in English and can also be accessed in French, Spanish and Arabic. The creation of CJAD was funded by the EU and the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



The aims of CJAD.

More ICJ Unit news

In October 2016, the ICJ Unit welcomed five Student Research Assistants, from The University of Nottingham’s LLM programme: Ms Abrar El-Ghannam, Ms Alfreda Eilo, Ms Claire-Marie Rothéa, Mr Edoardo Vacca and Ms Jennifer Pampolina.

In November 2016, Professor Bekou participated in the Second Annual Forum, organised by the International Nuremberg Principles Academy on *The Continuing Evolution of the Nuremberg Principles in Light of the Contemporary Jurisprudence of International Criminal Courts*. Professor Bekou joined a panel discussing modes of liability in international criminal law, presenting on chain of command responsibility and sexual crimes.

In February 2017, Professor Bekou participated in *Deuxièmes Journées de la Justice Pénale Internationale*, organised by the Centre Thucydide and the Centre de recherche sur les Droits de l’homme et le droit humanitaire (CRDH), University Paris II Panthéon-Assas. Professor Bekou gave a lecture on strengthening the capacity of national criminal justice systems.

In the same month, Professor Bekou also delivered a lecture at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law of the University of Cambridge. Her lecture – *The ICC at 15: prospects and challenges* – discussed the current status of the ICC, the positive developments in the field of international criminal law as well as the numerous challenges the Court faces today.

The ICJ Unit has also completed the following publications:

Compatibility Analysis

Within the framework of the collaboration between HRLC and CMN, the ICJ Unit drafted an analysis on *Supporting the compatibility of national provisions with core international crimes: Challenges and good practices*. The Compatibility Analysis was prepared for national legislators and policy-makers and reviews the various approaches to incorporating the Rome Statute’s substantive provisions into national legislation, as well as the various elements that need to be considered.

International Criminal Law Guidelines

Utilising HRLC’s experience regarding implementing legislation, the ICJ Unit produced a publication on *Implementing the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: Guidelines*. Using the Rome Statute as a starting point, and drawing examples of national provisions from NILD and CJAD, the Guidelines offer a comprehensive review of the elements that need to be implemented, covering both substantive provisions and the cooperation regime defined in the Rome Statute. The publication is complemented by implementation notes and an implementation checklist, guiding relevant stakeholders in the law drafting process.

CJAD User Manual

After the successful launch of CJAD, the ICJ Unit prepared a User Manual in order to facilitate access to the database. The Manual guides step-by-step the user through the various functions and search options of the database.

Find out more at www.nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc/operationalunits/international-criminal-justice-unit

Professor Nolan elected to the Council of Europe's Committee on Social Rights



Professor Aoife Nolan, Head of the Economic and Social Rights Unit and Professor of International Human Rights Law, has been elected to the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR). Professor Nolan was nominated by the Irish Government and her term of office began on 1 January 2017.

Elected by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers, the ECSR monitors state compliance with the European Social Charter, the counterpart of the European Convention on Human Rights in the sphere of economic and social rights. The Charter guarantees a broad range of everyday human rights related to employment, housing, health, education, social protection and welfare.

Professor Nolan has published extensively in the area of human rights law. She is a global expert in the areas of children's rights and economic and social rights and was founding coordinator of the Economic and Social Rights Academic Network UK and Ireland (ESRAN-UKI). Speaking of her appointment Professor Nolan said: "It is an honour to have been elected to the Committee – the key European monitoring mechanism on economic and social rights. I look forward immensely to contributing to the Committee's work over the coming years".

HRLC researcher presents on women's rights in Strasbourg



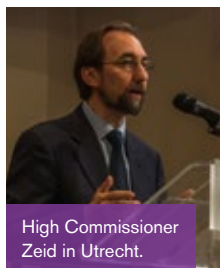
Ms Cuyppers (in red) presenting.

From 12-15 December, HRLC Research and Project Officer Ms An Cuyppers was in Strasbourg to participate in a Study Session on *Using Technology for Young Women's Empowerment within the Framework of the Sustainable Development Goals*, organised by the European YWCA in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

She led a session on "Building a Shared Understanding: Women's Rights, Gender Equality and Its Diversity" and contributed to a session on "My Toolbox: Human Rights Mechanisms and Instruments Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs in context: Women's Rights and Gender Equality".

With a special focus on a gender perspective using a human rights based approach, the Study Session brought together young women with the aim of building a network of activists with knowledge about technology, gender, human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also aimed to provide the network with the skills to use contemporary technologies as a tool for influencing the debate around the implementation of the SDGs.

Utrecht Declaration on Academic Freedom – AHRI 2016



High Commissioner Zeid in Utrecht.

In September 2016, a six-member-strong Nottingham delegation attended the annual conference of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI), hosted in Utrecht by SIM – the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights.

This human rights research conference explored the legacies and prospects of the two main UN Human Rights Covenants – ICCPR and ICESCR – on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. Over two days, three plenary and 24 panel sessions,

over 100 academics from across Europe and the world discussed the meaning and importance of these two founding documents of the modern human rights regime.

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussain, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, closed the conference with an inspiring keynote, which ended with a call for action:

"The Covenants and the Committees have had enormous impact, at many levels, over the past five decades. It falls to us to protect that legacy, at a time of great turmoil, and to advance protection of human rights. Human rights are the most powerful drivers of peace and development. We can build up institutions of justice, equality, and inclusion – and with them, the world can move forward into greater dignity, justice, safety and wellbeing.

But to do that, we need to find much more effective ways to advocate change, to monitor real implementation, and to hold perpetrators to account. I am eager to hear ideas from you about the kinds of coalitions we could build; ways in which we need to reach out to grassroots voices; and what we can do to help the human rights community in every country come together for greater strength".

The full speech is available at <https://shar.es/1U4IVa>

In Utrecht, AHRI also adopted a declaration on academic freedom, deploring the actions and threats of actions of an increasing number of States to restrain and even foreclose academic freedom, in the name of security, public order, counter-terrorism, counter-crime or counter-extremism.

The full text is available in PDF form at www.nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc/ahri-utrecht



Dr Milanovic at the AHRI conference.

New Human Rights module for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

HRLC was awarded a contract by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to design and deliver the module on human rights within the framework of the multilateral programme of their newly established Diplomatic Academy.

HRLC will be responsible for the development of the online component of the module, as well as the design and delivery – in partnership with the Centre for Diplomatic Studies – of a series of face-to-face training elements. The module is intended for FCO staff in London and at post whose portfolio includes human rights, with a focus on practical skills of how these can be promoted and protected through diplomatic work.

The module has been developed by Professor Dominic McGoldrick, HRLC Co-Director.

Stand up for someone's rights today

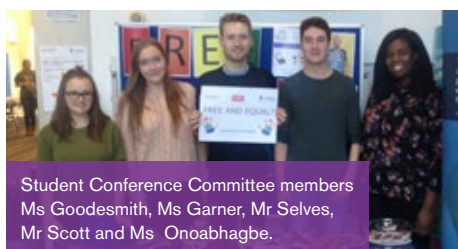
In December 2016, to mark Human Rights Day and in support of our 18th Annual Student Conference, *LGBT+ Rights in the 21st Century: Free and Equal?*, the Student Conference Committee, in collaboration with the University's LGBT Student Network, held a bake sale and raffle on campus.



Rainbow cake made by Ms Ansari.

The Committee raised funds for local charity, Notts LGBT+ Network, who provide vital information and support to the LGBT and associated communities of Nottinghamshire. A beautiful rainbow cake made by the immensely talented Baking Blogger, Huma Ansari, was up for grabs for one lucky winner of the raffle.

Human Rights Day seeks to remind us all that everyone deserves the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. No matter your race, colour, gender, sex etc. We must ALL be free and equal.



Student Conference Committee members Ms Goodesmith, Ms Garner, Mr Selves, Mr Scott and Ms Onoabagbe.

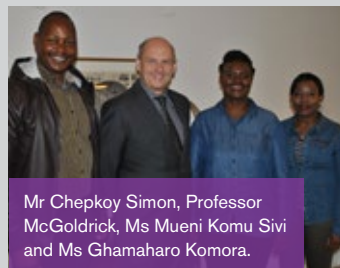
Professor Goodwin-Gill delivers intensive Refugee Law module



From 7-11 November Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill, Emeritus Professor of International Refugee Law at the University of Oxford and a Barrister at Blackstone Chambers, joined the faculty to teach a week long intensive module on The

Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in International Law to LLM students.

APP: Three Kenyan Fellows took part in Imprisonment and Human Rights course



Mr Chepkoy Simon, Professor McGoldrick, Ms Mueni Komu Sivi and Ms Ghamaharo Komora.

From 18 to 20 October, HRLC introduced three Kenyan Fellows from the African Prisons Project (APP) to the topic of Imprisonment and Human Rights in a three-day short course.

Mr Moses Chepkoy Simon, Ms Elizabeth Mueni Komu Sivi and Ms Mwanahamisi Ghamaharo Komora are Kenyan prison officials who were on an intensive 12-week secondment to the UK to learn about the UK penal system through workshops and meetings with representatives from a variety of services including the

police, the courts, the Ministry of Justice, prison, probation and resettlement services. HRLC provides the academic leg of their secondment.

The course at The University of Nottingham addressed various human rights challenges related to imprisonment, such as mental disorder in detention, access to legal advice, the right to vote and life imprisonment. The sessions were led by Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit, Ms Sangeeta Shah, Dr Nell Munro, Dr Vicky Kemp, Professor Peter Bartlett, Professor Dominic McGoldrick, Dr Vicky Vouleli and Ms Anita Bromley.

A new cohort of fellows will visit HRLC in May 2017. More information on APP as well as information on the Fellows and their secondment is available on their website:

www.africanprisons.org

HRLC guest talks – Keeping staff and students busy this March

One of HRLC's core objectives is to contribute to the development of a lively and stimulating research environment within the School of Law. We outdid ourselves in March, with this line-up of excellent speakers and events.

- **1 March** – Special screening of the Human Rights Film Series of *Winter Butterfly*, with post-screening discussion on North Korea with Prof Nigel White and Ms Jihyun Park, a North Korean refugee who is Outreach and Project Officer at the European Alliance for Human Rights in North Korea
- **8 March** – Guest lecture by Professor Patrick Thornberry, Honorary Professor in the School of Law at Nottingham, on *Discrimination in Relation to Minorities and Indigenous Peoples*
- **10 March** – Judge Robert Spano of the European Court for Human Rights with a talk on *Terrorism and Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights – Ibrahim et al. v the United Kingdom (GC) (13 September 2016)*
- **13 March** – Dr Mary Dowell-Jones, HRLC Fellow, with a guest lecture on *Bailouts and Bank Levies: Clawing back the Costs of the Crisis*
- **16 March** – Bailey Grey, Advocacy and Policy Manager at Sense International, delivering a lecture on disability and human rights
- **21 March** – David Hammond, CEO of the charity Human Rights at Sea, presenting their work and research opportunities for Nottingham students
- **25 March** – Annual Student Human Rights Conference on *LGBT+ rights in the 21st Century: Free and Equal?*

Read more about these great events in our next newsletter.

The Law of the European Convention on Human Rights: now available in Russian

On 27 January 2017, the Russian version of the book *The Law of the European Convention on Human Rights* from Harris, O'Boyle, Warbrick was launched at the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in the presence of its President Guido Raimondi, Council of Europe Director General for Human Rights and Rule of Law Philippe Boilat, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe Ivan Soltanovsky and former Deputy Registrar of the ECtHR Michael O'Boyle.

The translation of this book and its distribution among Russian judges and civil servants is supported by the Council of Europe's cooperation programmes in the Russian Federation, with additional funding by the UK FCO.

HRLC short course in International Human Rights Law



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

- 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

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.

The next course will start in September 2017 and further information is available on our website at www.nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc/shortcourse

HRLC distance learning course in International Human Rights Law



This course is designed to give an in-depth understanding of international human rights standards and of the UN and regional systems that implement them. The course is taught by leading human rights academics and practitioners in the international human rights systems.

The course is aimed at individuals who require a deeper knowledge of the increasingly important subject of international human rights law in their professional life, or who wish to embark upon a career in human rights.

It is particularly suited to those who cannot take on the commitment of a full-time course.

Course content

- UN Human Rights System
- Regional Human Rights Systems (African, European and Inter-American)
- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- International Refugee Law
- International Criminal Justice
- Current Human Rights Issues
- International Humanitarian Law
- Women's Rights
- The Rights of the Child

Course fees, dates and contact details for further information are available at www.nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc/distancelearning

Farewell to Ms Katerina Katsimardou-Miariti



In February 2017, we bid farewell to HRLC Research Assistant, Katerina Katsimardou-Miariti.

Whilst at the centre, Katerina worked within the International Criminal Justice Unit supporting the development and population of the Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database (CJAD).

She had previously worked as the Case Matrix Network's DRC Research Fellow for the production of CMN's Report on Prioritising International Sex Crimes in the DRC.

Katerina was a highly valued member of the HRLC team and we want to wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Tribute to Sir Nigel Rodley



It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Professor Sir Nigel Rodley on 25 January 2017.

Sir Nigel was one of the founding fathers of the international human rights movement, in the UK and beyond. He dedicated his life to combating torture and other serious human rights violations.

He inspired hundreds of students at Essex, confronted governments during his service for the United Nations, and contributed to the understanding of the legal principles underpinning human rights in his academic writing. But most of all he was a gentle and gracious human being, who touched the lives of those who had the privilege to know him. He was a friend of our centre and will be sorely missed.

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