



Interest Group Spotlight:

News from some of ASIL's 28 Interest Groups

Teaching International Law

The Teaching International Law Interest Group will continue its tradition of hosting a breakfast program for international law professors at the Association of American Law Schools' Annual Meeting. This coming year's program will be held in San Francisco on January 6, 2011, and will be co-sponsored by the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, an ASIL Academic Partner. The theme of the program will be "Internationalizing the Faculty's Scholarship and Teaching". For information or to volunteer to assist, please contact TILIG Co-Chair Cindy Buys at cbuys@law.siu.edu.

International Legal Research

The recently formed International Legal Research Interest Group (ILRIG) has several initial projects in the works. Its Steering Committee submitted three substantive proposals for the 2011 ASIL Annual Meeting program and is now moving quickly to publish the group's first newsletter. The ILRIG has also proposed to provide volunteer legal research liaisons to assist the ASIL Annual Meeting Program Committee with its preparation of panel topics and to offer on-site research assistance to ASIL officers, distinguished speakers and guests, and panelists at the Annual Meeting itself. The ILRIG also plans to exercise its option to host a substantive session during its meeting time within the Annual Meeting schedule and is preparing a program for that purpose.

This past July, several members of the ILRIG met for an informal social hour during the American Association of Law Libraries' annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. The evening gathering left all looking forward to a strong future for this newest member of the ASIL Interest Group program.

International Economic Law

The International Economic Law Interest Group's **Biennial Meeting** will be held at the University of Minnesota Law School **November 18-20, 2010**. The theme of the conference is "**International Economic Law in a Time of Change: Reassessing Legal Theory, Doctrine, Methodology, and Policy Prescriptions**." In response to the call for papers, the Interest Group received more than 130 suggestions for topics of discussion from scholars around the world, which bodes well for the scope of academic engagement during the conference itself. The Conference Committee is currently engaged in a blind review process to determine which papers will be selected for presentation at the conference. The call for papers is available at www.asil.org/2010econ. **José Alvarez** (New York University Law), World Trade Organization (WTO) Appellate Body member **Ricardo Ramirez** (Mexico), and **Beth Simmons** (Harvard Kennedy School) will be keynote speakers. There will be a special panel on the reissue of **Robert Hudec's** classic book *Developing Countries in the GATT Legal System*, at which commentators including **Mike Finger**, **Bernard Hoekman** (World Bank), and **Chiedhu Osakwe** (WTO) will consider the modern implications of Hudec's theories. For more information and to register, visit www.asil.org/2010econ.

The IECLIG, together with the World Trade Institute (WTI), Bern, Switzerland, will present a panel discussing the role of the G20 in World Trade Organization (WTO) governance at this year's WTO Public Forum ("The Forces Shaping World Trade") on September 17, 2010. The panel will identify the conditions under which the G20, as an emerging executive coordinator of global economic regulation, could best complement the WTO's decision-making process. The WTO Public Forum is a

prestigious annual gathering among the world's leading academic institutions, policymakers, and nongovernmental organizations to discuss various ways to improve WTO governance creatively and transparently. This is the first time the IECLIG has been invited to speak at the event and marks a critical step in Interest Group efforts to engage the larger policy community. For questions, please contact IECLIG Co-Vice Chairs **Claire Kelly** (claire.kelly@brooklaw.edu) and **Sungjoon Cho** (scho1@kentlaw.edu).

In response to the Washington & Lee/UNCTAD Joint Symposium on International Investment and Alternative Dispute Resolution – an event co-sponsored this past spring by the IECLIG – UNCTAD will be publishing a paper that includes submissions from a number of Interest Group members. The submission will also contain the comments of ASIL members **Michael Reisman** and **Lucy Reed**. The conference was recently highlighted in UNCTAD's *World Investment Report 2010* and demonstrates the critical impact that Interest Group activities can have within international organizations and economic law stakeholders.

The Interest Group continues to solicit submissions for IECLIG-sponsored ASIL *Insights*. (ASIL *Insights* are periodic online articles that provide objective analysis of topical issues.) Those Interest Group members considering a possible contribution should know that submissions must address a timely issue in international economic law, be succinct (i.e. less than 2,000 words), and strive to maintain a neutral tone. Members with ideas related to international trade, investment, intellectual property, tax, finance, arbitration, or commercial law are encouraged to email a proposal (including a title and abstract of no more than 200 words) to IECLIG Co-Vice Chairs Kelly and Cho.

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