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AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE

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LATEST NEWS

WELCOME TO DIANE MACDONALD, AHRCENTRE ADMINISTRATOR

Our new AHRCentre Administrator, Diane Macdonald, commenced with the AHRCentre in June 2012. With a background in photography, finance and publishing, Diane has already had a significant impact on the workings of the Centre. You may have already noticed the improved design and layout for our webpage and the Centre's publications, including the *Human Rights Defender*. Diane was recently invited to exhibit her photographic work in the Law Faculty - a collection entitled 'Positively Remarkable Women.'

WELCOME TO GABRIELLE SIMM

Gabrielle Simm is a Senior Research Associate working with Professor Andrew Byrnes on the ARC Discovery Project, 'Whose Law is it, anyway? Citizens' and peoples' challenges to state dominance in the making and application of international law.' Prior to commencing her PhD, Gabrielle worked as an international lawyer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Attorney-General's Department in Canberra.

AHRCENTRE DIRECTOR RETURNS FROM SECONDMENT TO AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

AHRCentre Director, Andrea Durbach's initial 6 month appointment (in May 2011) to the Australian Human Rights Commission as Deputy Sex Discrimination Commissioner, was extended for a further 6 months until end July 2012 and she has now returned full-time to the AHRCentre. During her time at the Commission she organized a study tour across Australia for the first visit to this country by a UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women. With law student intern, Lucia Noyce, Andrea and UN Special Rapporteur, Ms Rashida Manjoo travelled across 6 cities and towns in 11 days – participating in government, service provider and NGO roundtables, meetings and site visits – listening to women from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, to migrant and refugee women, to women with disabilities, and to men who work in varying ways to address and prevent violence against women. During her remaining months at the Commission, Andrea finalised the drafting of the report on the study tour (available at: http://humanrights.gov.au/sex_discrimination/publication/UNSRVAVW%20report%202012/index.html)

During her time at the Australian Human Rights Commission, Andrea worked with NGOs and the Federal government in advocating domestic violence as a new ground of discrimination for proposed incorporation in the new Commonwealth consolidated anti-discrimination legislation. The Commission's submission in support of this proposal is available at: http://humanrights.gov.au/legal/submissions/2012/20120123_consolidation.html

UPCOMING EVENTS

HALF THE SKY SCREENING

The documentary 'Half the Sky' based on the book authored by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn will be screened at UNSW followed by a panel of experts discussing a range of issues related to violence against women in developing nations. The screening coincides with the UN designated sixteen days of activism, starting with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25th and ending on December 10th, the UN's annual Human Rights Day.

- **When:** 27 November 2012, 6-8pm
- **Where:** UNSW Kensington Campus
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HUMAN RIGHTS TERTIARY TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

This day-long workshop brings together those teaching human rights in tertiary institutions around the country to share ideas about the substance and practice of teaching and learning in the field. Further details will be available on the Centre website and also through the Human Rights Teachers' Network (http://hrteachers.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network).

- **When:** 25 February, 2013
- **Where:** UNSW Law School

RECENT EVENTS

INDIA'S CHALLENGES TO ESTABLISHING A RULE OF LAW SOCIETY: 29 OCTOBER 2012

Professor C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global University and the Dean of the Jindal Global Law School, Delhi discussed corruption as a violation of human rights and the challenges this poses to establishing a society based on the rule of law. Professor Kumar referred to contemporary civil society initiatives and social movements in India that are aiming to develop legislative measures and independent institutional mechanisms to combat corruption.

ART FOR MOLO: 28 OCTOBER 2012

AHRCentre Director Andrea Durbach spoke at the opening of Art for Molo at the Syndicate Gallery in Waterloo. Featuring works by South African and Australian artists including Tracey Moffat, Alun Leach-Jones, Jillian Edelstein, Ross Thornton, Bruce Goold and Ann Thomson, the event raised money for Moloo Songololo. Moloo Songoloo is a Cape Town based advocacy group that strives to advance the rights, care, development, protection and survival of children through training, education, advocacy, lobbying and the provision of services.

INAUGURAL JOINT ANZSIL-ASIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE: 25-26 OCTOBER 2012

The question to what extent international law can be used as an instrument of justice was the core theme at a recent Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law (ANZSIL) & the Asian Society of International Law Joint Conference held at UNSW on 25 - 26 October 2012. This is the first formal event jointly organised by ANZSIL and the AsianSIL. AHRCentre Chair Andrew Byrnes (also President of ANZSIL) was instrumental in staging the conference. The theme of the conference, 'International Law and Justice,' was addressed by a wide array of speakers from Australia, New Zealand, Asia and Europe, in a series of panels over the two days. The conference focused on a variety of issues including:

For more details see: <http://www.anzsil-asiansil2012.unsw.edu.au/>

NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY: 26 OCTOBER 2012

AHRCentre Director Andrea Durbach and Jed Horner and Dr Justin Koonin from the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby co-convened a national roundtable concerning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. The roundtable brought together experts on anti-discrimination law, public health, as well as key LGBTI community stakeholders from across Australia to discuss legislative reform in the context of impending consolidated Federal anti-discrimination legislation. The discussion also centred on the importance of incorporating protections for LGBTI people within a consolidated human rights framework, from both a public health and rights-based perspective.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISRAEL: PARADOX OR PARADIGM? : 8 OCTOBER 2012

In conjunction with law firm Gilbert & Tobin, the AHRCentre co-hosted a lunchtime discussion featuring Israeli human rights activist and Executive Director of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, Hagai El Ad. In conversation with Assoc Prof Simon Rice OAM, Director, Law Reform and Social Justice Australian National University, Hagai El Ad explored the state of human rights in Israel, and the continuing challenges posed by Israel's occupation of Gaza and the West Bank.

LOUISE CHAPPELL IN CONVERSATION WITH SARAH NOUWEN ON THE ICC AND THE PRINCIPLE OF COMPLEMENTARITY: SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

AHRCentre board member, Louise Chappell and hosted a seminar with academic and author Sarah Nouwen on how the International Criminal Court's principle of complementarity has triggered law reform and domestic prosecutions at the national level in Uganda, Sudan and other states currently under investigation by the ICC. Sarah is Lecturer in Law, University of Cambridge and fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and Pembroke College. Her forthcoming book *Complementarity in the Line of Fire: The International Criminal Court in Uganda and Sudan* (CUP, 2013) is a study of the ICC's catalysing effect based on empirical research in the two countries.

UNSW OPEN DAY: HOW MUCH OF WHAT YOU WEAR AND USE WAS MADE IN A SWEATSHOP? & WHAT IS DEVELOPMENT? : SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

AHRCentre Deputy Director, Justine Nolan and *Human Rights Defender* editor Duncan McDuie-Ra spoke at the UNSW Open Day on the 1st September. Justine discussed the link between human rights and business focusing on improving accountability for human rights in supply chains and Duncan discussed broad issues of development and human rights.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH BIJAYA RAI SHRESTHA, DIRECTOR POURAKHI-NEPAL : AUGUST 15, 2012

Bijaya Rai Shrestha visited the AHRCentre in August as the guest of AHRCentre's director of the Migrant and Refugee Rights program, Bassina Farbenblum. Bijaya is an expert in the field of migrant workers' rights based in Nepal. She met with students working in the Human Rights Clinic and spoke about the challenges faced by Nepali women migrant workers, and the inspiring work of her group of returned women migrant workers. The event was organised by the Australian Human Rights Centre and the Diplomacy Training Program.

THE GLOBAL MARRIAGE EQUALITY MOVEMENT: LESSONS FROM AND FOR AUSTRALIA: AUGUST 7, 2012

Leading lesbian/gay civil rights leader, Evan Wolfson addressed a seminar on his work as Executive Director of Freedom to Marry. Evan has worked at Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, America's preeminent lesbian/gay legal advocacy group, leading a growing movement for equal marriage rights for same-sex couples. He was co-counsel in the historic Hawaii marriage case, *Baehr v. Miike*, that launched the ongoing global movement for the freedom to marry, and has participated in numerous gay rights and HIV/AIDS cases. He discussed the Global Marriage Equality Movement and discussed initiatives both in the US and Australia. Evan was introduced by the campaign director of the Australian Marriage Equality, Rodney Croome AM who also delivered an eloquent plea for continued activism on gay rights in Australia.

ANTJIE KROG ON EXCHANGING JUSTICE FOR TRUTH AS AN EMBRACE OF EVIL : JULY 24, 2012

South African writer, poet and academic Antjie Krog visited the AHRCentre in July and addressed the topic 'Exchanging Justice for Truth is an Embrace of Evil: a View on Human Rights through the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.' Antjie is a writer, poet and academic, and has published thirteen volumes of poetry. Her book about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa, *Country of My Skull* (1998) won numerous awards, including the Alan Paton Award and the Olive Schreiner Award for the best work of prose published between 1998 and 2000. It was followed by *A Change of Tongue* (2003) and *Begging to Be Black* (2009), which features her dialogues with the Australian philosopher Paul Patton.

RESEARCH TOPICS

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Justine Nolan attended a roundtable on 'Human rights due diligence by companies: Perspectives from Asia and Australia at City University, Hong Kong in August 2012. The roundtable was convened by the International Corporate Accountability Network and its report will be launched in December 2012. Justine was also invited to attend an ASEAN' *Expert Consultation Meeting* on Business and Human Rights in Jakarta Indonesia on 17 October 2012. This was a workshop organised by the Human Rights Resource Centre in Jakarta.

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GENDER, DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

AHRCentre Chair Andrew Byrnes and Centre Associate Christine Forster both participated as resource persons in a Southeast Asia Regional Workshop for Lawyers Litigating on Women's Human Rights Using CEDAW, held in Bangkok from 21 to 24 September 2012. The workshop was organised by the International Women's Rights Watch Asia Pacific, a leading women's human rights NGO that works at national, regional and international level (and on who's Advisory Committee Andrew Byrnes also serves). Bringing together about 15 practising lawyers from nine Southeast Asian countries, the workshop sessions explored the relevance of the use of international human rights standards in domestic litigation and involved the examination and development of strategies for advancing cases on women's rights currently being litigated at the national level in many of those countries.

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GENDER AND THE RIGHT TO SOCIAL SECURITY

AHRCentre Visiting Fellow, Beth Goldblatt, together with Canadian human rights scholar, Prof Lucie Lamarche, held an international webinar on the right to social security for women. The videos from the webinar can be accessed at: <http://www.cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/?p=4575>

The project has also been involved, with other organisations, in submissions to Parliament's Human Rights Committee against proposed cuts to sole parent welfare payments. The Committee's report can be accessed at: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate_Committees?url=humanrights_ctte/reports/4_2012/index.htm

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AHRCENTRE DEVELOPS NEW PROJECT ON CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Dean's Postdoctoral Research Fellow and AHRCentre Associate, Dr Lucas Lixinski is working on a new centre project which examines the intersections between human rights and cultural heritage in international law. The project will explore heritage as both an obstacle to human rights and as a means of facilitating a human right to cultural heritage, in an attempt to refine mechanisms for a community governance of their cultural heritage via human rights concepts.

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: PEOPLE'S TRIBUNALS

AHRCentre Chair and International Law Professor, Andrew Byrnes is undertaking research in respect of an ARC Discovery Grant: *Whose law is it, anyway? Citizens' and peoples' challenges to state dominance in the making and application of international law* (DPI I0101594). Andrew was joined in September by Senior Research Associate Gabrielle Simm.

Andrew Byrnes visited the University of Zürich Faculty of Law from 2 to 9 October 2012. During this time he taught a seminar with Zürich's Professor of Public Law, International Law and Human Rights Law, Christine Kaufmann, on *Peoples' Tribunals and International Law*, and presented a public lecture on the same theme. He also met with representatives of the Swiss Competence Centre for Human Rights, the network of universities funded by the Swiss Government to advance research in the field of human rights. Professor Kaufmann, who researches on issues relating to business and human rights, will be visiting UNSW and the AHRCentre in 2013.

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NEW MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Daniel Joyce gave a paper on human rights and digital media witnessing at a symposium on Moral Internationalism held at Melbourne Law School on 17-18 September 2012. Following another invitation to speak at a seminar

organised by St Thomas School of Law in Miami on Social Media and Human Rights, Daniel is due to develop this work into a publication. Daniel is also drafting an article concerning hate speech in defence of free speech as well as an article in collaboration with Emily Collett on the 'right' to the internet - the subject of a mock lecture given at UNSW 2012 Open Day. He continues to be involved in litigation concerning the implied freedom to political communication.

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PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION

Andrea Durbach submitted an ARC Discovery Grant Application – *The Effectiveness of Litigation in Public Interest Campaigns in Australia* (Andrea Durbach as Chief Investigator with CI Simon Rice, ANU and CIs Luke McNamara and Mark Rix, University of Wollongong).

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

HUMAN RIGHTS IN PRACTICE

The director of the Migrant and Refugee Rights program, Bassina Farbenblum, pioneered the establishment of a very successful UNSW Human Rights in Practice summer school program held for the first time in June/July 2012. The course was based in New York, and taught by AHR Centre Deputy Director, Justine Nolan in collaboration with Columbia Law School's Human Rights Institute. This two week intensive summer school offered by UNSW, examined the operation of human rights law in practice in international, regional and domestic U.S. and Australian contexts. A number of human rights practitioners spoke at the course and provided insight into their work in fields such as migrant workers rights, terrorism, US civil rights, women's rights and corporate responsibility for human rights. The program will be held again in July 2013 and more information is available at: <http://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate/courses/2012/LAWS8146.html>

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LEGAL AID NSW FELLOWSHIP

Almost four years ago, Legal Aid NSW in partnership with the UNSW Faculty of Law and the Australian Human Rights Centre established a Human Rights Fellowship Program for graduating law students. The fellowship program was developed to give UNSW law students interested in human rights legal practice an opportunity to gain hands-on work experience at Legal Aid NSW. The program has expanded and is very competitive amongst students. NSW Legal Aid Senior Civil Law Solicitor, Alex Grosart and his colleagues presented an information session on the program for interested applicants. Information is available on <http://www.ahrcentre.org/student-programs/other>.

SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Beth Goldblatt has established the first UNSW South African Human Rights Clinic which will be launched in January 2013. The South Africa Human Rights Clinic is an experiential learning program offering practical and international experience which will equip students for public interest or other legal careers in Australia and internationally. The course offers students the opportunity to intern with leading public interest and human rights law organisations in Johannesburg, South Africa. Since democracy in 1994, South Africa has been admired for its progressive Bill of Rights, its strong constitutional court and its effective public interest litigation. Students will learn first-hand from organisations at the cutting edge of social change lawyering. Beth is taking a group of 6 students to South Africa in January 2013 to intern at human rights organisations for 5 weeks. For more information see: <http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/current-students/beyond-classroom/south-africa-human-rights-clinic>

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The latest edition of the *Australian Journal of Human Rights (AJHR)* (Vol 18(1) 2012) was a general edition. It included articles on cyberspace and the law in the context of the European Convention, the rights of children with special needs, the right to life, cultural rights in the frame of recognition for Indigenous language, disability and discrimination in Zimbabwe, parole in Australia, and bringing human rights norms into a constitutional interpretive methodology in Australia and Canada.

The *AJHR* is a peer-reviewed journal. For details on submitting an article for the *AJHR*, see: <http://www.ahrcentre.org/publications/ajhr>.

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER

Human Rights in Asia - Vol 21 Issue 1 2012

This issue of the HRD considers aspects of human rights development in two Asian superpowers - China and India.

Poverty and Human Rights - Vol 21 Issue 2 2012

Contributors to this issue of the HRD examine poverty as a significant barrier to the fulfilment of human rights, particularly social and economic rights, such as the right to an adequate standard of living, including access to food, clothing, housing and medical care.

PUBLICATIONS BY AHRCENTRE STAFF

Andrew Byrnes

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University Press, 2012) 51-70.

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Louise Chappell

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Andrea Durbach

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Christine Forster

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Beth Goldblatt

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Beth Goldblatt and Solange Rosa, 'Social Security Rights' in M Langford, B Cousins, J Dugard, and T Madlingozi (eds), *Symbols or Substance? Socio-Economic Rights Strategies in South Africa* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2012).

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Bassina Farbenblum

Submission No 3 to Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs *Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012*.

“People Smuggling Prosecutions: An International Human Rights Perspective,” Prosecution of Indonesian boat crew in Australia: A symposium for defence lawyers, Victoria Legal Aid, Melbourne (14 April, 2012).

Christopher Michaelsen

“Permanent Legal Emergencies and the Derogation Clauses in International Human Rights Treaties: A Contradiction?,” in Aniceto Masferrer (ed.), *Post 9/11 and the State of Permanent Legal Emergency* (Dordrecht, Heidelberg, New York and London: Springer), pp. 287-314.

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Justine Nolan

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PRESENTATIONS BY AHRCENTRE STAFF

Andrew Byrnes

AHRCentre Chair, Andrew Byrnes, in his capacity as President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law, attended the Fourth Four Societies Conference, at Berkeley Law School. This Conference brings together early career researchers from the American, Japanese, and Australian and New Zealand Societies of International Law, and the Canadian Council of International Law. The theme for this year’s conference was natural disasters and international law. A volume of essays based on papers presented at the Third Four Societies Conference held in Japan in 2010, edited by Centre Associate Christopher Michaelsen, Mika Hayashi (Kobe University) and Andrew Byrnes will appear early in 2013.

Louise Chappell

In April, 2012 Louise presented a paper at the Mid West Political Science Association Conference in Chicago with Georgina Waylen on 'The Hidden Life of Institutions'.

She also attended a workshop on "Intractable Problems" at Purdue University where she presented a paper 'Gender Bias Norms and Gender Justice Rules in the Lubanga Trial at the International Criminal Court'.

In June, 2012 Louise presented a paper on 'Gender justice and the complementarity provisions of the ICC statute' at the International Studies Association Human Rights Conference at Glasgow University. In June, 2012 Louise also spent a week in the Hague interviewing all the principle officers of the ICC and a number of other senior personnel.

In September, 2012 Louise presented 'Seeking Gender Justice in the First Case before the International Criminal Court' at the Australian Political Science Association Conference in Hobart, Tasmania.

Andrea Durbach

In May, Andrea delivered the inaugural lecture – *Global Health Advocacy* for the Australian Medical Students Association and UNSW Medical Student's Aid Project 1st Annual Global Health Short Course. She spoke at Sydney Grammar Preparatory School on *The Global Community, the role of NGOs and being a global citizen*, and was a panellist on at a Sydney University exhibition, 'Positively Remarkable Women.' She lectured Sydney University International Politics students on *Transition to Justice? The case of the South African TRC*.

In June, Andrea presented a paper on *The Challenges and Benefits of Public Interest Litigation to Muslim Women's* Conference, Australian Human Rights Commission. She also travelled to South Africa to participate in screenings of the documentary *A Common Purpose* at the Encounters International Documentary Film Festival.

Andrea was in conversation with Peter Thompson for the UNSW Centre for social Impact's *Yakety-Yak* series in August and travelled to Melbourne to address Victoria Legal Aid on *Law and social change: the parallel 'arms' of strategic advocacy*. She presented a seminar to UNSW School of Public Health and Community Medicine Global Health Seminar Series (Masters Students): *Invoking Rights to Pursue a Public Health Agenda*.

In September, Andrea delivered the Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Lecture at the University of Tasmania: *A Common Purpose - Inching the Law towards Justice*.

Beth Goldblatt

In September, Beth was invited to present a paper on 'Principles for a Substantively Equal, Gendered Social Security Right' at the 'Elusive Equalities: Sex, Gender and Women' Workshop at Pembroke College, University of Oxford.

In June, she presented a 'Submission to Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights: Social Security Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012' and delivered a paper on 'Tackling Women's Poverty Across Contexts: A Role for the Right to Social Security' at the Law and Society Conference in Hawaii.

In March, Beth was invited to present a plenary address entitled 'Realising the right to social security – strategies to address poverty and inequality', to the Australian Council of Social Service Conference in Sydney. (http://www.acoss.org.au/whats_on/conference/2012_conference_papers/). She also presented a paper entitled 'Using Human Rights Approaches to Address Poverty: A Focus on Women' Encounter with Thomas Pogge, Institute for Democracy and Human Rights, at the University of Sydney.

Beth (with Lucie Lamarche) and chaired a webinar as part of the 'International Initiative to Promote Women's rights to Social Security and Protection' in April. The videos of the webinar can be accessed at <http://www.cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/?p=4575>

In 2011, Beth presented 'Experiential Learning Programs' to the University of the Witwatersrand Public Interest Law Gathering, and was a Discussant on 'The Politics of South African Constitutionalism' by Theunis Roux, at the Network for Interdisciplinary Studies of Law seminar at UNSW. Beth and Kirsty McLean discussed *Women's Social and Economic Rights on 'Otherwise'* with Nancy Richards on SAFM (South African Public Radio) and Beth spoke at the book launch of *Women's Social and Economic Rights* at Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

Bassina Farbenblum

In September, Bassina was interviewed on *ABC1 Melbourne* about 'Smuggling Charges: A large group of Indonesian men are pleading guilty to people smuggling in the hope that they can return home,' and also spoke on *ABC News Radio* about 'Detained Indonesian minors seeking compo.' <<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2012/s3588101.htm>>

In August, Bassina delivered Oral Evidence to Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs' *Inquiry into Detention of Indonesian Minors in Australia* about international human rights law implications of the Bill.

Bassina was interviewed on *ABC Radio Australia* about 'Compensate young Indonesians jailed in Australia, says rights group,' in July <<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/program/asia-pacific/compensate-young-indonesians-jailed-in-australia-says-rights-group/989578>>, and was interviewed by *ABC News Radio* over 'Lawyers call for an expansion of Australia's resettlement intake, and a strengthening of protection for refugees.'

In April, Bassina travelled to Kathmandu to address "International Human Rights Law and Mechanisms Applicable to Migrant Workers," for Human Rights Training for Migrant Rights Advocacy. The event was co-sponsored by *Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee (PNCC)* and *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)*.

Bassina delivered Oral Evidence to Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs' *Inquiry into the Crimes Amendment (Fairness for Minors) Bill 2011*, on the international law implications of the Bill in March.

Amrita Kapur

Amrita was invited to attend a South-South Dialogue on advancing domestic accountability for international crimes in Kenya in July, and in Uganda on holistic transitional justice in August.

Amrita presented on the topic of improving accountability for SGBV crimes in a transitional context: lessons learned from East Timor.

Amrita's abstract was accepted for presentation at the Joint ANZSIL & AsianIL Conference at UNSW in October, 2012 on the topic: Complementarity's subtle influence: The diffusion of international criminal standards into domestic practice.

Lucas Lixinski

In June, Lucas addressed "The Move Towards Community Interests and Common Goods in International Cultural Heritage Law" at the International Law for Common Goods: Normative Perspectives on Human Rights, Culture and Nature Seminar in Florence.

In Cambridge in May, Lucas presented the topic "Heritage for Whom? Individuals and Communities' Roles in International Cultural Heritage Law" Agents of Change: The Individual as a Participant in the Legal Process.

Christopher Michaelsen

In July, Chris spoke at the 20th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law in Wellington on “Revisiting R2P at the Beginning of the Arab Autumn.”

Chris delivered a presentation at the European University Institute in Florence on “Is Judicial Review of Security Council Sanctions Desirable?” in June.

In May, Chris addressed the Inaugural Conference of the Cambridge Journal of International and Comparative Law at the University of Cambridge on “Re-thinking the Justiciability of Security Council Measures Targeting Private Individuals.”

In April, Chris addressed a special seminar on “Iran’s Nuclear Ambitions and International Law on the Use of Force” at the International Law Association (NSW Chapter) in Sydney, and presented a paper “Preventive Detention of Dangerous Offenders in Germany: Recent Judicial Developments and Policy Responses” at the ARC Centre for Excellence in Policing and Security at Griffith University in Brisbane.

Justine Nolan

In August, Justine travelled to City University in Hong Kong to address the topic of ‘Due diligence and human rights: the Australian context’ at the roundtable on *Human Rights Due Diligence by Companies: Perspectives from Asia and Australia*.

Justine spoke on a panel discussing international justice in the context of the Arab spring, ‘Leading from the Streets,’ at the Amnesty International Roundtable in Sydney in June.

In Johannesburg, Justine addressed an international conference on ‘The Corporate Responsibility to Respect Human Rights: Soft Law or Not Law?’ and the “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework: Charting a Future or Taking the Wrong Turn for Business and Human Rights? in January.

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