

## SECTION AND COMMITTEE NEWS

This year's annual International Law Section (ILS) awards presented our Committee with the Outstanding Committee, Outstanding Newsletter, and Outstanding Policy awards as well as the Unsung Member award to our Vice Chair, Vy Nguyen, for her work behind the scenes!

### ICYMI

[-Safeguarding the Dignity of the Dead: International Perspectives on Mass Graves Part 1](#)

[-Meet the Scholar: Dr. Melanie O'Brien, President, International Association of Genocide Scholars](#)

[-Tools of Oppression: The Death Penalty in Iran](#)

### Upcoming Programs

-Oct. 8: Meet the Scholar: Dr. Sherri Labenski, Author and Lecturer, University of London

-Oct 30: Safeguarding the Dignity of the Dead: International Perspectives on Mass Graves Part 2

-Nov 12: Meet the Scholar: Dr. Jessica Sterns, Author and Professor, Boston University

### Reminders

-Register for the ILS [Fall Conference in London](#) and [Spring Conference in Singapore](#)

-Save the Date: November 15-26, 2024 CLE at Barry University

-Save the Date: April 29 – May 2, 2025 ILS Annual Conference in New York, NY



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## Dear Friends of the Committee,

Happy Fall!

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to everyone for the 2024-2025 committee year. We ended our last term on a great note! Our ICLC newsletter and policy on the Hazara were all recognized as achievements for the International Law Section year, under the leadership of David Schwartz. As we continue into this new term, we are hoping to achieve more and create more opportunities for our committee members. This year our International Law Section Chair is Yee Wah Chin, who has already set up the upcoming conferences for the ABA in London (November), Singapore (February), and the ILS annual meeting in New York in the spring.

In addition to those larger section conferences, we have the section support for a CLE taking place in Orlando, Florida, November 15 – 16, 2024. This is an in-person event at Barry University School of Law focusing on Mass Atrocities and the Environment. We will be posting website links for registration shortly!

For the rest of the Fall quarter we will continue our famous webinar series, including our newest addition to the line up – “Meet the Scholar.” As always, if you are interested in working on an international criminal law issue with the committee or would like to moderate one of our upcoming webinars, please reach out to Tim Franklin or myself!

Best Regards,  
Regina Paulose  
Co-Chair, ICL Committee

## International and Hybrid Criminal Proceedings

[-KSC convicts former Kosovo Liberation Army \(KLA\) member Mr. Pjetër Shala of arbitrary detention, torture, and murder committed at the KLA headquarters in 1999.](#)

[- KSC Appeals Panel determines new 15-year sentence for Mr. Salih Mustafa pursuant to KSC Supreme Court Chamber remand.](#)

[-Lithuania refers the Situation in Belarus to the ICC OTP to investigate alleged crimes against humanity committed in whole or in part on the territory of Lithuania since at least April 2020.](#)

[-Pre-Trial Chamber III postpones confirmation of charges hearing in The Prosecutor v. Joseph Kony.](#)

## Interstate Disputes

[-ICJ issues Advisory Opinion: “Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.”](#)

[-Canada, Australia, Germany and the Netherlands announce intent to initiate legal proceedings against the Taliban at the International Court of Justice \(ICJ\) over allegations of gender discrimination and apartheid during UN General Assembly side event.](#)

[-ITLOS rejects Luxembourg's request for provisional measures in the “Zheng He” Case \(Luxembourg v. Mexico\).](#)

[-Arbitrators and President appointed for arbitral proceedings concerning detention of Ukrainian Naval Vessels and Servicemen \(Ukraine v. The Russian Federation\).](#)

## National Decisions

[-Guinean court convicts eight civilian and military officials for crimes against humanity committed in 2009 Stadium Massacre.](#)

[-U.S. trial against Mr. Michael Sang Correa, former member of a Gambian death squad, for alleged acts of torture \(18 U.S.C. § 2340A\(b\)\(2\)\), postponed until 2025.](#)

[-Argentine Prosecutor seeks arrest warrants for 25 Myanmar civilian and military officials for crimes against humanity and genocide committed against Rohingya between 2012 and 2018.](#)

## Policies and Initiatives

[-Vanuatu, Fiji, and Samoa submit proposal to ICC to recognize ecocide as a crime.](#)

[-UN General Assembly adopts resolution demanding Israel end its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and comply with its legal obligations under international law.](#)

[-Nigerian Chief of Naval Staff calls for establishment of special courts for maritime crimes.](#)

## Enhanced Cooperation

[-ICC Trust Fund for Victims issues Funding Appeal to launch reparation program for victims of Dominic Ongwen.](#)

[-ICC and Europol conclude agreement on secure communication and Liaison Agreement.](#)

[-Ukraine ratifies Rome Statute but invokes Article 124's seven-year delay.](#)

[-U.S. and Pacific island states announce Aumoana Regional Law Enforcement Initiative to bolster response to illicit maritime activities.](#)

## Enforcement

[-Operation Pandora VIII results in 85 arrests and recovery of 6,400 stolen artifacts.](#)

[-14 arrested in human trafficking sting at Comic-Con in San Diego, California.](#)

## Restoration and Repatriation

[-U.S. National Park Service announces \\$3 million in grants to tribes and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of ancestral remains and cultural items.](#)

[-Metropolitan Museum of Art returns deaccessioned sculptures to Cambodia.](#)

[-FBI return trafficked Vanuatu ancestral relic to Smol Nambas tribe in Malakula.](#)

[-Parthenon museum returns pre-Columbian artifacts to Mexico.](#)

[-11th Nazi-looted art returned to family of Mr. Fritz Grünbaum.](#)

## Resources

[-INTERPOL: Stolen Works of Art database](#) and [ID-Art mobile app](#)

## FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

[-ILC: 2024 Report](#)

[-UNITAD: Assessment of Acts Committed by ISIL in Iraq during attack on Badush Central Prison on 10 June 2014](#)

[-2023 International Legal Developments Year in Review](#)

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