

HIGHLIGHTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Law, Justice and Development Week 2016: “Climate Change, Law and Development”, December 5-9, 2016, World Bank Headquarters**

The [Law, Justice and Development Week 2016](#) on “Climate Change, Law and Development” will be held on December 5-9, 2016 at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C. The first and second days will focus on Climate Change, the third day on International Financial Institutions, and the fourth and fifth days will be dedicated to Global Forum activities. Some of the Global Forum partners to participate throughout LJD Week 2016 are the following:

- American Bar Association
- Budapest Centre for Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Center for Water Security and Cooperation
- Comparative Research Program on Poverty
- Emory University School of Law
- Environmental Law Institute
- European Law Institute
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- European Club for Countertrade and Offset
- European Public Law Organization
- Fondation pour le Droit Continental
- French Conseil d’Etat
- French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Institut des Hautes Etudes pour la Justice
- International Finance Corporation
- International Legal Foundation
- Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development
- Penal Reform International
- Qatar University
- Société Internationale de Criminologie
- South East European Research Centre
- United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
- Union Internationale du Notariat Latin
- University of Nagoya
- University of Tokyo
- Washington College of Law, American University
- World Bank
- World Resources Institute

The full program will be available shortly, and registration will open the first week of September.

GLOBAL FORUM NEWS

Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger wins 2016 Justitia Regnorum Fundamentum award

Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, chair of the Forum's ENRL TWG for three years, as a co-chair of the LJD Climate and the Law CoP and one of our editors for the Review, won the 2016 Justitia Regnorum Fundamentum award. According to the Laudatio, their decision was partly due to the work that she has done with the Global Forum LJD.

Read the full Article from the The Lauterpacht Centre

<http://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/news/content/marie-claire-cordonier-segger-wins-2016-justitia-regnorum-fundamentum-award>

Financial contributions from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to two Global Forum projects

On June 23, 2016, the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs granted financial contributions to two Global Forum projects: 1) Collecting and preserving evidence on atrocity crimes: international assistance contribution to the states' responsibility to protect (*see below*); and 2) Human-Centered Business Model: a holistic approach for a new model of doing business.

The Global Forum Secretariat, as well as leading partners for the proposals, are grateful to the Ministry for their support and contributions. For more information on Global Forum projects in the pipeline, please see:

http://www.globalforumljd.org/sites/default/files/docs/about/TWGs%20Proposals%20Compact%20Document%2010%2030_0.pdf

Collecting and preserving evidence on atrocity crimes: international assistance contribution to the states' responsibility to protect

The French Ministry of Foreign affairs' financial contribution will allow the development of a system that aims to detect atrocity crimes and facilitate the work of investigators and criminal courts, by supporting the collection and preservation of critical evidence.

The system would be an independently-operating system that would, in a neutral way, guide individuals reporting information about atrocity crimes. Information submitted through a dedicated and secure website, via a smartphone application, text-messaging, or email, will be sent to a central server, securing evidence for future investigations and judicial procedures.

The initiative led by UNICRI benefited from the initial participation of the International Criminal Court and the Budapest Centre for the Prevention of Mass Atrocities.

The French grant will allow for the development of a beta-version of the web-based system, and will be instrumental to test the system and support further fundraising for the entire project.

- **CoP on the Legal Aspects of Forced Displacement**

The new Community of Practice on [Legal Aspects of Forced Displacement](#) held its first meeting on June 23, 2016, and agreed to establish a roadmap for its activities. The CoP also started working on a Legal Compendium on International, Regional and National Refugee law.

Partners interested in joining the CoP should reach out to the Global Forum Secretariat with an expression of interest.

- **CoP on the Legal Aspects of Contract Farming**

Recently developed by UNIDROIT jointly with FAO and IFAD, the Community of Practice on [Legal Aspects of Contract Farming](#) is intended to promote a favorable legal environment for contract farming operations. Key in this context is the dissemination and implementation of the [UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming](#), released in July 2015.

The CoP serves as a dynamic platform to share knowledge, to promote projects and collaboration among interested stakeholders, including regional and international organizations, government institutions, judiciaries, think tanks, academia, and civil society organizations, with relevant research and practice in agri-business law, and more specifically in contract farming.

Over the recent months, significant steps have been made to build up the CoP and to promote its objectives. Particularly worthy of mention is the international conference entitled “*Creating a favourable legal environment for contract farming*” hosted by UNIDROIT on April 27, 2016. The Conference was organised in collaboration with FAO and IFAD, under the auspices of the Italian

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. It aimed to provide information on contract farming and explain the approach and practical usefulness of the Legal Guide on Contract Farming, and information on current plans regarding the implementation of the Guide in various countries to potential stakeholders. Diplomatic representations in Italy, international organizations, non-governmental organisations, bilateral cooperation agencies, and private companies involved in contract farming, attended the Conference, and actively participated in very dynamic and productive discussions. Access here the report on the Conference: <http://www.unidroit.org/english/news/2016/20160427-unidroit-fao-ifad-cf-legal-guide/report-e.pdf>

For more information on how to join the CoP and take part in its activities, please visit the CoP's webpage at <http://www.unidroit.org/community-of-practice/home>.

- **CoP on Insolvency: International Conference on “The Treatment of Shareholders’ Rights in the Insolvency of Companies”**

The [CoP on Insolvency](#) held on June 23, 2016 its first conference on "The treatment of Shareholders' Rights in the Insolvency of Companies" in Rome, Italy. The conference was jointly organized by the Bank of Italy and the University of Florence. Seven hours of continuing legal education credits were requested at the Council of the Bar Association of Rome.

The conference was the first of a series of public events aimed at disseminating and discussing the results of a research project co-led by the Bank of Italy, the IBA and the World Bank on the treatment of shareholders in insolvency procedures. Information and documentation concerning this project may be found [here](#).

- **C4D Transition Update**

In September 2016, collaboration for Development (C4D) will be switching to a new platform. Most of our current content and collaboration features will transition to the new platform, with an enhanced look and feel. The transition will bring a few major changes:

- After the launch, **all C4D users must login to access content or participate in C4D communities**. It will no longer be possible to browse C4D communities as a

guest without logging in. Registered Users: Please note that **you will have to reset your password when you login to the updated platform for the first time.**

- New Members: Register by creating an account and password.

In order to minimize any disruption, we recommend that you do the following to prepare for the transition:

- **Save any draft documents or personal documents to your personal drive, or publish them in your community.**
- Two weeks prior to the launch, C4D will undergo a **read-only period. During this period, you will still be able to log in and read content on the platform. Exact dates will be shared as soon as they become available.**

Please email mnicoli@worldbank.org if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM PARTNERS

- **[CALL FOR PROPOSALS: UNCITRAL Congress on Modernizing International Trade Law to Support Innovation and Sustainable Development, 4-6 July 2017, Vienna](#)**

In July 2017, the United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) will host a three-day Congress to celebrate UNCITRAL's 50th anniversary and explore new directions in cross-border commerce. Leaders in the field of international trade law, including practitioners, judges, academics, international officials and other experts will consider ways in which UNCITRAL's texts on international trade law can contribute to innovation and sustainable development in the coming years.

Proposals are invited from researchers, scholars and practitioners on any aspect of the substantive rules governing international commercial transactions. Abstracts may be submitted in either English or French, and papers in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish. Deadline for submission of proposals is **September 9, 2016**. More information about proposals can be found [here](#).

The Congress will be open to anyone with an interest in international trade and business, the work of UNCITRAL and the potential of trade law reform and innovation to translate the United Nations sustainable development goals into action to advance business and trade at country level.

Attendance at the Congress is free of charge. More information is available [here](#).

- **Creation of the European Law and Governance School by the European Public Law Institute (EPLO)**

Aiming to be continuously at the forefront of research and education, the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) is pleased to announce the creation of its special Agency called the [European Law and Governance School](#) (ELGS).

The [European Law and Governance School](#) was officially presented at the Presidential Palace of the Italian Republic Quirinale, in the presence of H.E. The President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella.

The European Law and Governance School (ELGS) is a modern international school with the aim and mission to offer excellence in tertiary levels of education in the fields of European Law and Governance and the vision to create a generation of youth that will identify themselves as Europeans, that will serve Europe, and will disseminate the idea, culture and values of Europe throughout the world.

The School offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses with a unique design, incomparable curriculum and fresh material that enable students a high degree of personalization, flexibility and interdisciplinarity.

- **22nd Academy of European Public Law, August 22 – September 11, 2016 (EPLO)**

The [European Public Law Organization \(EPLO\)](#) is organizing the **2016 Academy of European Public Law** (www.eploacademy.eu) at EPLO's premises in Athens, Sounion and Spetses Island in Greece.

The Academy offers 3-week summer study sessions for those interested in furthering their knowledge on the philosophical backdrop of different European national public law systems, as well as on their commonalities and differences. Students may attend one session to earn a

Certificate of Attendance in European Public Law, or, attend two consecutive summer sessions to obtain the Intensive International Master of Laws (I.I.L.L.M.) in European Public Law.

The deadline for applications is **July 15, 2016**. For more information, please visit the Academy website www.eploacademy.eu or contact EPLO at: +30 211 311 0672, academy@eplo.eu

- **New MOOC on EU and Human Rights – Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies**

After a very successful first run of the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on ‘EU and Human Rights’, which reached more than 8,000 students worldwide, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies initiated a 7-week rerun of the course. The MOOC provides a basic course on human rights using FRAME research results, targeting undergraduate students and other people interested in the topic, such as international organizations and NGO staff. It is offered **until August 7, 2016**, free of charge and includes a collection of videos of lectures and teaching materials. The trailer for the MOOC can be watched on [YouTube](#).

- **International Conference on the Identification of Individuals as a Global Challenge, September 21, 2016, Paris, France**

The Conseil Supérieur du Notariat is organizing an international conference in Paris on Identification and Development. The lack of official identification is a global issue affecting over 100 million individuals worldwide. The conference will explore legal, social and economic aspects of identification, as well as discuss the philosophical and technological considerations behind securing identification for all.

A programme and more information on the event will be available shortly. Please RSVP before September 14 at conference-identification@notaires.fr

- **International Conference on Business and Human Rights, October 20-21, 2016, University of Seville, Spain**

Since the endorsement of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) by the UN Human Rights Council five years ago, the understanding of adverse impacts of human rights violations by international business has evolved. This evolution takes place in the context of a truly globalized economy which is characterized by value chains covering the globe. These

developments have led to a proliferation of ways in which business try to (or have to) deal with human rights. The UNGPs' influence on other instruments of international business governance (e.g., OECD's Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) and regulatory policies (e.g., EU policies on CSR and the new Non-Financial Reporting Directive) offer new prospects as well as challenges for promoting human rights in business operations.

This [international conference](#) will explore these different ways in which the governance gap between global businesses and the protection of human rights can be addressed. The aim of this conference is to bring together scholars from different disciplines to identify and examine a wide range of issues that arise in the application and conceptualization of the UNGPs.

We encourage participation from scholars from different backgrounds, including but not limited to: international public and private law, business ethics, management and economics, corporate governance, political science and sociology.

- **FP7-FRAME Projects: Events and Publications – Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies**

FRAME is a large-scale, collaborative research project funded under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) coordinated by the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and conducted by 19 research institutes from around the world. The research focuses on the contribution of the EU's internal and external policies to the promotion of human rights worldwide. In 2016, FRAME researchers will lecture in several panels of at the 2016 AHRI Human Rights Research Conference. More info: www.fp7-frame.eu

WELCOME

- **New Staff**

Please join us in welcoming three new colleagues.

Mirjana Stankovic: Dr. Mirjana (Mimi) Stankovic joined the Global Forum Secretariat from the South-East European Research Center (SEERC). Her focus of work is on two newly established Communities of Practice of the Global Forum (i) the Legal Aspects of Forced Displacement and (ii) Ethical Aspects of Human Organs 3D Bioprinting. Mimi, studied at Duke University, Chicago

Kent College of Law, Central European University (Budapest) and University of Pavia. She also holds a PhD in Development Economics, and an LLM in International Business Law. She can be reached at mstankovic@worldbank.org

Seunghwan Park: Seunghwan Park (Sean) is a Senior Counsel from the Korean Ministry of Justice to the Global Forum Secretariat and the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative. Sean is an experienced prosecutor with more than 13 years in the field of narcotics, antitrust and financial crimes. In particular, Sean has worked in the Korean Presidential Office for last 2 years in which he supervised inspection agencies and dealt with cases of corruption and misconduct of high-ranking officials. He can be reached at spark9@worldbank.org

Luciano Badini: Luciano Badini is a Senior Prosecutor with the Public Ministry of Minas Gerais, Brazil. He has been working with the Public Ministry since 1993 focusing on environment. He was the recipient of the Innovare Prize in 2010, a recognition for his work in the reorganization of the environmental area, aligning economic development and environmental protection. Luciano's experience as the Director of Public Ministry School will assist the World Bank in sharing the knowledge produced by the Global Forum. He can be reached at lbadini@worldbank.org

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