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International Conference

Resources of Conflict – Conflicts over Resources

Göttingen, Germany, October 7- 9, 2010

Conflicts over resources have long sparked international disputes between states and have even become a cause of war. Armed conflicts pertain to an increasing number of different actors whose legal status is in question in current international legal debates. The protection of natural and cultural resources in times of armed conflict is also a topical issue. Resources inform the underlying agenda in international conflicts, power struggles and post-conflict situations. The question is whether the scarcity of resources leads to international cooperation or to further conflict. A balance of access and benefit sharing of resources may be central to prevent future conflicts. In addition to the issues surrounding tangible resources the conference addresses the discourse concerning the intangible resource of knowledge, which has prompted international debate. Knowledge as a resource plays an important role in fact finding missions, truth and reconciliation commissions and as evidence in international tribunals. In the modern battlefield of cyberspace knowledge is a weapon and should also be considered as a resource of conflict.

Conference Venue:

Tagungszentrum an der Historischen Sternwarte, Georg-August-University Göttingen, Geismar
Landstraße 11, 37083 Göttingen, Germany

Conference Program

Thursday, October 7, 2010

- 16:30 **Registration**
 Hotel Hannover, Goethe-Allee 21, Göttingen
- 19:30 **Dinner**
 Restaurant Meyers, Lange-Geismar-Straße 47, Göttingen (*optional*)

Friday, October 8, 2010

- 9:30 **Opening**
 Tagungszentrum an der Historischen Sternwarte,
 Georg-August-University Göttingen
- 9:45 **Opening Speech**
 Prof. Dr. Frank Schorkopf, Director of the Institute for Public
 International Law and European Law, Göttingen
- 10:00 **Keynote Speech**
 Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Director of the Centre for
 International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), Montreal, Canada
- 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 **Panel 1**
 Resources Before, During and After Conflicts
- Panelists:** Cindy Daase, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
 *The Redistribution of Natural and Intangible Resources by
 Internationalised Peace Agreements between State and Non-
 State Parties*
- Alice Ruzza, Trento University, Italy
 *The Falkland Islands and the UK v. Argentina Oil
 Dispute: Whither Legal Regime?*
- Saiful Karim, Macquarie University, Australia
 Conflicts over Protection of Maritime Living Resources
- Prof. Christiana Ochoa, Indiana University, USA and
 Prof. Patrick Keenan, University Illinois, USA
 Conflict Commerce
- Panel Chair:** Dr. Thomas Kleinlein, University of Frankfurt, Germany

13:30	Lunch Break Tagungszentrum an der Historischen Sternwarte, Georg-August-University Göttingen
15:00	Panel 2 <i>Actors of Armed Conflicts and International Law</i> Panelists: <div> <u>Moshik Lavie</u>, Bar-Ilan University, Israel <i>Incentives and Self-Selection in Violent Conflicts</i> </div> <div> <u>Annyssa Bellal & Stuart Maslen</u>, Senior Researchers of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Switzerland <i>Enhancing Compliance With International Law by Armed Non State Actors</i> </div> <div> <u>Dr. Alexander Kees</u>, Judge at the District Court, Stuttgart <i>Regulation of Private Military Companies – Standards and Prospects</i> </div> <div> <u>Alice Gadler</u>, University of Trento, Italy <i>Armed Forces as Carrying Both the Stick and the Carrot? Humanitarian Aid in US Counterinsurgency Operations in Afghanistan and Iraq</i> </div>
	Panel Chair: <u>Dr. Robin Geiß, LL.M. (NYU)</u> , Legal Advisor, Legal Division, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
17:00	Coffee Break
19:30	Dinner Restaurant Gauß Keller, Obere Karaspüle 22, Göttingen (<i>registration required</i>)
21:00	Dinner Speech <u>Prof. Dr. Andreas L. Paulus</u> , Chair of General International Law, Göttingen, Judge of the German Federal Constitutional Court (First Senate)

Saturday, October 9, 2010

10:00

Opening

Prof. Dr. Andreas L. Paulus, Chair of General International Law,
Göttingen, Judge of the German Federal Constitutional Court (First
Senate), Aula am Wilhelmsplatz, Georg-August-University Göttingen

10:30

Keynote Speech

Prof. Bruno Simma, International Court of Justice, The Hague

12:00

Lunch Break

Tagungszentrum an der Historischen Sternwarte,
Georg-August-University Göttingen

13:30

Panel 3

Resources and Conflict Prevention: Access, Sharing and Regulation

Panelists:

Stormy-Annika Mildner & Gitta Lauster, Stiftung für
Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin, Germany

Solving Trade Disputes over Natural Resources: Limitations of International Trade Law

Prof. Anastasia Telesetsky, University of Idaho, USA

The Great Agricultural Land Grab: An Examination of How Elite Capture Contributes to Conflict and a Proposal for the Creation of an Ombudsman to Protect Human and Environmental Security

Bjørn-Oliver Magsig, UNESCO Centre for Water Law,
Policy and Science, Dundee, UK

Overcoming State-Centrism in International Water Law: 'Regional Common Concern' as the Normative Foundation of Water Security

Assistant Prof. Dereje Zeleke Mekonnen, Institute of
Federalism and Legal Studies (IFLS) of the Ethiopian
Civil Service College, Ethiopia

Between the Scylla of Water Security and Charybdis of Benefit Sharing: The Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement – Failed or Just Teetering on the Brink?

Panel Chair:

Dr. Nele Matz-Lück, LL.M. (UWA), Senior Research
Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public
Law and International Law, Heidelberg

15:30

Coffee Break

16:00

Panel 4

Knowledge as a Resource: Access, Assessment and Legal Consequences

Panelists:

Prof. Lucian Emery Dervan, Southern Illinois University, USA

Information Warfare and Civilian Populations: Can Hague and Geneva Law Adapt to a New Generation of Warfare?

Eszter Kirs, University of Miskolc, Hungary

Limits of the Impact of the ICTY on the Domestic Legal Systems in the Region of the Former Yugoslavia

Prof. Freya Baetens, Leiden University, Netherlands & Rumiana Yotova, University of Cambridge, UK

The Abyei Arbitration: A Model Procedure for Intra-State Dispute Settlement in Resource-Rich Conflict Areas?

Juan-Guillermo Sandoval Coustasse & Emily Sweeney-Samuelson, Georgetown University Washington, USA

Adjudicating Conflicts Over Resources, Review and Proposals

Panel Chair:

Matthias Goldmann, Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg; currently: New York University School of Law, USA

18:00

Closing Remarks

19:30

Dinner

Restaurant Einstein, Kurze Geismarstraße 9, Göttingen (*registration required*)



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