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Sponsor the CCIL Annual Conference

Dear Leanne,

Welcome to the CCIL Summer 2013 newsletter. We are excited to bring you several updates, announcements and articles of interest in the area of international law.

Bienvenue au Bulletin du CCDI d'été 2013. Nous sommes heureux de vous présenter plusieurs mises à jour, des annonces et des articles d'intérêt concernant le domaine du droit international.

2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

We announced in the last newsletter that the CCIL's Annual Conference will be taking place from November 14-16 2013 with the theme of "**Contemporary Actors and their Actions: A New Look at the Formation of International Law.**" Since that announcement, we have been working hard to line up some exciting keynote speakers for the conference. Already confirmed are former International Court of Justice judge Stephen Schwebel, former International Court of Justice judge Awn Al-Khasawneh, Supreme Court of Canada Justice Louis LeBel, and Chair of the World Energy Council Marie-José Nadeau.

A general call for paper and presentation proposals was sent out in early May and these proposals were due on June 3rd. We are in the process of reviewing the submissions and are looking forward to further developing the conference itinerary with panels of interest.

We are still in need of sponsors to make this the best event possible for our participants. **Please review our [Sponsorship Package](#)** and contact us at manager@ccil-ccdi.ca.

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS Ronald St. John McDonald Award

A call for student papers for the Ronald St. John Macdonald Young Scholars Award was sent out in mid-May and invited students who are studying at the graduate or undergraduate level in any discipline or articling students to submit papers for consideration for the award. Successful applicants will give a presentation based on their paper at the Annual Conference. The deadline for submitting papers was July 12, 2013. Thank you to everyone who participated. Stay tuned for the successful applicant announcements!

CCIL HOSTS A HALF-DAY CONFERENCE in Collaboration with Jessup Competition

For the second consecutive year, the CCIL organized its second half-day conference in collaboration with the Jessup Competition on March 7, 2013 in Kingston, Ontario. The conference offered an opportunity to explore major issues raised by the annual Jessup problem in an informal setting, with academics, practitioners and students on hand to

The theme of this year's Annual Conference is "**Contemporary Actors and their Actions: A New Look at the Formation of International Law**" to be held on November 14-16 at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada in Ottawa.

Each year, the Annual Conference relies heavily on sponsors for its success. It is a gathering of CCIL Members over three days to discuss issues relating to a central international law theme. The Conference features leading experts from academia, government, the private sector, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. Approximately 350-400 international law practitioners attend the Annual Conference.

If you would like to get involved and/or sponsor the Conference, please feel free to review our [sponsorship package](#) and/or contact us at manager@ccdi-ccdi.ca

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discuss themes of interest. The two panels held this year were no exception, and focused on migration issues and sovereign debt restructuring.

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FEATURED ARTICLES

6th Annual Workshop for Women in International Security: Women, Violence, and International Security 31 May and 1 June, 2013 - Toronto, Canada

The Canadian Chapter of Women in International Security and the Centre for National Security Studies at the Canadian Forces College, in cooperation with the York Centre for International Security Studies and the Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL) hosted the 6th Annual Workshop for Women in International Security (WIIS). Every year, the Workshop brings together students, scholars and professionals in the field of international relations, international security and international law with the goal of advancing the position of women in the field.

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Outlining a TWAIL Critique of the Rights Discourse: The UDHR in Focus *Sanya Samtani*

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is widely believed to set down the principles at the very heart of the rights discourse. Human rights are widely touted to be those moral rights that ought not ever be violated for they further the goals of self realization of every human being without discrimination. Interestingly, the UDHR is in the nature of a declaration - that is, a non binding document that is passed by way of a resolution in the General Assembly. The politics of nomenclature arise here - the researcher argues that the term "universal" is in itself problematic, since it presumes universal application amongst all states. For this to be further understood, the genesis of international law itself must be explored, and the motives behind its origin and subsequent imposition be questioned.

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Legality of Drone Strikes in International (?) Law: A Twail Approach *Varun Baliga*

Drone strikes ordered by the Obama administration in Pakistan have challenged the boundaries of international law. Can one nation unilaterally strike another which it is not in a state of armed conflict with? Ben Emmerson Q.C. of the United Nations has been mandated to answer the question of its legality but the more basic question is whether traditional concepts of international law can even begin to understand the panoply of issues at play in contemporary drone warfare?

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Commentaires de la Coalition pour la diversité culturelle sur l'Accord plurilatéral et international en matière de services *La Coalition pour la diversité culturelle*

La Coalition pour la diversité culturelle a été créée il y a plus de dix ans dans le but de faire reconnaître par la communauté internationale que les biens et services culturels ne devraient pas être traités comme les autres dans les accords sur le commerce étant donné leur double nature - économique et culturelle - et comme porteurs d'identités, de valeurs et de sens. Il est largement reconnu que les gouvernements du Canada et du Québec, de même que les organisations culturelles de

notre pays, ont joué un rôle déterminant sur la scène internationale afin d'obtenir des appuis en faveur de ce qui est devenu la Convention sur la protection et la promotion de la diversité des expressions culturelles.

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Migrant Workers

Nadir Pracha

As Qatar gears up to host the 2022 football world cup, French Algerian footballer Zahir Belounis has spent nearly two years without pay in a Qatari first division club. Belounis claims that he has been barred from leaving the country and threatened. In the wealthy countries of the Middle East this is an unusual case only in that it has affected a more skilled migrant and Western European national. Millions of migrants - from the unskilled construction workers building the regions gleaming new towers, to the domestic workers who cook, clean and serve the local population - have flooded into the region. Their numbers even outstripping the local population of the smaller Gulf Arab states.

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INTERNATIONAL LAW EVENTS OF INTEREST

August 18-20, 2013

Canadian Bar Association Legal Conference and Expo Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

The CBA Canadian Legal Conference and Expo is the premiere annual event for legal professional in Canada. The Conference features outstanding PD programs, sessions and networking opportunities. There are also opportunities for those who wish to get involved as Exhibitors. For more information [click here](#).

August 27, 2013

Interpretation in International Law

Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge

Given that international law is constituted, in practical terms, by acts of interpretation, there is a need for greater methodological awareness of interpretive theory and practice in international law. Proposed panels include: interpretation and legal doctrine; interpretation and the sources of international law; interpretation and the interpreters; interpretation and the international legal order; interpretation and cultural contingency; and interpretation and indeterminacy. Keynote presentations include: Judge Sir David Baragwanath (President, Special Tribunal for Lebanon); Professor Andrea Bianchi (The Graduate Institute, Geneva) and Ingo Venzke (University of Amsterdam).

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<http://www.asil.org/calendar/attachments/D6D175.pdf>

September 20-21, 2013

Justice Beyond the State: Transnationalism and Law Faculty of Law, University of Windsor

University of Windsor Faculty of Law, Windsor, ON. For complete description of the event, [click here](#). Registration and detailed conference information will be available shortly on the website of the Transnational Law and Justice Committee

<http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/tlj/>

October 10-11, 2013

Arbitration and Mediation Center of the World Intellectual Property Organization

Seoul, Republic of Korea

The purpose of this Workshop is to provide intensive basic training of a practical nature for party representatives in arbitration and for arbitrators. The training, conducted by experienced international arbitrators, will focus on the main principles of international commercial arbitration law and practice, with particular reference to the practical case application of the WIPO Arbitration and WIPO Expedited Arbitration Rules in intellectual property and technology disputes. The arbitration rules of other arbitration institutions are also referred to for purposes of comparison. CLE/CPD credits on request.

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