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## SIEL SINGAPORE 2012

### A. Conference report

SIEL held its Third Biennial Conference from 12-14 July 2012. The conference, which was hosted by the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Centre for International Law (CIL) and the NUS Faculty of Law, was a huge success. The event featured three keynote sessions: the Robert Hudec Lecture, delivered by Chang-fa Lo, Justice of the Constitutional Court (Judicial Yuan), Taiwan & former Dean, College of Law, National Taiwan University; an international investment law keynote with Meg Kinnear, Secretary-General of ICSID as the main speaker and Anna Joubin-Bret, Partner with Foley Hoag LLP as discussant; and for the first time, a financial/monetary keynote dialogue between Masahiro Kawai, Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute and Cynthia Lichtenstein, Professor Emeritus, Boston College Law School. The conference also introduced Poster Presentations which

were very well-received and facilitated significant exchanges of ideas between the usual Panels. SIEL 2012 also saw the WTO Chairs Program host a Dialogue on "The Future of the WTO" and UNCTAD launch their World Investment Report 2012. SIEL Singapore had over 100 speakers and 275 attendees, including scholars from 50 countries representing 150 institutions. Speakers came from all six inhabited continents, and hailed from Argentina to Zambia. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Conference; a report on the AGM appears below. We are grateful to the NUS Centre for International Law and Faculty of Law for their stellar organization, delectable catering, and all-around wonderful job as hosts! For more about SIEL 2012, please visit <http://cil.nus.edu.sg/siel2012/>.

### B. Annual General Meeting

SIEL held its 2012 Annual General Meeting on Friday, 13 July 2012, during the Biennial Conference in Singapore. The meeting business consisted of the election of SIEL Officers and members of the Executive Council; reports on SIEL's accounts, preparations for the 2014 Biennial Conference; SIEL's activities in 2011-12; and discussion of proposed amendments to the SIEL's Articles of Association. The election was held in accordance with the procedures set out in the report of the Nominating Committee, which had been circulated to SIEL members in advance and posted on the SIEL website. Ballot papers were distributed to all current SIEL members present, and were counted together with votes cast by proxy. Elected were Gabrielle Marceau (President), Colin Picker (co-Executive Vice-President), Galina Zukova (co-Treasurer), and Freya Baetens (co-Secretary); as well as new Executive Council members José Caiado, Michael Ewing-Chow, Jurgen Kurtz, Nokuhle Madolo, Shin-Yi Peng and Markus Wagner, and re-elected Executive Council members Lorand Bartels, Tomer Broude, Holger Hestermeyer, Locknie Hsu, Junji Nakagawa, Isabelle Van Damme and Heng Wang. Federico Ortino presented SIEL's accounts (posted in the member area of the SIEL website). Lewis then discussed preparations for the 2014 Biennial Conference – discussed in more detail in this newsletter. She also reported on SIEL activities since 2011, including funding for IEL moots and seed money for conferences, the SIEL/CUP Essay Competition, the SIEL translation project, and activities of SIEL's regional and thematic networks. Lewis then discussed in detail the amendments to SIEL's Articles of Association proposed in the notice transmitted to

## SIEL GOVERNANCE

### Officers

Gabrielle Marceau (President); Meredith Kolsky Lewis & Colin Picker (Executive Vice-Presidents); Galina Zukova & Federico Ortino (Treasurers); Amelia Porges & Freya Baetens (SIEL Corporate Secretaries)

### Executive Council

Lorand Bartels, Tomer Broude, José Guilherme Moreno Caiado, Michael Ewing-Chow, Holger Hestermeyer, Locknie Hsu, Jurgen Kurtz, Andrew Lang, Nokuhle Madolo, Junji Nakagawa, Shin-yi Peng, Julia Ya Qin, Isabelle Van Damme, Tania Voon, Markus Wagner, Heng Wang

closed with heartfelt thanks to the National University of Singapore for its generous support for the conference, to Michael Ewing-Chow and Geraldine Ng for their tireless efforts organizing and running the conference, and to the student staff for their hard work.

# Conferences and Regional Group & Network Activities

## 1 - Calls for Papers

- A. Postgraduate and Early Professionals and Academics Network (PEPA)
- B. Red Latinoamericana de Derecho Económico Internacional
- C. Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN)
- D. African International Economic Law Conference (AfIELN)
- E. Law and Development Conference

## 1. Calls for Papers

### A. SIEL Postgraduate and Early Professionals and Academics Network (PEPA)

The conference will take place in Göttingen (Germany), 25th & 26th January 2013. Submissions should include a CV and a research abstract (no more than 400 words). They are to be sent no later than 31 October 2012 to [pepa2013conference@gmail.com](mailto:pepa2013conference@gmail.com). Papers will be selected based on a double blind review conducted by a senior practitioner or academic and a conference organizer. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 November 2012; after which they are expected to submit a conference paper (no more than 4000 words) by 31 December 2012. Papers will be made available online on the SIEL website ([www.sielnet.org](http://www.sielnet.org)). More information about the 2013 SIEL-PEPA Conference can be found at: <http://www.sielnet.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1129339>

### B. Red Latinoamericana de Derecho Económico Internacional

The Red Latinoamericana de Derecho Económico Internacional will hold its second biannual conference in Lima, Perú in 2013. The conference will be co-organized by the Escuela de Posgrado, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and the Facultad de Derecho e Instituto de Estudios Internacionales, Universidad de Chile. It will be held in Spanish and Portuguese. A call for papers will be published shortly.

### C. Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN)

The 3rd Biennial AIELN Conference will be held as follows:

Date: 18(Thu) and 19(Fri) July 2013  
 Venue: Ewha Womans University, Seoul  
 Theme: The WTO at 20 and the Future of the International Law on Trade, Investment and Finance  
 Deadline of the Call for Papers/Panels: End of 2012  
 Assessment/selection of the proposals: February 2013  
 The Call for Papers/Panels will be uploaded on the SIEL website in due course.

#### The 4th Biennial AIELN Conference

A Call for Venues will be uploaded on the SIEL website early 2013, and the AIELN Steering Committee will announce the date/venue/theme of the 4th Biennial AIELN Conference at the 3rd Biennial AIELN Conference in Seoul in July 2013.

### D. African International Economic Law Conference (AfIELN)

The African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) invites submission of abstracts for its second conference that is taking place in Johannesburg on 7-8 March 2013. The conference theme is Trade Governance: Integrating Africa Into The World Economy Through International Economic Law. The theme reflects the importance of integrating Africa in global trade and investment. Abstracts are invited on the following issues: 1) Trade in goods and agriculture, 2) Trade in services, 3) Foreign investment, 4) International finance and monetary policy, 5) Governance, 6) Competition law and policy, 7) Intellectual property rights and technology acquisition, 8) Infrastructure development and economic integration (especially transportation and energy), 9) Dispute settlement and 10) Multilateral economic governance and African economic integration. Papers discussing global economic integration and development will also be welcome. Abstracts should be submitted by email to Julie.Dunsford@wits.ac.za by 26 October 2012. Submissions should include an email with the author's name and full contact information, and a Word attachment with an anonymous abstract of no more than 300 words. Abstracts will be considered by a process of double-blind reviews and decisions on proposals will be sent by 9 November. Selected presenters will need to submit their papers (maximum 8 pages) for inclusion in the conference package by 1 February 2013. The registration fee for this conference is ZAR 1,500.00. Conference participants will be responsible for paying for and arranging their

own transport and accommodation. Limited scholarships covering registration fee, flights and accommodation may be available on submission of a motivated request. The conference will take place in the Chalsty Teaching and Conference Centre, Law School Building, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

### E. Law and Development Conference

Law and Development Conference "Legal and Development Implications of International Land Acquisitions" (Kyoto, Japan, 31 May 2013). The purpose of this conference is to look at large-scale international land acquisitions from a 'law and development' perspective and determine the various legal frameworks at international, national and local level that enable or constrain such processes. We welcome contributions from scholars and practitioners in all relevant fields. Keynote Speaker Liz Alden Wily, Independent Land Tenure Specialist. Nairobi Conference Themes include, but are not limited to: Competing Frameworks and Perspectives on Land Property: What is the relationship between customary land rights and national land tenure legislation? What is the role of legal pluralism and legal culture in international land acquisition processes? Land Grabbing in a Human Rights Perspective: Which international and national human rights laws, norms and conventions may be violated by international land acquisitions? How are indigenous rights secured or undermined in the countries targeted by foreign investors? Land Acquisitions and International Investment Law: How are the rights and responsibilities of foreign investors addressed in international investment law? What is the role and potential leverage of voluntary guidelines for the responsible governance of land, water & forest tenure? Repercussions of Land Acquisitions on Legal Frameworks: How do international land acquisitions and leases challenge and transform customary norms and regulations of resource access, national tenure legislation, and international legal and development frameworks? Abstract Submission: 15 November 2012. Notification of Acceptance: 1 January 2013. Full Paper Submission: 1 April 2013. Selected papers will be published in a 2013 "Law and Development Review" Special Issue. Please submit your abstract to Law and Development Institute by email at [info@lawanddevelopment.net](mailto:info@lawanddevelopment.net) with cc to Andreas Neef ([neef.andreas.4n@kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:neef.andreas.4n@kyoto-u.ac.jp)) and send all questions regarding the conference to Andreas Neef ([neef.andreas.4n@kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:neef.andreas.4n@kyoto-u.ac.jp)) or Y.S. Lee ([wto geneva@hotmail.com](mailto:wto geneva@hotmail.com)).

## Other IEL Activities

### 2 - Calls for Submissions

- A. Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy
- B. Latin American Journal of International Trade Law

### 3 - Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Moot Court 2012 – SIEL sponsorship

### 4 - New LL.M in International Law

### 5 - IEL Publisher Discounts

### 6 - SIEL members comings/goings

### 7 – ESIL Research Forum

### 8 - Other

#### 2. Calls for Submissions

##### A. Latin American Journal of International Trade Law

The Latin American Journal of International Trade Law of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México has been launched. The Editorial Board is currently initiating the editorial process for the first issue of volume 1 (publication in early February). Due to the bilingual nature of the Journal, a final version of the manuscript is needed by mid November as to proceed with the translation and have it ready for the planned date. For requirements on style, length and areas covered by the Journal, please find below the link to the Journal's website where you can also find the full Call for Papers.

[http://v880.derecho.unam.mx/revista\\_ldci/](http://v880.derecho.unam.mx/revista_ldci/)

##### B. Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy

The Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy is published by Oxford University Press (OUP). The Investment Yearbook monitors current developments in international investment law and policy, focusing (in Part One) on trends in foreign direct investment, international investment agreements, and investment disputes. Part Two, then, looks at central issues in the contemporary discussions on international investment law and policy. The chapters in Part Two may be detailed analyses or short think-pieces; in any event they must be original texts. All papers are subject to double-blind peer review. The Editor-

in-Chief of the Investment Yearbook is Andrea K. Bjorklund, UC Davis School of Law and McGill University Faculty of Law and Senior Fellow, Vale Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment Law and Policy. Original contributions to be considered for publication in the 2012/2013 edition of the *Investment Yearbook (Part Two)* should be sent (by 31 October 2012) either to Professor Bjorklund ([akbjorklund@ucdavis.edu](mailto:akbjorklund@ucdavis.edu)) or to the Yearbook's Managing Editor, Daniel Litwin ([daniel.litwin@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:daniel.litwin@mail.mcgill.ca)).

##### 3. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Moot Court 2012 – SIEL sponsorship

The 2012 FDI Moot will be hosted by Suffolk University in Boston on 2-4 November 2012. More on the FDI Moot at [www.fdimoot.org](http://www.fdimoot.org). SIEL has made a significant contribution to the 2012 FDI Moot Thomas Waelde Team Fund with the indication that the money go preferably to teams from least developed countries. With additional contributions from the Fund, the Fund expects to offer grants to contribute to the costs of the following institutions: the Russian Academy of Justice (Russia); Universitas Gadjah Mada Faculty of Law (Indonesia); Gujarat National Law University (India); National Law University (India); Nalsar University of Law (India); The National Law Institute University (NLIU) (India); Lagos State University School of Law (Nigeria); Kathmandu School of Law (Nepal); and, Addis Ababa University, School of Law (Ethiopia). Good luck to all teams!

##### 4. New LL.M in International Law

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is inviting applications for its new LL.M. in International Law starting September 2013. The LL.M. will provide advanced, comprehensive and practical training in international law to a select group of participants. Students on the LL.M. Programme will gain exposure to world-renowned faculty, benefit from being at the heart of international legal affairs in Geneva and have the opportunity to share ideas with other participants who come from an array of different legal backgrounds and perspectives. The Programme allows participants to tailor their studies according to their particular interests, while compulsory courses provide a firm grounding in public international law. Small tutorials and intensive courses facilitate a deeper exploration of the most pressing questions in the field with professors and practitioners at the cutting edge of international law. The LL.M. in International Law is also profoundly committed to developing the transferable skills necessary to succeed in the professional world. To this end, law clinics, workshops on legal writing, presentation skills and career development, as well as a variety of network-building events, provide the best possible springboard from which to launch or advance a career in international law. Applications for the 2013-2014 academic year will close on 15 January 2013. For more information or to apply, please visit: <http://graduateinstitute.ch/executive/llm>

##### 5. IEL Publisher Discounts

Since its inception, the SIEL has negotiated SIEL member discounts with a wide variety of publishers, all of whom have been very supportive of the SIEL. For more information on discounts being provided from individual publishers, please visit:

[www.sielnet.org/Default.aspx?pageId=107157](http://www.sielnet.org/Default.aspx?pageId=107157)

##### 6. SIEL members comings/goings

Holger Hestermeyer will leave his position as Head of Research Group at Heidelberg's Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law to take up a post as *référéndaire* in the chambers of Advocate General Cruz Villalón. The final seminar of his research group on "Diversity and the Law" will take place at the end of November / beginning of December.

##### 7. Research Forum of the European Society of International Law (ESIL)

The 5<sup>th</sup> Research Forum will explore four particular roles exercised by international lawyers: the international lawyer as a judge or arbitrator; as a legal adviser, counsel or diplomat; as an academic, researcher, or teacher; and as a domestic lawyer. The Organising Committee of the Research Forum now invites proposals for papers to be presented at the Research Forum, as well as proposals for full panels of speakers. Only one abstract per author will be considered. Papers delivered at the Research Forum must be unpublished. Deadline for submission of abstracts and panel proposals: 15 November 2012. For more information, please visit: [www.esil2013.nl/call-for-proposals/call-for-papers-and-panel-proposals/](http://www.esil2013.nl/call-for-proposals/call-for-papers-and-panel-proposals/).

##### 8. Other

SIEL seeks to publicize IEL events – be they conferences, "calls for papers", IEL competitions, IEL programmes and so on. Please send us such information for posting. To view a list of past SIEL posts, please visit the SIEL website ([www.sielnet.org](http://www.sielnet.org)). As members of a member-run organization, please consider getting in touch with Meredith Lewis and Colin Picker, SIEL Executive Vice-Presidents, with specific ideas for SIEL projects and services. We are committed to expanding SIEL activities and services wherever appropriate - be it alone or in partnership with other IEL organizations around the world. Indeed, at the moment we are in the process of developing new projects and services and once they are finalized we will let you know.

Thanks for your support and interest.

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