Recent TLI Think! Papers

The Transnational Law Institute has launched the TLI Think! Papers, an open access research papers series on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN).

Recent TLI Think! Papers include:

- 'The Dual Vulnerability of Transnational Science-Based Standards in the National Legal Order' by Machiko Kanetake.
- 'Navigating Sovereignty and Transnational Commercial Law: The Use of Comity by Australian Courts' by Thomas Schultz and Jason Mitchenson.
- 'Resisting Dignity Takings in China' by Eva Pils.
- 'Where the Wild Things are: Journeys to Transnational Legal Orders, and Back' by Peer Zumbansen.
- 'Private Enforcement of EU Competition Law: A Comparison with, and Lessons from, the US' by Alison Jones.

The TLI Think! paper series is online at SSRN and can be subscribed to here. The series is edited by Dayan Farias-Picon, TLI Research Fellow, and Professor Peer Zumbansen, TLI.
WHAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT MEANS FOR THE GLOBAL RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE
10/02/2016
As part of King’s Green Week, Dr Megan Bowman (The Dickson Poon School of Law), Stephen Minas (The Dickson Poon School of Law) and Jose Bolanos (Department of Political Economy) discussed various aspects of the UNFCCC Paris Agreement.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IN BRAZIL
11/02/2016
Professor Luciano Benetti Timm, the Head of the UNISINOS Jesuit University Law School in Porto Alegre, spoke on the status and new trends in international commercial arbitration in Brazil. This event was hosted by the King's Forum on International Dispute Resolution, part of the Transnational Law Institute.

TRANSNATIONAL LAW READING LABORATORY
17/02/2016
Launched in November 2014, the Transnational Law Institute at King's College London hosts a regular reading and discussion forum on seminal and new writings in transnational law, governance, and political legal theory. At this session, the group discussed Edward Said's landmark book Orientalism.

'PRACTITIONERS IN THE HOT SEAT' - WITH STEVEN HILL
07/03/2016
Mr. Steven Hill is Legal Adviser and Director of the Office of Legal Affairs at NATO. As the senior lawyer in NATO, he advises the Secretary General and International Staff on all legal aspects of NATO operations and coordinates NATO activities in the legal field. Mr. Hill came to NATO after serving as Counselor for Legal Affairs at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

ENFORCING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS: THE NEW OPTIONAL PROTOCOL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
08/03/2016
Even though the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights can boast an equally long history as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, it had been neglected for decades. With the fall of the Berlin Wall and the disappearance of the ideological conflict between communism and capitalism, however, economic social and cultural rights returned to the limelight. One of the most significant cornerstones in this development is the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR that allows for communications to the UN Committee on ESCRs, much like
the Optional Protocol to the ICCPR. The Optional Protocol entered into force in 2013 and currently has 21 State Parties. Eibe Riedel is emeritus professor of German and Comparative Public Law, European and International Law at the University of Mannheim/Germany, and a former member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and cultural rights, Geneva. This event was hosted by the King’s Forum on International Dispute Resolution, part of the Transnational Law Institute.

**An Insider’s View on the Practice of International Human Rights Law**

On 9 February 2016, the Department of War Studies and the Transnational Law Institute at The Dickson Poon School of Law were delighted to launch their new guest speaker series, hosting Professor Yuval Shany, member of the Human Rights Committee established under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and Dean of the Law Faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Professor Shany engaged in a candid conversation about the work of the Human Rights Committee and in particular the current project in which it is engaged in preparing a General Comment on the right to life under the covenant. He commented on the ways in which his Committee has become engaged in the debate about the relationship between international humanitarian and human rights law and the challenges the Committee faces in its interactions with States Parties.

Professor Shany explained the legal stance of the Committee with respect to the extraterritorial reach and applicability of the ICCPR as well as its nuanced approach with regard to the prevalence of IHL in situations of armed conflict over international human rights law. He touched upon the challenges relating to the accountability of non state actors under the ICCPR and shared some invaluable insights from his vantage point in the Committee.

The talk was moderated by Professor Ady Schonmann-Bethlehem from the Department of War Studies at Kings and the event well attended by both students and faculty and provided a fascinating insight into the issues in question.

Further speakers in the series for this semester include Professor Matthew C. Waxman of Columbia Law School (16 March).
Transnational Regulatory Governance Research Group Hosts Dr Eva Pils in Discussion of Human Rights Lawyering in China.

The 16 February, the Transnational Regulatory Governance research group played host to lively exchanges over the conditions of human rights lawyering in a large non-Western jurisdiction. Dr Eva Pils, Reader in Transnational Law at the Dickson Poon School of Law, gave an engaging presentation on the topic of 'From visual advocacy to visual repression: The case of China’s human rights movement'.

Dr Pils examined the conditions faced by human rights lawyers in mainland China, developments in Chinese human rights court cases and the use of visual communications by both human rights lawyers and the Chinese government. The subsequent discussion ranged widely from competing conceptions of human rights, the relationship between rights and culture and the Chinese government’s approach to international law.

Transnational Regulatory Governance seminar examines the interface of renewable energy laws & energy security.

The 8 March Transnational Regulatory Governance seminar featured important new research by Dr Penelope Crossley, Lecturer in Energy and Resources Law at Sydney Law School, on the role that energy security concerns play in national renewable energy laws. Dr Crossley discussed the results of her study of the national renewable energy laws of 97 countries, offering insights into how countries use these laws to promote energy security.

Following the presentation, Stuart Bruce, a London-based international lawyer and researcher with the University of Cambridge, discussed with Dr Crossley her research findings and the relationships between domestic renewables laws and international law, international organizations and soft law. Dr Slawomir Raszewski, Research Associate with the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security at the King’s Department of War Studies, concluded the seminar with some
observations on the geopolitics of energy security and changing policies and perceptions concerning renewables.

The seminar was attended by King's faculty and students alongside participants from other universities and the private sector. More information on the Transnational Law Institute’s Transnational Regulatory Governance Research Group (TLI-TRG).

**Upcoming events**

**INTERROGATING SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES**  
Location: Small Committee Room (K0.31), Strand Campus  
When: 15/03/2016 (17:30-19:30)

**'PRACTITIONERS IN THE HOT SEAT' -WITH MATTHEW C. WAXMAN**  
Location: SW1.17 East Wing Somerset House  
When: 16/03/2016 (13:15-14:30)

**TRANSNATIONAL LAW READING LABORATORY**  
Location: SW1.18 Somerset House East Wing  
When: 16/03/2016 (18:00-20:00)

**TRANSNATIONAL SOVEREIGNTIES: CONSTELLATIONS, PROCESSES, CONTESTATIONS**  
Location: River Room Level 2 King’s Building Strand  
When: 17 (12:00) - 18/03/2016 (18:30)

**WHO CARES ABOUT REGULATORY SPACE IN BITS? A COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL APPROACH**  
Location: SW1.17 and SW1.18 Somerset House East Wing  
When: 23/03/2016 (18:30-20:00)

The TLI Launch will be held on 27 April. More information will be made available soon.
Conference (IGLRC)

Location: King's Building, Strand Campus
When: Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 April, 10:00 - 18:00

The IGLRC is organised by and aimed at doctoral researchers, giving the attendees a chance to present their work to top scholars, network with peers and attend workshops. It provides a forum for debate, the exchange of ideas, and the furtherance of knowledge.

This year's conference will centre on the theme 'The Transnational Legal Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities'. There will be 12 panels chaired by leading KCL academics, covering a wide range of topics from international peace and security to contemporary problems in criminology and competition law. There will also be poster sessions and workshops about publishing and other academic issues of interest to doctoral researchers.

Keynote Speakers

Lord Judge, Former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales

Dr. Eleonora Rosati, Lecturer in Property Law in Southampton Law School

More information is online here.