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## *Lex lata, lex ferenda*

### The Harris Institute Launches a New Blog

The Harris Institute has launched a new blog featuring commentary on issues of foreign affairs and international and comparative law. The blog will serve as a resource to Washington University, St. Louis, and the larger regional, national and global communities.

Blog contributors are primarily Washington University School of Law faculty, students, alumni and staff. We also welcome postings and comments from our entire readership. Entries will be moderated by Harris Institute Director, Professor Leila Nadya Sadat, and Harris Institute Fellow, Madaline George.

Inaugural postings highlight issues ranging from the cases before the

## Lex lata, lex ferenda

The law as it is, the law as it should be

A commentary on International and Comparative Law and Global Affairs by Washington University School of Law Professors, Alumni, and Students



International Criminal Court to testimony concerning police violence at the UN Committee Against Torture, stemming from the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri.

You can visit the blog at [law.wustl.edu/harris/lexlata/](http://law.wustl.edu/harris/lexlata/) where you can subscribe by email or RSS feed or add it to “favorites” in your web browser.

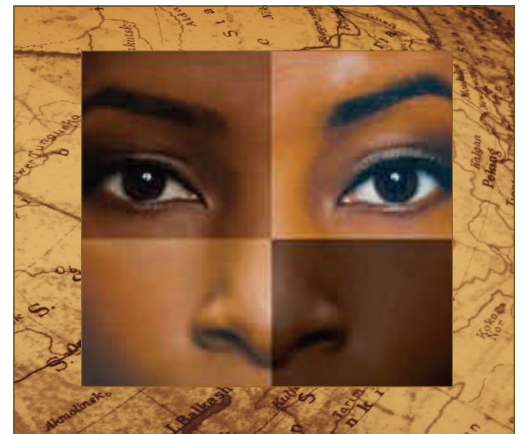
## Save the Date

April 2-3, 2015

## Global Perspectives on Colorism

The Harris Institute is hosting a major conference on colorism on April 2-3, 2015. Colorism is the practice of discrimination based on skin tone and is prevalent throughout the world. Co-sponsored by the Gephardt Institute for Public Service and the Office of the Provost, this conference will address the global reach — in economic, social, and psychological terms — of colorism. Speakers will also explore how skin color can be a source of scorn, shame, admiration and envy.

The range of panels at the conference include The Globalization of Skin Tone Preference; Human Rights Protections for “Color” under International Law; Shade-ism Among Blacks, Bi-Racial and Multi-Racial Americans in the United States; the Effects of Color on Native Americans, Latin Americans and Immigrants of Color; and Understanding Color Distinctions in Asia.



Keynote addresses include *Humankind Against Itself* by Carlos Moore and *TV News Influence, Racial Stereotypes and Skin Tone Judgments* by Sharon Bramlett-Solomon. The conference will conclude with the screening of the film *Shade-ism* and Q&A with the film’s producer.

For registration & additional information, visit: [law.wustl.edu/harris/colorism](http://law.wustl.edu/harris/colorism).

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**SPRING EVENTS****FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

**International Dispute Resolution Workshop: Protecting Your Client in the Global Economy**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

**No Fire Zone: In the Killing Fields of Sri Lanka**

Callum Macrae,  
Documentary Filmmaker

**FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

**William C. Jones Lecture: Chinese Corporate Capitalism in the 21st Century**

Curtis J. Milhaupt, Columbia Law School

**FEBRUARY 20, 2015**

**LGBT Rights in International & Comparative Law: Progress and Contestation**

Larry R. Helfer, Duke Law School

**MARCH 3, 2015**

**International Justice: Beginning of the End, or End of the Beginning?**

Prosecutor Serge Brammertz, ICTY

**APRIL 1, 2015**

**International Human Rights Law in Action: Lessons from the Field**

Stephanie Farrow, Vermont Law School

**APRIL 2-3, 2015**

**Global Perspectives on Colorism Conference**

**13th Annual Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute**

The 13th Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute took place from December 8-17 at the United Nations in New York City. ICC members welcomed the new President of the ASP, Senegal's Justice Minister Sidiki Kaba; approved the Court's budget and the election of six new judges; and discussed issues including cooperation with the Court.

The Prosecutor's new policy on Sexual and Gender Based Crimes was the subject of numerous side events and comments by states and observers from civil society. Harris Institute Director Leila Sadat spoke at two side events—the first of which was related to the Prosecutor's new policy.



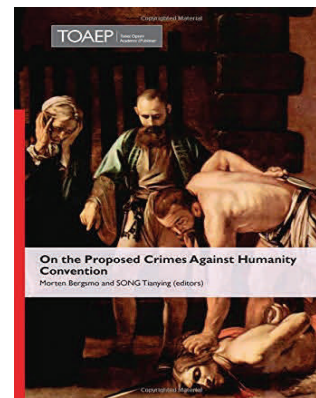
HI Fellow Madaline George

The later event was a triple book launch and included remarks from 16



ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda and Special Advisers

prominent authors. Sadat spoke at the panel discussion for the new book *On the Proposed Crimes Against Humanity Convention* (edited by Morten Bergsmo



and SONG Tianying), for which she wrote a chapter and discussed the six year progress of the [Crimes Against Humanity Initiative](#).

**Crimes Against Humanity Initiative Gains Momentum**

The Harris Institute's Crimes Against Humanity Initiative marked several important milestones recently. Following the historic Experts Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland hosted by the Institute, the International Law Commission (ILC) voted on July 18, 2014 to add the drafting of a treaty on crimes against humanity to its active agenda. The ILC also named Professor Sean Murphy, a participant at the Geneva Conference, as the Special Rapporteur.

On August 12, 2014, the American Bar Association adopted Resolution 300 urging the United States to adopt deferral legislation penalizing crimes against humanity. Signs of progress were also seen at the recent meeting of



Special Rapporteur Sean Murphy

the United Nations' Sixth Committee, where several States expressed their support for the work of the ILC on this topic, including Australia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Israel, Japan, Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States. Moreover, both France and the Czech Republic made specific references to the [Crimes Against Humanity Initiative](#).

## GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

**Fast Facts for a  
Globalized Experience at  
Washington University  
School of Law**

**158 International Students  
in 2014-2015**

**33 Countries Represented in  
the Current Student Body**

**14 International  
Exchange Partners**

**5 International Full  
Degree Programs**

**Alumni in 24 Countries**

**In the J.D. Class of 2017**

**31 Languages Spoken**

**10 Countries Represented**

**26 (10%) International  
Students**

## Providing Students the Opportunities to Work and Study Abroad

Washington University and the Harris Institute continue to provide students with opportunities to work and study abroad. This past summer, three students were selected for the 2014 Dagen Legomsky Fellowship program. Isaac Amon worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague,



Isaac Amon with Amal Alamuddin

while Ashlin Mosby worked at the Centro de Estudios de las Americas in Santiago, Chile. Hague Fellow Sydney Tonsfeldt attended an intensive three-

week course at The Hague Academy of International Law before continuing her studies at the Sorbonne in Paris.

More than twenty students participated in the [Global Public Interest Law Fellowship](#) program. Placements included those at non-governmental organizations, legal aid organizations and courts in Chile, China, Ghana, Korea, Rwanda, Somalia, South



Jim Ransdell and colleagues at Legal Aid, Denu, Ghana

Africa, and The Netherlands. Through this program, students engaged in intensive professional development and worked on a range of legal issues, including criminal defense, environmental protection, paralegal training, refugee law, the promotion of civil justice reform, and dispute resolution.

The Harris Institute also congratulates Eleanor Gourley for her semester internship in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.



Eleanor Gourley at the ICC

## Alumni Spotlight: Imad Khan

**Imad Khan, JD '11,** is an associate at White and Case in the firm's International Arbitration and Litigation Groups.



Imad has represented clients in international treaty arbitrations, international commercial arbitrations and federal district court. In particular, he represents clients in investor-State disputes before the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) at the World Bank, as well as under the rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

Imad has also represented and advised clients in commercial arbitrations under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR).

While a student at Washington University School of Law, Imad served as the Cash Nickerson Fellow at the Harris Institute, working on the French and English text of the *Proposed International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity* and its commentary, *Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity* (Cambridge, 2011). He was also a member of the award winning [Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team](#) and now serves as an adjunct professor at Washington University teaching Investor-State Arbitration.

## Recap of the Harris Institute Speaker Series: Fall 2014

The Harris Institute Speaker Series brought several speakers to campus last Fall. **Bertrand du Marais**, Université de Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, spoke on *Legal*



Professor Gonçalo Matias

*Globalization and Efficiency: Towards Standardization or Jurisdiversity?* while **Gonçalo Matias**, Catholic University of Portugal, gave a lecture on *The Constitutional Implications of the Financial Crisis in Europe*. **Karen Hall**,

U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, also met with students to talk about career paths at the State Department.

The Harris Institute collaborated with the Access to Justice, Public Interest Law and Policy Speakers Series to host the lecture and reception on *Fires, Fuel and the Fate of 3 Billion: The State of the Energy Impoverished* by **Gautam Yadama**, Washington University Brown School of Social Work, and **Mark Katzman**, a local St. Louis Photographer.



Professor Karen Tokarz with Gautam Yadama

## 8th Annual International Humanitarian Law Dialogs

### *The New World (Dis)order: IHL in an Uncertain World*

The Harris Institute co-sponsored the 8th Annual International Humanitarian Dialogs at the Chautauqua Institution in New York from August 24-26, 2014. Practitioners, leading scholars and students met with international prosecutors over the three days to discuss concerns related to accountability and the rule of law stemming from current conflicts that have caused thousands of deaths and forced millions from their homes.

Highlights include an interview with ICC Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, SCSL Former Prosecutor Desmond de Silva and former ICTR Prosecutor Hassan B. Jallow—all of whom were involved in the

1981 Gambia Tribunal, one of the first attempts at hybrid-justice. Other highlights include the granting of the Joshua Heintz Humanitarian Award to the newly elected High Commissioner for Human Rights H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein, and keynote addresses by Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura, Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, and then ICC-ASP President Ambassador Tiina Intelmann.

Interactive porch sessions spanned a range of topics from non-State Actors and IHL, to Islamic Extremism, Cyber Warfare and LOAC. For more information, visit the [IHL Dialogs](#) website.



Group photo at the Robert H. Jackson Center

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