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Should you wish to include an item in the next SIEL newsletter, please contact the editors.

A. SIEL news

SIEL on social media

More than 2000 people already liked our [Facebook page](#) and found a way to keep in touch with us and with the latest news and discussions in international economic law.

SIEL website upgrade

SIEL website upgrade is almost complete! But please still be patient as some parts of the site will not be available. We look forward to offering members a new and improved site in the near future.

B. President's corner

SIEL invited to collaborate with UNCTAD - On 17 October 2014, the UNCTAD Secretary General Mr Mukhisa Kituyi, in his speech closing the World Investment Forum (WIF), outlined the new collaboration between UNCTAD, SIEL and the Academy of International Business for the launch of the Global Network for International Law, Business and Economics. The goal of this new Global Network is to facilitate exchanges between the academic community and UNCTAD members on policy issues relevant to international economic law. SIEL is both pleased and humbled by this official recognition of the outstanding reputation of its members working on investment issues and is looking forward to the collaboration.

SIEL participated in the WIF Multi-Disciplinary Academic Conference held on 15 October. Locknie Hsu, Michael Ewing-Chow and Federico Ortino led the SIEL flag in three of the seven panel discussions. Locknie's panel addressed the issue of "responsible investment", and how initiatives in different areas - for example corporate social responsibility in the airline industry and food security in relation to agriculture and environment protection, might together help to foster investment in order to achieve sustainable development. Michael's panel looked at how to best translate development strategies into international investment policies and how to promote investment that favours economic growth that benefits all, including the poorest. Federico's panel discussed some of the incoherence in national and international investment policies, and between investment and other policy areas (e.g. trade, taxation, environment, human rights, social or other) while exploring ideas about how to make investment policies work better for sustainable development.

In the conference's closing session presided by James Zhan, Director (and the lungs) of the UNCTAD Division on Investment and Enterprise, I had the honour, as President of SIEL, to suggest that the wealth of knowledge resulting from this academic conference be further enhanced by the creation of a new UNCTAD platform for further collaboration between UNCTAD and the academic community from a variety of disciplines. This will encompass: (i) a multi-disciplinary network, initially in economics, international business and law, but subsequently expanded to other disciplines; (ii) an e-hub (hosted by UNCTAD); (iii) a research repository; and (iv) follow-up meetings and conferences, including during the forthcoming WIF16.

Larry is retiring

SIEL's librarian, Lawrence D. MacLachlan, is retiring. Larry, who is also the Director of Research & Instruction of the Leon E. Bloch Law Library, UMKC School of Law, has immensely supported us during all these years, especially with the publication of conference papers and communication with publishing houses and institutions. We are very thankful to him for all his work and wish him all the best in his last years at UMKC before enjoying his well deserved retirement.

SIEL GOVERNANCE

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

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The new collaboration offers exciting new research opportunities to all SIEL members, and enables academics to assist UNCTAD members with more pragmatic policy-based research in investment and other fields of international economic law. We have made our mark and this is just a beginning!

As a follow-up to the October event, UNCTAD will convene a three-day expert meeting from 25-28 February in Geneva on the "Transformation of the IIA Regime". Experts, representing a wide range of stakeholders, will pick up on the current pressing issues of reform and identify concrete strategies and action points that will help shape a sustainable development-friendly international investment framework and improved global investment governance. We are happy to see that SIEL members' expertise on international economic law can add value to the multi-stakeholder policy debate that UNCTAD will host in February.

Gabrielle Marceau

Publications by SIEL members

Calls for papers

- A. Red
- B. 2015 Joint IEL Asia conference
- C. 2015 ILA-ASIL research forum
- D. IEL and climate change
- E. TDM

IEL jobs

- A. Post- and PhD in human rights
- B. PhD in Leuven

Publications by SIEL members

H Hestermeyer, [Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the World Trade Organization: Legal Aspects and Practice](#), in: Riedel & Giacca, *Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights: Contemporary Issues and Challenges*, 260-286 (OUP, 2014)

L Toohey, [Reinvigorating the WTO from the Inside Out: Revisiting the Role of the Secretariat](#) 9(2) *Asian Journal of WTO and International Health Law and Policy* 385 (2014)

L Toohey and J Crowe, [The Illusory Reference Of Transitional States And Non-Market Economy Status](#) 2(2) *Chinese Journal of Comparative Law* 1 (2014)

M Lewis and A Mitchell, [Food Miles: Environmental Protection or Veiled Protectionism?](#) 35 *Michigan Journal of International Law* 579 (2014)

R Leal-Arcas, [International Energy Governance: Selected Legal Issues](#) (Elgar, 2014)

T Broude, [Behavioral International Law](#), 163 *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* (forthcoming, 2015).

T Broude, [A Diet too Far? Cultural Heritage, Cultural Diversity and Culinary Practices](#), forthcoming in Irene Calboli and Srividhya Radavan (eds.), *Protecting and Promoting Diversity with Intellectual Property Law* (CUP, 2015).

T Broude, [A Crafty Madness Kept Aloof: Anti-dumping as Faulted Global Governance](#), forthcoming in Daniel Drache and Les Jacobs (eds.), *Grey Zones of Global Governance and Trade: Anti-Dumping, Subsidies, Human Rights and Policy Spaces* (2015).

Calls for Papers

A. Conference Red Latinoamericana

The Red Latinoamericana de Derecho Económico Internacional will hold its **third biennial conference** on the topic "The role of Latin America in International Economic Law" from 22-24 October 2015 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. It has now published the **call for papers** for the conference with a deadline of 8 February 2015. Conference languages are Spanish and Portuguese. The call for papers can be accessed on [SIEL's website](#).

B. 2015 Joint IEL Asia conference

The 2015 annual conference of Asia WTO Research Network (AWRN) and IEL Interest Group of the Australia/New Zealand Society of International Law (ANZSIL-IELG) and the 4th Biennial Conference of Asian IEL Network (AIELN) will be jointly held in Bali, Indonesia on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July 2015. Organizers invite proposals of papers, panels and posters under the general topic of "**Regionalism in Asia-Pacific and Beyond: Challenges and Opportunities**". Submissions are to be sent to the Organizing Committee for consideration. More information can be found [here](#).

C. 2015 ILA-ASIL Asia-Pacific research forum

The Chinese (Taiwan) Society of International Law will hold the ILA-ASIL Asia-Pacific Research Forum on 25-26 May 2015 in Taipei, Taiwan. The theme of the Research Forum is "Integrating the Asia-Pacific: Why International Law Matters?" Paper proposals should be submitted by 20 January 2015 to the [organizing committee](#). The call for papers is available [here](#). Other inquiries can be directed to [Pasha Hsieh](#), co-chair of the Research Forum.

D. IEL and climate change

Submissions are welcomed to the Special Issue on Climate Change and International Economic Law for the journal "Laws" edited by Professor Lawrence Gostin of Georgetown University Law Center. The journal is looking particularly for interdisciplinary approaches and for perspectives from a diversity of geographic areas and legal cultures. The journal emphasizes law and policy, so I am considering a range of analyses, from theoretical and doctrinal to practice and policy pieces. If this invitation sparks your interest, feel free to write to [Sonia E. Rolland](#) (Northeastern University) to further discuss the specific content of your paper. The full overview of the call for papers is available [here](#).

E. TDM special issue on EU and Canada

TDM will publish a special issue on the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the European Union and Canada (CETA) and is hereby inviting contributions dealing with the Agreement and the issues raised by any of its chapters. Of particular interest in the investment chapter are clarifications brought to key substantive provisions such as fair and equitable treatment; the definition of investment, which refers to "income generating assets" in the sense used by economists; the fair and equitable standard, including manifest arbitrariness, targeted discrimination on manifestly wrongful grounds and abusive treatment of investors, and its interpretation by the contracting Parties; the definition of acts de jure imperii, and CETA's detailed language on what constitutes indirect expropriation. Proposals or papers should be submitted directly to the co-editors - Herfried Wöss, Fabien Gélinas, Andrea Bjorklund, and John Gaffney - by 15 January, 2015 - contact details on [the TDM website](#).

IEL Jobs

A. Post- and PhD positions in human rights

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Freie Universität Berlin have announced a call for applications for the second cohort of the joint three-year interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme entitled "Human Rights under Pressure – Ethics, Law and Politics" (HR-UP) funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Einstein Foundation Berlin. HR-UP offers young researchers a unique opportunity to conduct cutting-edge research on the most pressing contemporary challenges for human rights, including issues arising from globalization and international economic law. Doctoral researchers will receive competitive fellowships and mobility funds for research terms at the partner university. They will be jointly supervised by senior researchers from Germany and Israel, and participate in both jointly and locally held courses, including a two-week introductory intensive course in Jerusalem, joint interdisciplinary colloquia, research 'master-classes', and three annual summer schools in Berlin. The programme also includes two post-doctoral positions (one in each university). The deadline for applications is 27 January 2015. More information is available [here](#).

B. PhD position at the Leuven Centre

The internationally renowned Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies is looking for an outstanding junior legal researcher for a four year research project in the area of international economic law with a view to obtaining a PhD in law. More information about the position can be found [here](#). To learn more about the centre, please visit [their website](#).

IEL Activities

- A. Leuven/UOP trade database
- B. IEL Conference in Lagos

Regional & Network Activities

- A. Development network

Other Activities

- A. IEL publisher discounts
- B. New positions/titles
- C. 2014 SIEL/CUP Essay Prize
- D. SIEL website
- E. Other

IEL Activities

A. Leuven/UOP trade database project

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and Oxford University Press are in the process of creating a database on the case law of trade-related international disputes, focusing on issues relating to public international law. The database covers cases decided by, inter alia, the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (Panels and the Appellate Body), NAFTA and the Caribbean Court of Justice. Decisions of other tribunals, such as those of ASEAN, MERCOSUR and EFTA, are equally targeted. The centre is currently looking for contributors who are experts in the fields of public international law, WTO law, and international trade law that would like to take part in the project. Contributors are asked to draft short case notes (around 1000 words). If you are interested in becoming a contributor, send [Dylan Geraets](#) a short description of your relevant background and experience. If you have specific interests or expertise relevant to the project, feel free to suggest specific case notes. Please do keep in mind that many WTO cases have already been commissioned for head notes and may no longer be available.

B. IEL conference in Lagos

The African International Economic Law Network (AFIELN) and The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos in conjunction with The Prince Claus Chair in Development and Equity, is holding the [Third Biennial Conference](#), in Lagos, on 30 April–May 1 2015. The Conference will also host the Prince Claus Chair Roundtable on The Right to Development in Africa.

Regional and Network Activities

A. Development and IEL network

The Development and International Economic Law Network, co-chaired by Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer and Suresh Nanwani, hopes to bring together scholars and practitioners from the SIEL to share thoughts and experiences in the wide field of development, trade, investment, and finance. Our preliminary meeting was mainly aimed at determining the level of interest among SIEL members for such an interest group, but it necessarily also addressed the question of what such a network will do. To start the thinking process, the chairs pointed out that "development" itself is a broad term, and that the network's own scope will depend on how we want to define "development". Should it mean: (1) Anything about developing countries? Under this approach, the Network could, for example, look at IEL rules, practices, and problems in specific developing and least-developed countries; analyse preferential treatment regimes and their effects; or address North-South or South-South issues. (2) Anything relating to the concept "development"? This could lead to work on defining development for purposes of IEL (e.g., development as economic strength, as freedom, or as happiness); to studying the relationship between IEL rules and the right to development; or to looking at issues of sustainability and development. While the participants were not expected to come to an agreement on precisely what they meant by development, the chairs felt that there should be a programme of activity that would allow for taking up the question as a group. After considering various possible activities such as launching a blog within the SIEL, holding workshops, proposing a panel for the next biannual meeting or for other conferences, the decision was taken to begin with the creation of an internal SIEL blog. This will be initiated as soon as the SIEL web revisions are completed. Future activities can then follow. The Chairs want to encourage any SIEL members who could not attend the meeting to contact [Krista](#) and [Suresh](#) if they are interested in joining the Network.

Other Activities

A. 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. More information on discounts available can be found [here](#).

B. New positions/titles

If you have any upcoming changes, whether temporary or permanent, that you would like us to list, please email either [José](#) or [Freya](#) with the details.

C. 2014 SIEL/CUP Essay Prize

SIEL warmly congratulates Joshua Zell of the University of Cambridge, the 2014 winner of [the SIEL/CUP Essay Prize](#) for his essay 'Just Between You and Me: Mutual Recognition Agreements and the Most Favoured Nation Principle'. We also thank the Prize Committee, Alan Sykes, Andrew Lang, Jürgen Kurtz, Isabelle Van Damme and Lorand Bartels.

D. SIEL website

SIEL is happy to post IEL job advertisements, conference and journal calls, and similar material on the [News, Events and Jobs](#) section of the website. Material can be sent directly to [Lisa Toohey](#). Please send appropriate text that can be cut and pasted into our section. Please do NOT send files for uploading, but rather a hyperlink.

E. Other

SIEL seeks to **publicise IEL events** including conferences, calls for papers, IEL competitions, IEL programmes etc. Please send us such information for posting. To view a list of past SIEL posts, please visit the [SIEL website](#). As members of a member-run organization, please consider getting in touch with Meredith Lewis and Holger Hestermeyer, SIEL Executive Vice-Presidents, with specific ideas for SIEL projects and services. We are committed to expanding SIEL activities and services wherever appropriate - whether individual 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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