Increasingly Global Impact

Reflecting upon 2012–13 at the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, I am struck by our increasingly global impact. Among our activities, we participated in the International Criminal Court’s (ICC’s) 11th Session of the Assembly of States Parties in The Hague, working alongside judges, legal advisers, diplomats, academics, representatives from nongovernmental organizations and ICC personnel, and other members of civil society engaged in international criminal justice.

The Harris Institute sponsored a well-attended “side event” on behalf of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative (CAHI), in which Harris Institute Fellow Jing Geng and I were joined by CAHI Steering Committee members H.E. Hans Corell, former UN Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs, and H.E. Christine Van den Wyngaert, ICC judge.

The Proposed International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity is now available in six languages, and the topic of a crimes against humanity convention has been formally introduced at the International Law Commission for the first time in history, making such a treaty’s elaboration and negotiation a realistic goal.

Closer to home, our law school entered into agreements with the University of Paris I–Pantheon-Sorbonne Law School and Cergy-Pontoise, bringing the total number of foreign partner schools offering either semester-long studies or joint degrees available to our JD students to 14. These partnerships enable us to educate the next generation of internationally trained legal scholars and lawyers, equipped to handle the challenges of globalization.

Other highlights of the past year included an international conference dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the ICC, our participation in the Sixth Annual International Humanitarian Law Dialogs, a lecture from alumnus and U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom Louis B. Susman, and lectures on international trade law, the terrorist sanctions regime, and international tax regimes. We also sponsored students working on international issues in St. Louis and abroad, and held an international essay competition in honor of former Nuremberg Prosecutor Benjamin Ferencz, which received more than 400 entries from all over the world.

This year we begin our programming with a major conference, appropriately titled “The Legal Challenges of Globalization: A View from the Heartland,” and, in October, we will bestow the Harris Institute’s World Peace Through Law Award on H.E. Sir Christopher Greenwood.

I look forward to seeing you at our events, as we continue to build on our global connections to bring international programming to our law school.

Sincerely,

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The Harris Institute Expands Washington University’s Global Reach

FROM THE HAGUE TO ARUSHA TO OUR HALLS AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, THE HARRIS INSTITUTE IS MAKING ITS MARK IN INTERNATIONAL LAW.

‘ICC at 10’ Conference Honors the Legacy of Whitney Harris and Marks the Court’s First Decade of Work

The Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute honored the life and legacy of its namesake with a two-day conference celebrating the 10th anniversary of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on November 11–12, 2012.

The conference—which brought more than 250 prominent academics, practitioners, students, and others to the law school—opened with an interactive art installation honoring victims of atrocity crimes.

Leila Sadat, the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law and Harris Institute Director, noted that 2012 would have been Mr. Harris’ 100th year. One of the original prosecutors in the Nuremberg Trials, he died in 2010 after a life devoted to world peace and ending impunity for those who perpetrate aggression, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.


Participating Crimes Against Humanity Initiative Steering Committee members were Corell and Professor William Schabas.

Harris Institute Announces Winners of Ferencz Essay Contest

The winning entry of the Harris Institute’s Benjamin B. Ferencz Essay Competition was “The Fog of War: Prosecuting Illegal Uses of Force as Crimes Against Humanity,” written by Manuel J. Ventura and Matthew Gillett. Ventura is an international criminal lawyer with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and Gillett is a trial lawyer in the case Prosecutor v. Hadžić.

The competition was sponsored by the Planethood Foundation in honor of Ferencz, former Nuremberg prosecutor and chief prosecutor of the Einsatzgruppen case, in which 22 defendants were convicted of brutally murdering more than a million men, women, and children. More than 400 registrations were received from across the globe for the competition. The winning essay and conference proceedings will be published in a special edition of the Washington University Global Studies Law Review.
Moving Forward with the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative

The work of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative, launched by the Harris Institute in 2008, recently bore fruit when the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) voted to add the elaboration of a treaty on “crimes against humanity” to its long-term work programme. This vote is a critical step toward the negotiation and adoption of an international treaty to punish and prevent crimes against humanity.

• The award-winning book, *Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity* (2nd ed., Sadat, Cambridge 2013), was re-released this summer in paperback and contains the English, French, and Spanish versions of the *Proposed International Convention on the Punishment and Prevention of Crimes Against Humanity*. The *Proposed Convention* has also been translated into Arabic, German, and Russian. A Chinese translation is forthcoming.

• In conjunction with Harris Institute Director Leila Nadya Sadat’s recent appointment as Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity to the International Criminal Court Chief Prosecutor, a team of seven law students at Washington University worked on Crimes Against Humanity Research Projects for the ICC Office of the Prosecutor.

• On October 26, 2013, at Fordham Law School, International Law Weekend-New York will include a panel on the need for a new crimes against humanity treaty. Confirmed speakers include M. Cherif Bassiouni, Arturo Carrillo, Larry D. Johnson, Sean D. Murphy, Leila Nadya Sadat, and Beth Van Schaack.

For more information, visit: crimesagainsthumanity.wustl.edu/
Events and Speakers

Spring 2013 Programs Focus on International Trade & Taxation

CONCEPTUALIZING A NEW INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL TAXATION
Organizer: Professor Adam Rosenzweig, Washington University
Participants: Allison Christians, McGill University; Itai Grinberg, Georgetown University; Michael Lennard, UN Financing for Development Office; Diane Ring, Boston College; and Lee Sheppard, Tax Notes

THE DOHA ROUND DEBACLE
Presenter: Professor Raj Bhala, University of Kansas

THE TBT AGREEMENT AND THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION
Presenter: Dean Hélène Ruiz Fabri, Sorbonne University

Highlights from the 2012–13 Harris Institute Speaker Series

THE ENDURING VALUE OF LAW
Presenter: H.E. Ambassador Louis B. Susman, U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom

FAIR PROCESS AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL: A CASE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON
Presenter: The Hon. Kimberly Prost, former ad litem judge, Ombudsperson for the UN Security Council’s Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION IN SOUTH KOREA
Presenter: Professor Tae-Ung Baik, University of Hawaii; William C. Jones Lecture co-sponsored by the Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures

NO SAFE HAVEN: CANADA’S WAR CRIMES PROGRAM
Presenter: Mr. Robert Petit, Counsel in the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section at Justice Canada

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INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND-MIDWEST
Ten panels and additional keynote lectures
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October 30, 2013
WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW AWARD
Honoree: H.E. Sir Christopher Greenwood, International Court of Justice
Website: law.wustl.edu/harris/worldpeace/

February 24, 2014
WILLIAM C. JONES LECTURE SERIES
Presenter: Professor Madeleine Zelin, Columbia University
Website: law.wustl.edu/harris/joneslectures/

For more information on upcoming events and speakers, visit law.wustl.edu/harris.
September 19-21, 2013
International Law Weekend - Midwest
Saint Louis, Missouri

The Legal Challenges of Globalization:
A View from the Heartland

Panels Include:
- Careers in International Law
- Cross-Border Regionalism and the Public-Private Divide
- International Criminal Justice
- International Contract Farming (UNIDROIT)
- International Human Rights
- The Kiobel Case
- Local Efforts in Climate Change
- Private International Law
- South China Sea
- Space and Cyber Law

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