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Word of welcome

Dear Member,

It is my great pleasure to inform you on ICLN's upcoming events and to make other announcements via this newsletter.

After our last spring lecture on the first of March the ICLN-team has been busy with planning and organising a number of events and the creation of our 2006 membership directory, which you all recently have received.

On the **6th of June** ICLN will host her annual reception in The Kurhaus in The Hague. The topic of our annual reception will be '**The Importance of International Law for the USA and the European Union**'. Please note this date in your agenda.

A day later, June 7, the International Criminal Law Network will organise the **Second Annual Hague Programme Debate**. The debate will focus on the progress that has been made the past year with regard to the *Hague Programme*. Special attention will be given to central aspects of the Programme; mutual recognition and evaluation/ implementation.

I can also announce the subject for the annual conference in December. ICLN will discuss **Structuring International Investigation and Prosecution**, the importance of mutual legal assistance and other forms of international cooperation in criminal matters.

I am looking forward to meeting you on one of our events.

M. Wladimiroff
President

ICLN News and Events: ICLN Annual Reception

Herewith we would like to invite you for our *Annual Reception* of this year. This meeting will take place on **June 6th 2006**, from 5.00 to 7.00 pm. The meeting will be held in Kandinsky Hall 4, at the Kurhaus in The Hague.

Given the current debate on the strength and importance of international law and international law initiatives such as the ICC and other war crime tribunals for the US and European states, we have chosen to discuss:

*'The importance of International Law for
the USA and the European Union'*

On this topic, we will be honoured to hear the comments of:

Mark Richard,

U.S. Counselor for Criminal Justice Matters assigned to the US Mission to the European Union

And

Luigi Soreca

Head of Strategic Policy Unit, DG Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission

Please inform Ellen Scheerders by e-mail (e.scheerders@icln.net) whether you wish to attend this meeting. You are invited to bring along guests. Non-ICLN members are required to pay an entrance fee of € 10,-. Drinks are included in the entrance fee.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday the 6th of June!

Announcements

The German Red Cross

The German Red Cross with the support of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict is organising its 12th summer school in international humanitarian law in Berlin. The course which is held in German is designed for 25 law students interested in gaining more knowledge in the field of humanitarian law. The course will take place from 6 to 12 August 2006. Applications should reach the Institute before 30 May 2006. For more information please check <http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/ifhv/red>

Institute for European Studies and ECLAN

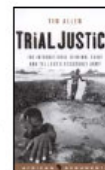
We hereby inform you that the Legal section of the Institute for European Studies, in collaboration with the academic network ECLAN (European Criminal Law Academic Network) organizes the third edition of the summer school about the European Penal Area. This summer school will take place in Brussels from the 3th to 14th of July 2006. For information about the programme, lecturers, admission conditions, facilities... please visit the website: <http://www.ulb.ac.be/iee/penal/summerschool> or contact Veronica Santamaria (vesantam@ulb.ac.be).

Institutional Member: Jongbloed Legal Bookstore

Trial Justice; The International Criminal Court and the Lord's Resistance Army

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has run into serious problems with its first big case - the situation in northern Uganda. Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army has abducted thousands, many of them children, and has systematically tortured, raped, maimed and killed its victims. Nevertheless, the ICC has confronted outright hostility from a wide range of groups, including traditional leaders, the churches and non-governmental organizations. Even the Ugandan government has expressed serious reservations. This book by T. Allen argues that much of the antipathy to the ICC is based upon ignorance and misconception. Drawing on field research in Uganda, it shows that victims are much more interested in punitive justice than has been suggested, and that the ICC has made resolution of the war more likely.

Zed Books | 2006 | paperback | 230 p. | € 20,82



Darfur; The Ambiguous Genocide

In mid-2004 the Darfur crisis in Western Sudan forced itself on to the centre stage of world affairs. A formerly obscure 'tribunal conflict' in the heart of Africa has escalated into what could be the first genocide of the twenty-first century. Its characteristics - Arabism, Islamism, African consciousness, famine as a weapon of war, mass rape, international obfuscation and a refusal to look evil squarely in the face - reflect many of the problems of the global South in general and Africa in particular. This book explains what lies behind the conflict, how it came about, why it should not be over-simplified and why it is so relevant to the future of the continent. Prunier sets out the ethno political make up of the Sudan and he explains why the Darfur rebellion is regarded as a key threat to Arab power in the country, much more so than the secessionism of the Christian south. This, he argues, accounts for the government's deployment of 'exemplary violence' by the Janjaweed militias in order to cow other Black Muslims into subservience.

Hurst & Company Publishers | 2005 | hardback | 212 p. | € 25,54



Darfur; A Short History of a Long War

Sudan's westernmost region, Darfur, sprang into notoriety early in 2004 when a war of hideous proportions unleashed what the United Nations called 'the world's worst humanitarian crisis'. For the last two years, the conflict has been simplified to pictures of sprawling refugee camps and lurid accounts of 'Arabs' murdering 'Africans'. Behind these images lies a complex story of a remote region of Africa. This book details the history of Darfur, its conflicts, and the designs on the region by the governments in Khartoum and Tripoli. It investigates the identity of the infamous 'Janjaweed' militia and the nature of the insurrection, charts the unfolding crisis and the international response, and concludes by asking what the future holds in store. Authors: J. Flint and A. de Waal

Zed Books | 2005 | paperback | 128 p. | € 20,96



African Perspectives on International Criminal Justice

This third volume in the Africa Legal Aid Special Book Series is devoted to international criminal law and, more specifically, to the initiatives that have been taken in recent years to hold criminally accountable alleged perpetrators of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. The book complements Africa Legal Aid's previous work in this field, which has resulted in inter alia the Cairo-Arusha Principles on Universal Jurisdiction in Respect of Gross Human Rights Offences: An African Perspective. The various contributions describe and critically analyse the main features and functioning of international bodies such as the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the semi-international Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL). In addition, the role of national courts exercising universal jurisdiction and local forms of justice such as the Rwandan gacaca system are addressed. The work of these courts are bodies is viewed and evaluated from an African perspective.

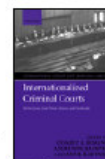
African Legal Aid | 2005 | paperback | 284 p. | € 61,45



Internationalized Criminal Courts; Sierra Leone, East Timor, Kosovo and Cambodia

At the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st, a new generation of 'internationalized' criminal justice bodies emerged to prosecute suspects of international crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. Designed to address the weaknesses of both international and domestic criminal courts, these courts combine national and international elements. Their bench consists of both international and national judges and they can apply both international and national law. This book addresses three active or done putative jurisdiction of this kind: the Serious Crimes Panels in the District Court of Dili (East Timor); the 'Regulation 64' Panels in the court of Kosovo; the Special Court for Sierra Leone; and the so-called Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Contributions from scholars of international law and international criminal law, and from practitioners working in these courts provide in-depth analysis of the differing approaches and procedures of the courts, and evaluation of their wider impact on the development of international criminal law and practice.

Oxford University Press | 2004 | paperback | 550 p. | € 53,42



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- _____ ex. Darfur; A Short History of a Long War
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New Book by our member Dr. Philip Veerman

Protection of Children During Armed Political Conflict A Multidisciplinary Perspective

GREENBAUM, C. W., VEERMAN, P., BACON-SHNOOR, N.

First print | 2006 | ISBN 90-5095-341-7 | xxviii + 468 p. | Paperback

Price € 45

This book attempts to examine the issue of prevention of violence to children in violent political conflicts from a multidisciplinary perspective that includes international law, developmental psychology, education, communications and police science. While this volume concentrates mainly on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, it also presents the experience of others in different parts of the world who have coped successfully with prevention of violence to civilian populations, and particularly to children.

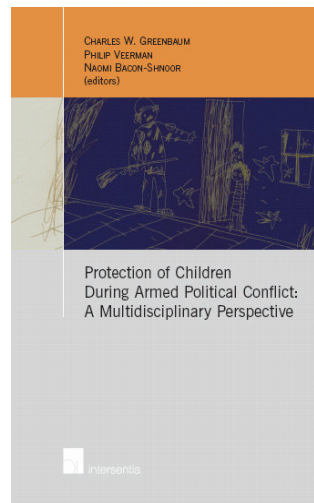
We aim to engage military and police communities world-wide, and especially in our society, Israel, in a dialogue concerning the most effective ways to abide by international conventions of human rights and children's rights to which Israeli society is committed. The volume reports on practical methods to save the lives of civilians and children in political conflicts that have been tried and which serve to protect children. In both the short and long term, these approaches also increase the security of military and police personnel. The volume thus represents a different perspective from the advocacy and legal confrontation

All what we know about the impact of conflict on children is a resounding cry for peace. This book gives facts on how girls and boys are affected by the violence. It discusses coping mechanisms and rehabilitation measures, but also preventive strategies. The obvious

undercurrent is that the best prevention is - peace. Therefore, this book is important not only for specialists but also for politicians and all those who want to influence those in power, or ought to do so.

This book is part of a broader truth telling. It is significant that among the authors there are both Israelis and Palestinians, professionals who in the interest of children on both sides are seeking the

ons. It represents an attempt at furthering human
e parties that are responsible for protecting those



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If you have any questions regarding the topics named in the newsletter or other questions regarding the International Criminal Law Network, please feel free to contact Maartje Jansen, Ellen Scheerders and/or Maurits van Lelyveld at:

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High Level Expert Panel on the Rule of Law

On 25 April the Institute convened a High Level Expert Panel on the Rule of Law at the *Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS)* in Wassenaar.

The principal objective of the meeting was to explore where HiiL, given its Research Programme, could most effectively contribute to the debate on the rule of law.

The meeting brought together a unique group of experts for the first time, consisting of representatives from both practice and academia with backgrounds in law and/or social sciences, who worked for institutions involved with the rule of law on a world wide, regional and/or local level (World Bank; Council of Europe, International Law and Development Organisation; United Nations Development Fund; Kuwait Fund; Amnesty International; International Bar Association; and various distinguished representatives from international academia). A list of participants is set out below.

The discussion took place on the basis of a Concept Paper prepared by HiiL and was presided over by the Chairman of the Programmatic Steering Board of HiiL, Professor Michiel Scheltema. Professor Andre Nollkaemper, also a member of the Programmatic Steering Board, also attended.

The meeting agreed that given the internationalisation of national law the concept of the rule of law can not any longer be defined from within the sovereign state only. Against that background the discussion centred around two main aspects of the rule of law: theory and practice.

In the first part of the discussion an analytical framework was established, which provided basic shared content and understanding of the rule of law. The main questions which arose from this centred around the question of what the precise relationship between the rule of law at the international and national level was, whether democracy and/or human rights are a part of the concept of rule of law and whether the rule of law is a concept which has value in and of itself or whether it is functional concept the value of which is in a particular the achievement of certain goals (such as economic development).

The second part of the discussion focused on the practical difficulties and the complexity of (re-)establishing, maintaining as well as measuring the rule of law. Here, the various approaches of relevant international organisations were discussed and examined. There was general consensus among the participants that closer cooperation between these organisations is highly desirable. The relationship between practice and theory was another issue which was scrutinised in great detail and it was concluded that theory and practice on the rule of law are insufficiently connected. Moreover, in (re)establishing the rule of law the concept should be looked at as a process, that is, some aspects of the rule of law may be established in the short run whereas other elements may need to be developed over a longer period of time depending on the specific circumstances of the case. In addition, several participants emphasized the shortage of experts regarding internationalisation and the rule of law.

In the final stage of the discussion the need for a network on the rule of law with a view of establishing more effective coordination was emphasized, in particular by those participants involved in rule of law issues in practice. This view was shared by all participants who saw great value in the group that had been brought together at the seminar. It was thus decided to develop the network and in this regard HiiL was requested to fulfil a coordinating role.

As a first step, the (restricted) website which had been established in support of this meeting would be further developed. (E-mail) addresses were exchanged with a view to continuing the discussion, whereby it was agreed that the current group could be expanded with other relevant expertise.

It was further agreed that a knowledge gathering exercise was necessary to map out the most significant rule of law endeavours, both in academia and practice. As part of this, the need was expressed for analysing the implementation and evaluation of rule of law efforts through the identification of successful projects and the underlying reasons for their success. This project would be coordinated by HiiL, together with IDLO and the IBA and would lead to a report, which would be the basis for a second meeting to be held in November of this year.

A detailed report of the Rule of Law Expert Panel will be published and available in the second half of May 2006.

Participants: *Christina Biebesheimer (Chief Counsel, Justice Reform Practice Group, World Bank), Dory Reiling (Senior Judicial Reform Expert, Justice Reform Practice Group, World Bank), Roberto Lamponi (Director of Legal Cooperation, Council of Europe), Hans Corell (Former head of the Office and Legal Affairs of the UN Secretariat), Dick Oosting (Director, Amnesty International), Brian Tamanaha (Professor of Law, St. John's University), William Loris (Secretary General, International Development Law Organisation), Mark Ellis (Executive Director, International Bar Association), Mohamed Yassin M. Abdel-Aal (Senior Legal Advisor, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development), Mas Achmad Santosa (Principal Legal Counsel of Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia-UNDP), Hans van der Veen (Rule of Law Adviser, Peace building and Good Governance Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Julio Faundez (Professor of Law, Warwick University), Jan Michiel Otto (Professor of Law, Van Vollenhoven Institute), Adriaan Bedner (Assistant Professor of Law, Van Vollenhoven Institute), M. Bouwes (Dutch Ministry of Justice), Nico Schrijver (Professor of Law, Leiden University), André Nollkaemper (Professor of International Law, University of Amsterdam and Member of the Programmatic Steering Board of HiiL), Michiel Scheltema (Chairman of the Programmatic Steering Board of HiiL), Sam Muller (Director, HiiL) and David Raič (Deputy Director and Research Programme Coordinator, HiiL)*

Vacancies

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights, an NGO with its headquarters in Serbia and regional office in Prishtina, is looking for a

Media Project Coordinator

to work in Prishtina and be responsible for YIHR's media activities

Job Profile:

The Project Coordinator will work in Prishtina under the supervision of the Head of Office

Specific tasks:

- Ensure liaison and contact with media houses and relevant governmental institutions in Kosovo
- Provide analysis of printed media on a monthly basis
- Produce qualitative reports regarding the work of various media
- Coordinate the activities of journalists working on the media project
- Organise seminars and project events for the journalists from the region
- Take part in project proposal planning, writing, evaluating and reporting
- Ensure daily contact with YIHR's Serbia media project coordinator

Candidates must have:

- Experience in journalism and/or analytical writing
- University level education in a relevant discipline
- Knowledge of the media and political scene in Kosovo (and Serbia)
- Experience in human rights area would greatly be appreciated
- Experience and knowledge in project planning and implementation is preferred
- Proficiency in Albanian and English language skills (knowledge of Serbian also preferred)
- Excellent drafting, organisational, analytical, interpersonal and communication skills

How to apply:

Applications with a letter of interest and a detailed CV should be submitted by e-mail to sarah@yihhr.org. The subject of the email should be: Media Project Coordinator Application. Deadline for the submission of applications is May 18th 2006.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

Please forward to all who might be interested.

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