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## ILW-Midwest Conference at Washington University School of Law

From Thursday, September 19, 2013 to Saturday, September 21, 2013, the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute at Washington University School of Law, in conjunction with the International Law Association (American Branch) and the International Association of Penal Law (American National Section), will host the 2013 International Law Weekend-Midwest (ILW-Midwest).

Every two years the American Branch of the International Law Association organizes a regional conference in the Midwest, bringing together legal practitioners, scholars and students to discuss cutting-edge issues in public and private international law. The theme for this year's conference is "The Legal Challenges of Globalization: A View from the Heartland." The panels presented at this conference will address a broad range of topics, emphasizing the impact of international law and globalization on the Midwest.

## H.E. Sir Christopher Greenwood to Receive the World Peace Through Law Award



On Wednesday, October 30, 2013, the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute will welcome His Excellency Sir Christopher Greenwood of the International Court of Justice to Washington University School of Law. H.E. Sir Christopher will receive the 2013 World Peace Through Law Award for his extraordinary work as a leader in the field of international law and a champion for international peace and justice.

Save the Date  
September 19-21, 2013  
International Law Weekend – Midwest  
Saint Louis, Missouri

**The Legal Challenges of Globalization:  
A View from the Heartland**

Panels include

- Careers in International Law
- Cross-Border Regionalism and the Public-Private Divide
- International Criminal Justice
- International Contract Farming (UNIDROIT)
- International Human Rights
- The *Kobel* Case
- Local Efforts in Climate Change
- Private International Law
- South China Sea
- Space and Cyber Law



Confirmed speakers include deans of Midwestern law schools, journalists, legal practitioners, and several leading scholars. For more information and a list of confirmed speakers, please visit the ILW-Midwest [conference website](#).

The World Peace Through Law Award is bestowed upon an individual who, by his or her work and writings, has considerably advanced the rule of law and thereby contributed to world peace. Prior recipients include Judge Philippe Kirsch, former President of the International Criminal Court; Justice Richard Goldstone, former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, Emeritus Distinguished Research Professor of Law at DePaul University; and Fatou Bensouda, current Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. For more information, visit the [award website](#).

## Washington University School of Law Forges International Agreements with Sorbonne and Cergy-Pontoise

Washington University School of Law has signed agreements with the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne Law School and the law school of the University of Cergy-Pontoise, making these the 13th and 14th international partner institutions of the law school.

The agreements build upon the connections of Leila Nadya Sadat, the Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law and Director of the Harris World Law Institute. Sadat has taught and studied at the Sorbonne and recently served as the Alexis de Tocqueville Distinguished Fulbright Chair at the University of Cergy-Pontoise.



Hélène Ruiz Fabri, Dean of Sorbonne Law School

The Sorbonne was established in 1257 by Robert de Sorbon, the chaplain of King Saint Louis IX of France, as a school to teach theology to twenty poor students. It is now a world-famous institution attracting the best students from France and around the world. This fall, Diogo Metz, JD candidate '14, will be the first Washington University law



student to study at the Sorbonne Law School.

These new agreements reflect St. Louis' strong connection to its French cultural heritage, as illustrated in various parts of the city, including the above mosaic found at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis which depicts the founding of the Sorbonne by Louis IX of France.

## Jessup Moot Court Success for Washington University Team

Congratulations to this year's Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court team, which won the Southern Super Regional in February and advanced to the Octafinals round at the international competition in Washington, D.C. The team placed in the top 4 nationwide (out of 120 competitors) and in the top 16 worldwide (out of nearly 600 teams from more than 100 countries).

This was one of the strongest performances that the law school has ever had. Competing were 3Ls Douglas Pivnichny, Hannah Zhao and Allison



Latshaw, and 2Ls Diogo Metz and Ted Reilly.

Gilbert Sison, JD '00, has performed brilliantly as coach of

the competition for more than a decade. Professor Leila Sadat serves as the team's faculty advisor.



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Spring Programming Highlights at the Harris Institute

This spring the Harris Institute presented speakers who delivered lectures on various international trade and private international law topics. Raj Bhala from the University of Kansas School of Law delivered a fascinating lecture on *The Doha Round Debacle*. Dean H el ene Ruiz Fabri of the Sorbonne Law School spoke on recent WTO case law in her lecture *The TBT Agreement and the World Trade Organization*.



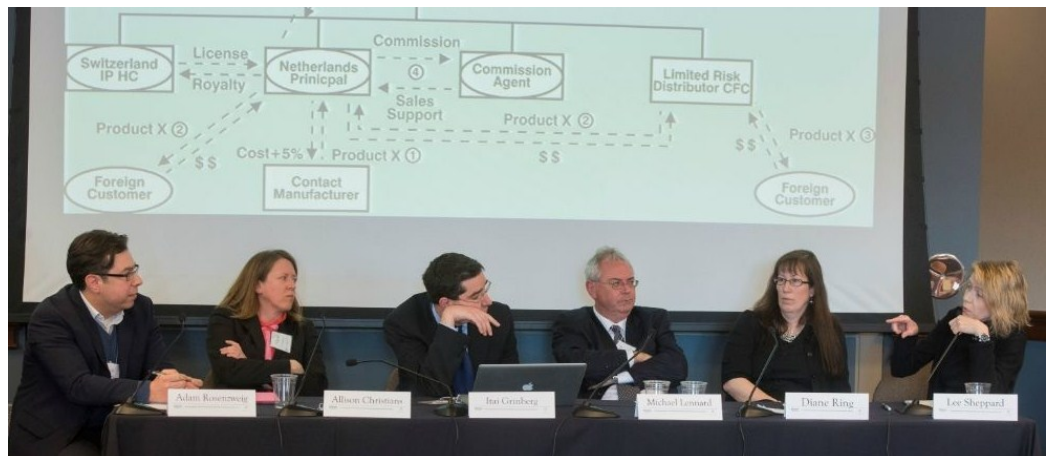
In April, Robert Petit, Counsel at the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section of Justice Canada, delivered an informative lecture on Canada's War Crimes Program.



In March, the School of Law and the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures jointly sponsored the annual William C. Jones Lecture featuring Professor Tae-Ung Baik, a former Korean dissident and human rights lawyer, and now a distinguished academic. His lecture focused on *Public Interest Litigation in South Korea*.

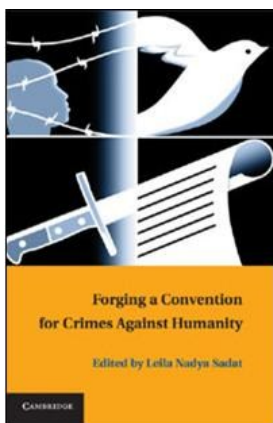
The Harris Institute also hosted a mini-colloquium on *Conceptualizing a New Institutional Framework for International Taxation*, organized by Professor Adam Rosenzweig of Washington University School of Law. International tax experts included Allison Christians, McGill University Faculty of Law; Itai Grinberg, Georgetown University Law Center; Michael Lennard, UN Financing for Development Office; Diane Ring, Boston College Law School; and Lee Shepard, Tax Notes.

To view the photo galleries from these and other events, please [click here](#). To view the webcast of these lectures, please visit our website's [video collection](#).



Panelists at the mini-colloquium on *Conceptualizing a New Institutional Framework for International Taxation*

## Moving Forward with the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative



The work of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative recently bore fruit when the UN International Law Commission voted to add the elaboration of a treaty on “crimes against humanity” to its long-term work program. This vote is a critical step toward

the adoption of an international treaty to punish and prevent crimes against humanity. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

The text of the *Proposed International Convention on the Punishment and Prevention of Crimes Against Humanity* has now been translated into French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, and German. A Chinese translation is forthcoming. These new translations are available on the [Crimes Against Humanity Initiative’s website](#). This summer, a paperback edition of the award-winning book *Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity* will be published (Leila Nadya Sadat, ed., Cambridge 2013).

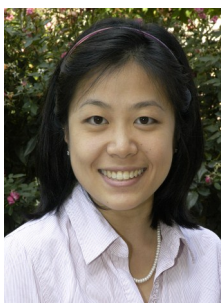
In addition, this year’s International Law Weekend (ILW) will include a panel on crimes against humanity on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Fordham Law School in New York. Confirmed speakers to date include M. Cherif Bassiouni, Arturo Carrillo, Larry Johnson, Sean Murphy, Leila Sadat and Beth Van Schaack.



Finally, in conjunction with Director Leila Sadat’s recent appointment as Special Adviser on Crimes Against Humanity (CAH) to the ICC Chief Prosecutor, a team of seven international law students at Washington University have participated in the CAH Research Project, providing input and advice to Prof. Sadat on various issues related to international criminal law.

## Farewell from 2012-2013 Harris Institute Fellow Jing Geng

My year as the Harris Institute Fellow has been an incredible and unforgettable opportunity. I am indebted to Institute Director Leila Nadya Sadat, Administrative Coordinator Bethel Mandefro, and Dean



Kent Syverud for this wonderful experience. I am also grateful to the entire law school community—the students, faculty, and staff—all of whom I will greatly miss. Through this fellowship, I have met and worked with some of the most influential individuals in international law. I have also gained experience in the daily operation of the Institute. The year began with a trip to Chautauqua, NY for the annual [International Humanitarian Law Dialogs](#).

In November, I helped organize a side event for the Institute’s Crimes Against Humanity Initiative at the ICC Assembly of States Parties in The Hague. It was also thrilling to contribute to the blog [IntLawGrrls](#). Having recently passed the New York and Tennessee bar exams, I will be clerking for the Honorable Camille R. McMullen in Memphis, Tennessee.

Zài jiàn! Goodbye!



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