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Foreword

We are delighted to introduce BIICL's Impact Report for 2018/19. As in previous years, the report showcases some of the practical, varied and innovative work BIICL, including our Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, has been undertaking both in the UK and internationally.

We concluded our 60th anniversary celebrations at the end of 2018, conscious of the many challenges to international law and democratic values facing the world today. In such an environment, it is vital that organisations like BIICL continue to thrive and grow. Our new Strategic Plan recognises the need for us to keep on doing the excellent work we have always done, while developing new areas of activity and exciting new partnerships. Our plans include an expansion of our research in legal areas of increasing importance such as trade and diplomacy, climate change, technology, regulation, and artificial intelligence. New partnerships are also being forged in Hong Kong, Singapore, the USA and across Europe.

To help us to realise our ambitions, we have launched BIICL's 60+ Appeal under the able chairmanship of Lord Neuberger (see page 25). Our aim is to raise £3 million to expand and develop our work. The Appeal will also contribute to the reconfiguration of our offices to accommodate our growing team of researchers and an improved public events space with the facilities to reach a wider, global audience. We are extremely grateful to those who have already donated to the Appeal and hope that many others will feel inspired by our work to make a contribution.

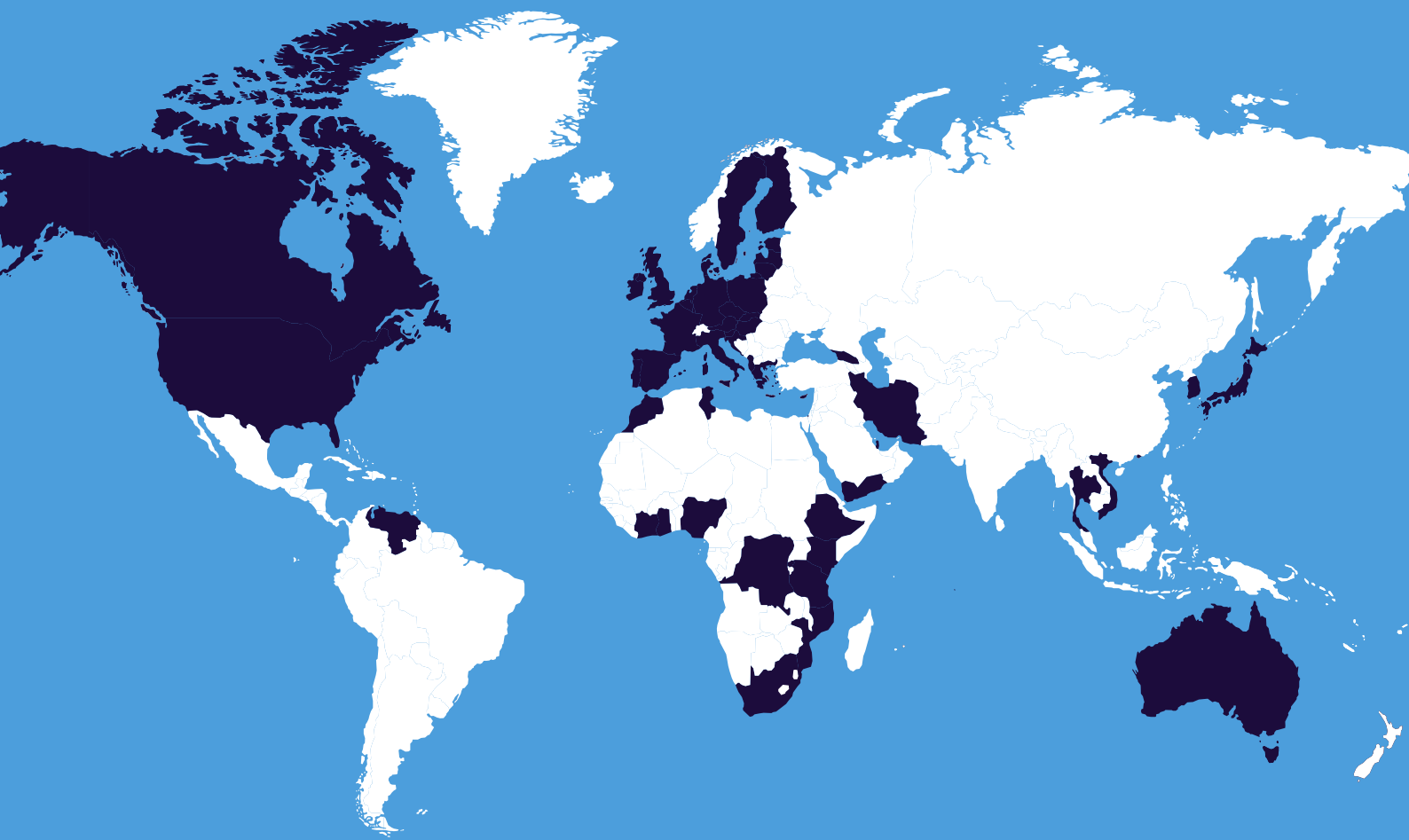
It is only by moving forward and continuing to develop our work in new and emerging areas that BIICL can continue to provide an important platform from which to address many of the 21st century's most serious social and legal challenges. We hope you will join us in rising to the challenge.

Keith Ruddock, Chair of BIICL Board of Trustees
Spyros Maniatis, BIICL Director

BIICL around the world

Our work has covered the following countries:

All EU countries	Morocco
Albania	Mozambique
Australia	Nigeria
Canada	Qatar
Chagos Islands	Rwanda
Cote d'Ivoire	Singapore
Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)	South Africa
Ethiopia	South Korea
Georgia	Tanzania
Ghana	Thailand
Hong Kong	Tunisia
Iran	USA
Japan	Venezuela
Kenya	Vietnam
Kosovo*	Yemen



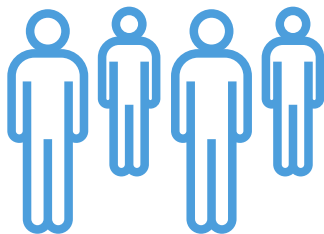
Overview of our work and activities



16 research reports and 6 books



89 media mentions, articles and blogs



430 members



33 journal articles and book chapters



72 presentations



64 events



5 Brexit FAQs and podcasts



Over 2,500 event attendees



20 submissions to consultations

Promoting international peace and security



BIICL's track record on law of the sea was further enhanced by two new research projects this year. One explores the legal challenges of extracting methane hydrates from the seabed and the need for robust regulation to minimise environmental risks. The other is developing practical guidance for private vessels on their legal obligations in search and rescue of people in distress at sea. Our work in this area has also covered aspects of cultural heritage law, international humanitarian law and anti-corruption.



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Protecting cultural heritage



“Where they burn books, they will also ultimately burn people.” (Heinrich Heine)

The destruction of cultural heritage has long been associated with mass human rights violations. It is, therefore, crucial to promote the enforcement of the rules protecting these important assets. Cultural heritage has also been identified as a means to promote international peace and security, as well as a lever to strengthen international relations.

BIICL has continued to pursue its work in the field of cultural heritage, identifying ways to strengthen its place in international relations, as well as advocating for further training on the rules protecting cultural heritage. We have also conducted research into the parallel actions of the UN Security Council and the Human Rights Council and how their actions relating to cultural heritage could be better coordinated to strengthen international peace and security.

By clarifying some of the rules protecting cultural heritage and seeking to strengthen their enforcement, BIICL’s work supports the role cultural heritage can play in promoting international relations, and in providing an important counterbalance to the rising forces of nationalism.

Following a training session provided by Kristin Hausler, Dorset Senior Research Fellow, on the rules protecting cultural property in armed conflict, armed forces have reported changing their behaviour on the ground by no longer using a historical site for military purposes and protecting a religious building against the effects of hostilities.

Kristin Hausler

Practical guidance for media professionals in armed conflict situations

In November 2018, the British Red Cross and BIICL launched a user-friendly field guide and handbook for media professionals, highlighting their protection and responsibilities under International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

The handbook and field guide were the culmination of a project undertaking research into the legal position of media professionals in armed conflict. The project examined how IHL protects the media in conflict zones and also considered the IHL responsibilities of those reporting from such areas.

The research built on the ongoing work of the British Red Cross aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of IHL among media professionals.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/protecting-people-in-armed-conflict/geneva-conventions>

**Nicole Urban (former Research Fellow),
Andraz Zidar (former Senior Research
Fellow) and Robert McCorquodale
(former Director)**

Offshore Methane Hydrates in Japan: Prospects, Challenges and the Law

On 19 March 2013, Japan became the first-ever country to announce successful continuous-flow production of methane gas from a solid methane hydrate layer located under the seabed in ultra-deep waters, establishing the technical feasibility of this new energy resource and of its novel extraction technology. 'Japan could finally have an energy source to call its own', announced the Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC), the State-run company which leads methane hydrates extraction in Japan.

That break-through experiment, conducted from the drilling ship, Chikyu, in the Nankai Trough about 100 miles east of Osaka, was the world's first methane hydrate production test in deep sea waters. According to current estimates, the amount of natural gas located in global methane hydrates reserves is believed to exceed considerably the volume of known conventional natural gas reserves, making it a potential game-changer for countries like Japan with limited conventional energy resources.



Given this abundance of methane hydrate in both permafrost and sub-seabed sediments, scientists in Japan have begun looking to methane hydrates as a prospective new source of natural gas for energy production. However, the extraction of methane hydrates from the seabed raises questions about various risks and hazards to the environment, including the potential for seafloor destabilisation, submarine mudslides and tsunamis. Many such risks and hazards are

not present with the production of traditional natural gas. The regulatory scheme that would eventually govern extraction of natural gas from methane hydrate within Japan's 200 nautical miles continental shelf and beyond may not be robust enough to deter these risks.

BIICL Research Fellow, Constantinos Yiallourides, has been undertaking research to study the potential prospects and benefits from the commercial development of offshore methane hydrates in Japan and whether existing legal frameworks are sufficiently robust to address the foreseeable environmental risks posed by methane hydrate exploration and exploitation operations in Japan and beyond national jurisdictions.

The study is investigating how methane hydrates fit within Japan's established energy policy and existing legal framework. It considers whether the current framework is sufficient to address the environmental risks and what regulatory changes might be required. The study also looks at the international legal ramifications of this exploratory work.

The project is funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), an award administered jointly with the British Academy, and will report later in 2019.

Constantinos Yiallourides

Maritime Search and Rescue: Responsibilities and Implications for Private Vessels

Recent years have seen growing numbers of migrants, and would-be asylum seekers, embarking on perilous sea crossings to flee violence, conflict or persecution. As the crisis has escalated, private vessels and NGO ships have increasingly been called on to assist persons in distress.

Assistance by private vessels can vary from monitoring a vessel or temporarily embarking migrants whilst awaiting further assistance, to embarking and transporting migrants to a safe port. A number of legal

issues arise in these scenarios for which there is no clear guidance.

In a project supported by the Mirpuri Foundation, BIICL is developing guidance on the legal obligations incumbent on private vessels in search and rescue, to ensure that private vessels are not discouraged from assisting persons in distress.

Jean Pierre Gauci and Francesca Romana Partipilo

Preventing and Combatting Corruption

In 2018, the Bingham Centre was contracted by the Transparency International Secretariat to undertake a study on how the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combatting Corruption (CPCC) is being implemented in the following 10 countries: Nigeria, Mozambique, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Morocco, Tunisia, South Africa and Rwanda. The review focussed, in particular, on four provisions of the Convention: illicit enrichment; money laundering; political party funding; and civil society & media. The assignment has also used case study examples to review and exemplify the extent to which the commitments in this treaty have been upheld, to assist in deepening the engagement against corruption across the continent.

A final report is due to be published later in 2019.

Mat Tromme

Engaging with business



Business and human rights has been a key focus in our engagement with corporate organisations during the year. This has included a project exploring the feasibility of a 'failure to prevent' mechanism for corporate human rights abuses, the establishment of a new roundtable for legal practitioners in this area and the development by the Bingham Centre of a capacity-building programme to demonstrate the importance of the rule of law for business. Other work has explored the potential for an innovative new investment agreement between the UK and Canada with model agreements for dispute settlement, investment protection and obligations on foreign investors.

“I have greatly enjoyed and benefited from the level of expertise in the discussions. The choice of representative speakers from different stakeholder groups and jurisdictions further reinforced the quality of the discussions.”

Elsa Savourey, Herbert Smith Freehills, Paris, about the UNGPs in Legal Practice Roundtable Series

A “failure to prevent” mechanism for corporate human rights abuses



BIICL, with support from Hogan Lovells and Quinn Emanuel, is engaged in a study on a possible “failure to prevent” mechanism for corporate human rights abuses.

In March 2017, the UK Joint Committee on Human Rights released a report on business and human rights in which it proposed the introduction of such a mechanism, and suggested that it could be modelled on section 7 of the UK Bribery Act, which introduced the new offence of failure to prevent bribery.

The project explores the feasibility of such a mechanism for corporate human rights abuses, and what its legal implications would be in practice. Key issues include whether such an offence would be criminal or civil, how the mechanism would be likely to be enforced, and how it could interact with the concept of human rights due diligence described in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

As part of this study, BIICL has undertaken a business survey, which asked company respondents for their views on the current regulatory landscape and the impacts of the UK Bribery Act. The preliminary findings of the study were discussed, and input sought from Business Network members, during a roundtable in February 2019.

The results of the project will be launched in early 2020.

Lise Smit and Irene Pietropaoli

UNGPs in Legal Practice Roundtable series

The BIICL UNGPs in Legal Practice Roundtable series was established in 2018. It is a platform for legal practitioners working in business and human rights to discuss legal developments around the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). It is a closed space for the free exchange of experiences and ideas under the Chatham House Rule. The Roundtable series is a membership-based group, bringing together some of the most expert and experienced lawyers working on business and human rights issues across the world.

In 2018/19, there were four roundtables, with external speakers from academia, civil society and international organisations. Roundtable participants are based in the UK, France, Germany, Finland, Switzerland, the US, Canada, and Australia, with the group continually growing. The thematic discussions to date have focused on business and human rights topics as they relate to legal practitioners, including legal accountability of corporate groups and human rights due diligence as legal standard and defence.

Lise Smit and Irene Pietropaoli

Business and the Rule of Law Programme

The Business and Rule of Law Programme engages directly with the business community to highlight the importance of the rule of law for business success. Its aim is to identify and address pressing rule of law issues of concern to business and to think proactively about the ways business can be a force for stronger rule of law in the jurisdictions where it has influence.

This year a key focus has been the development and roll out of the Bingham Centre's Rule of Law for Business Capacity Building project, which aims to identify what the rule of law is from a business perspective; explain why the rule of law matters for business; and identify concrete ways business can be a driver of stronger rule of law. This work has benefited from significant engagement with members of the Bingham Centre's Business Network, a group of leading companies who have pledged their commitment to supporting and advancing the rule of law. The Network provides a forum for members to raise and discuss rule of law challenges, and to work together with the benefit of Bingham Centre and other BIICL researchers to identify practical solutions to those challenges.

In addition, the Business and rule of law Programme has organised a number of events and published high profile articles in the US, UK and Europe on a range of rule of law topics of concern to the wider business community, including: the impact of online advertising practices on human rights and rule of law issues; the role of General Counsels in supporting the rule of law within companies; and the rule of law implications for business emerging from the rise of populist governments around the world.

Ulysses Smith and Justine Stefanelli

Investment Promotion and Protection in the Canada-UK Trade Relationship

BIICL researchers, along with colleagues from Canada, have been considering the future of the UK-Canada trading relationship.

A new investment agreement between Canada and the UK constitutes a crucial opportunity to include innovative provisions from recent international agreements and to explore new possibilities to construct a more legitimate regime.

The objectives underlying this project were to allow policy-makers to undertake the negotiation process with a clear sense of the various provisions that are available to address the most controversial issues of international investment law and their legal implications. The final project report demonstrates that an investment agreement can respond to legitimacy concerns raised by a variety of stakeholders. More specifically, it provides a side-by-side comparison of provisions that have already been included in international investment agreements and includes model agreements for three specific themes: dispute settlement possibilities, the breadth of investment protection; and obligations imposed on foreign investors.

The research was supported by the UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

See https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3312617

Yarik Kryvoi with Andrea Bjorklund, McGill University and Jean-Michel Marcoux, University of Victoria



**16 research reports
and 6 books**

Proposing legal reform



Brexit has dominated our UK-related work on legal reform, with the Bingham Centre particularly involved in providing rule of law analyses and explaining the values of constitutional democracy. The Centre was also represented on a new group to promote and improve public legal education. Alongside this, BIICL remains actively engaged in various European projects including a study on *Due Diligence in Supply Chains* for the European Commission and an Horizon 2020 project on *Reconciling Europe with its Citizens through Democracy and the Rule of Law (RECONNECT)*.



**33 journal articles
and book chapters**

The legal response to Brexit

Brexit has caused political turmoil as well as legal and constitutional instability. There has been significant political debate over the appropriate role of Parliament in the Brexit process. The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law has been actively engaged in this debate to explain and defend the values of constitutional democracy and the rule of law. Bingham Centre fellows have been involved in producing reports, blog posts and opinion pieces, alongside media appearances and giving evidence to several Parliamentary committees.

Key publications during the year included a preliminary Rule of Law analysis of the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration. In late 2018, the Centre worked in partnership with the UK in a Changing Europe group, to produce a guide to seven of the different possible Parliamentary scenarios that might occur around Brexit. The report explained how each of these scenarios could play out, and highlighted the problems each faced. It explained how procedure affects the politics, and where the constraints imposed by Article 50 and the rules of Parliament could determine the outcome.

The Centre's research has raised awareness of the constitutional and legal issues at the heart of Brexit. It has been extensively quoted and referred to by Parliamentary committees, in Parliamentary research briefings, by Parliamentarians themselves and in the media.

see <https://ukandeu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Seven-Brexit-endgame-scenarios-long-report-1.pdf>

Jack Simson Caird, Justine Stefanelli, Ellis Paterson, Murray Hunt and Michael Olatokun

European Commission study on human rights due diligence in supply chains



BIICL is leading a project for the European Commission DG for Justice and Consumers on *Due Diligence in Supply Chains* in partnership with Civic Consulting in Berlin, and LSE Consulting.

The study is assessing regulatory options which would require companies to undertake due diligence for human rights and environmental impacts in their own operations and through supply chains. It follows the EU Action Plan on Sustainable Finance, and the request by the European Parliament of June 2018 for the Commission to propose a mandatory legislative framework, including "an overarching, mandatory due diligence framework, including a duty of care to be fully phased-in within a transitional period".

There are four components to the project: identifying market practices for human rights due diligence through surveys and interviews; reviewing the relevant regulatory framework, including through the reports of twelve country experts in relevant Member States; setting out a range of options for regulatory intervention; and assessing the impact of these regulatory options.

The study will conclude in late 2019.

Lise Smit, Claire Bright and Héctor Tejero Tobed

Special Processes for the Reassessment and Removal of Judges in Constitutional Transitions

Societies in transition to constitutional democracy face a difficult choice when their courts are staffed with judges from a period of conflict or authoritarian rule. Should the existing judiciary be given security of tenure – the standard protection for judicial independence – or instead face a special process that will examine their past and possibly lead to the removal of those judges who are considered unwilling or unable to serve with integrity and competence in the new era?

From ‘de-Nazification’ to ‘de-Communisation’, a wide variety of transitions have included special processes for screening the judiciary, such as vetting, lustration, competitive reappointment processes and truth commission inquiries.

The project uses a comparative methodology to analyse special processes and examine whether, and if so how, they can be designed to strengthen the rule of law.

Key to the research are case studies being commissioned from experts with insider knowledge of a country’s judicial reforms. These will examine how the issues in this project have been approached in 8 countries representing several different regions and historical periods. The project team will then use this expert background to review current standards and provide policy recommendations on good practice.

Jan van Zyl Smit and Marcos Zunino with Professor Christina Murray, University of Cape Town.

Reconciling Europe with its Citizens through Democracy and the Rule of Law (RECONNECT)



BIICL is one of 18 partner organisations across Europe participating in an Horizon 2020 EU-funded study, *Reconciling Europe with its Citizens through Democracy and the Rule of Law (RECONNECT)*. This four-year multidisciplinary project focuses on strengthening the EU’s legitimacy throughout Europe and seeks to assist the EU in becoming more attuned to the expectations of its citizens.

Our specific role in the project is multi-faceted. Along with the Catholic University in Leuven, we are co-leading all of the project’s communication and dissemination activities, including the project blog. At the substantive level, we will analyse how the EU and its Member States understand the meaning of ‘rule of law’, and identify root causes of rule of law backsliding at the national level.

see <https://www.reconnect-europe.eu/>

Murray Hunt, Julinda Beqiraj, Justine Stefanelli and Lucy Moxham

A new vision for public legal education

Michael Olatokun, Research Fellow in Citizenship and the Rule of Law, represented the Bingham Centre on a group established to promote and improve public legal education (PLE).

In October 2018, the group launched a new PLE vision statement with a focus on encouraging more people to help educate the public about their legal rights and responsibilities. Speaking ahead of the launch event, the then Solicitor General, Robert Buckland QC MP, said,

“Teaching people about their legal rights and responsibilities, together with helping them gain the confidence and skills to get access to justice can really make a difference to people’s lives – as well as our legal system.

The new PLE vision statement creates a shared ideal for the legal education community to aspire to. Focusing all on one common goal – to encourage more people to help educate the public about their legal rights and responsibilities.

Our aim is to create a country where everyone, and every group, is able to access justice. Where nobody, no community, is denied their legal rights. This is why I’d like attendees to sign up to the vision statement.”

The APPG on the Rule of Law, which is supported by the Bingham Centre, will continue to work collaboratively with the APPG on Public Legal Education and Pro-bono to make this vision a reality.

see <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/our-vision-for-legal-education>

Michael Olatokun

Clarifying access to justice



The latest report in our series of projects on access to justice for the International Bar Association focuses on the important role played by ombudsman schemes around the world. During the year, we also assisted the International Bar Association in the analysis of its consultation on Legal Aid Principles in Civil, Administrative and Family Justice Systems. Training for law students on the DLA Piper Global Fellows Development Programme included sessions provided by the Bingham Centre on the historical development of the rule of law and the effects of systemic oppression on access to justice.

“The report makes the challenge clear to those of us who have a legal or constitutional basis: ensure we protect and enhance the integrity of the title. It is more than simply saying what we do, but also about who we are, how we operate and the values and principles we seek to uphold.”

Andrew MacKenzie, Chief Executive of the Scottish Arbitration Centre and Co-Chair of the IBA Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee

Ombudsman schemes and effective access to justice: international practices and trends

Ombudsman schemes have become a significant and permanent feature of legal systems across the world in recent decades, with the model developing from a constitutional accountability tool to an independent complaints mechanism widely used in the private sector, aimed at protecting citizens against the undertakings of banks, insurance and media companies.

Working with the International Bar Association's Access to Justice and Legal Aid Committee, the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law this year conducted an international study which examined ombudsman institutions from a range of legal systems, analysing their powers and effectiveness in providing access to justice for citizens.

In less than 50 years, a broad range of schemes has emerged. Despite differences, an overriding consideration is the independent, open and transparent functioning of ombudsman institutions.

It is hoped that the report will provide a valuable tool for lawyers, practitioners and civil society organizations involved in the design of reforms in the justice sector.

see <https://scottishlegal.com/article/andrew-mackenzie-coordinates-iba-international-study-into-ombudsman-services-1>

Julinda Beqiraj, Sabina Garahan and Kelly Shuttleworth

Legal Aid Principles in Civil, Administrative and Family Justice Systems



The Bingham Centre provided further input to the International Bar Association's consultation on Legal Aid Principles in Civil, Administrative and Family Justice Systems during 2018. The Centre was commissioned to carry out a full analysis of the consultation responses which formed the basis of the final guidance report.

The report sets out 27 principles under the headings of: Funding, Scope and Eligibility; The Administration of Legal Aid; and The Provision of Legal Aid. Topics covered include: matters to be considered when setting a legal aid budget; the relationship between those administering legal aid and their government; how to avoid corruption and favouritism; how decisions should be made on who should be allowed to do legal aid work and how cases should be allocated to them; and how to calculate how much legal aid providers should be paid.

Lucy Moxham

Global Fellows Development Programme

Over the last two years, the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law has partnered with DLA Piper to deliver courses in Tanzania and Kenya to graduate students on its Global Scholarships.

This initiative supports outstanding law students, known as Fellows, from less developed countries around the world and helps them to define and achieve their own professional goals. There are currently 22 Fellows on the Global Scholarships Programme from Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Uganda and Zambia.

During 2018, training provided by the Bingham Centre in Tanzania included an overview of the historical development of the rule of law, analysis of the effects of systemic oppression upon access to justice, and a range of headline issues in international law.

see <https://www.dlapiper.com/en/hungary/focus/break-into-law/global-scholarships/>

Michael Olatokun

Strengthening the Quality and Efficiency of Justice in Kosovo

On 14 March 2019, Julinda Beqiraj, Maurice Wohl Senior Research Fellow in European Law, presented the main findings of the second assessment report of the judicial system in Kosovo*, funded by the Council of Europe Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ). Local Kosovan institutions were actively engaged in the project to compile the data for the report which assesses the progress made in 2017 compared to 2014 in terms of quality and efficiency.

The report focuses on the budgetary resources allocated to justice, the number of judges and staff, and examines the evolution of the two key CEPEJ indicators (clearance rate and disposition time) to assess the performance of the courts from 2014 to 2017. At the launch event, Mr Qemajl Marmullakaj, Secretary General to the Ministry of Justice in Kosovo, announced the appointment of two coordinators who will be in charge of collecting and assessing data during future assessments of the judicial system. This measure was recommended in the report and identified as of high priority to establish a sustainable data collection process.

Julinda Beqiraj

* All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.



72 presentations

Building legal capacity and understanding



To celebrate our 60th anniversary in 2018, we held a series of special events considering historic and contemporary aspects of international law. Our short course on Public International Law in Practice continued to be very popular and we also provided bespoke training sessions for the Department for International Trade. Our journal, the International and Comparative Law Quarterly, was recognised as the top-ranked peer-reviewed journal in international law.



During the year over more than 2,500 people attended events at BIICL

BIICL training in Public International Law

BIICL has continued to provide training on international law through regular short courses, as well as bespoke training sessions in 2018 for the Department for International Trade. Our courses have been consistently praised by attendees for their insights and highly relevant content.

The legal uncertainties brought about by Brexit have highlighted the crucial need for a better understanding of international law, as an essential element to ensure that the Brexit process is undertaken in a way that limits risks and insecurity for the governing bodies involved, but also for businesses and citizens at large. The discourse surrounding Brexit has demonstrated a number of misconceptions about how international law works and international agreements are concluded. By providing practically-oriented training, BIICL assists decision-makers in their work, ensuring that unnecessary risks are avoided or mitigated at all stages of the process.

Yarik Kryvoi, Kristin Hausler, Jean Pierre Gauci, Lise Smit with Robert McCorquodale, Shehzad Charania and Markus Gehring

Teaching and training on business and human rights

Members of BIICL's business and human rights team have been widely involved in teaching and training to a variety of audiences in the UK and internationally. Our ongoing research on human rights due diligence was presented at the 2018 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, and as part of a session on Human Rights By Other Means at the 2018 PILnet Global Forum in Berlin.

Senior Research Fellow, Lise Smit, taught a session on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights as part of the University of Oxford's Bonavero Institute on Human Rights' Strategizing Human Rights programme. She also served as a member of the first Appeal Panel of the Corporate Human Rights Benchmark.

The two Business and Human Rights Research Fellows were also actively engaged in delivering a range of courses and presentations. Irene Pietropaoli gave a seminar on business responsibility and human trafficking at the TraffLab of the Tel Aviv University Buchman Faculty of Law. She also presented a paper on leveraging technologies to improve working conditions in supply chains at the Cambridge Annual International Law Conference.

Claire Bright presented a course on human rights issues in global supply chains to the students of the Global Economics and Social Affairs Masters of Ca' Foscari University in Venice. She was also the chair rapporteur in an expert meeting on the "zero draft" of the UN Treaty on Business and Human Rights in The Hague.

The team is currently developing a business and human rights training course.

Lise Smit, Irene Pietropaoli, and Claire Bright

International and Comparative Law Quarterly climbs up the rankings

Our journal, the International and Comparative Law Quarterly (ICLQ), continues to go from strength to strength. It is now the top-ranked peer-reviewed international law journal,* being placed 30th out of all 148 law journals covered. In international law only the student-reviewed Harvard Journal of International Law ranks more highly than the ICLQ.

This position is reinforced by the usage of the journal, with over 9,000 institutions subscribing worldwide and over 100,000 downloads of full text articles online in 2018.

The Journal has embraced moving towards Open Access Research, offering all authors Green Open Access with the option to upgrade to Gold Open Access. We also periodically highlight papers by making them Open Access for limited periods, advertised widely via our Twitter account @iclq_jnl and Cambridge Core.



The Editorial Board, in conjunction with our publishers, Cambridge University Press, continues to encourage and foster early career academics, with the annual award of the Young Scholar Prize. In 2018, this was won by Dr Barrie Sander for his article 'History on Trial: Narrative Pluralism Within and Beyond International Criminal Courts'.

Anna Riddell-Roberts

BIICL events for debate and information

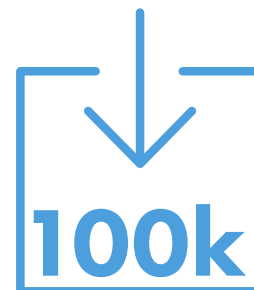


The BIICL events programme in 2018 provided an opportunity to hear the commentary of experts and to discuss many topical issues. Events also provide a platform to disseminate and refine our own research at its final stage before publication. During the year, seminars and conferences at BIICL were hosted in tandem with law firms, universities and agencies such as the Competition and Markets Authority, Centre for International Governance Innovation and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

To celebrate our 60th anniversary in 2018, we held a series of special events looking at key topics of international law. Speakers included Philippe Sands QC, Professor Javaid Rehman, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iran, and Irene Khan, Director General of the International Development Law Organization. The annual Grotius Lecture was given by Supreme Court Judge and BIICL Trustee, Lord Lloyd Jones, on the topic of the 40th Anniversary of the State Immunity Act.

see <https://www.biicl.org/events>

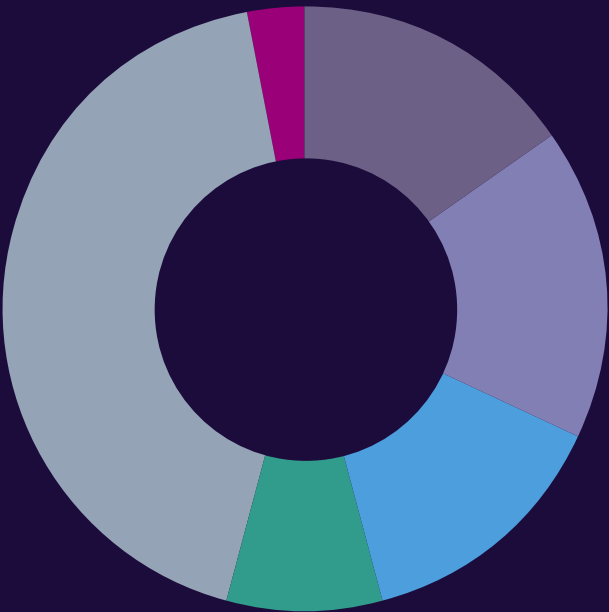
*Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports (Web of Science Group, 2019) 2018 2-year Impact Factors



Over 100,000 full text articles were downloaded from the ICLQ in 2018

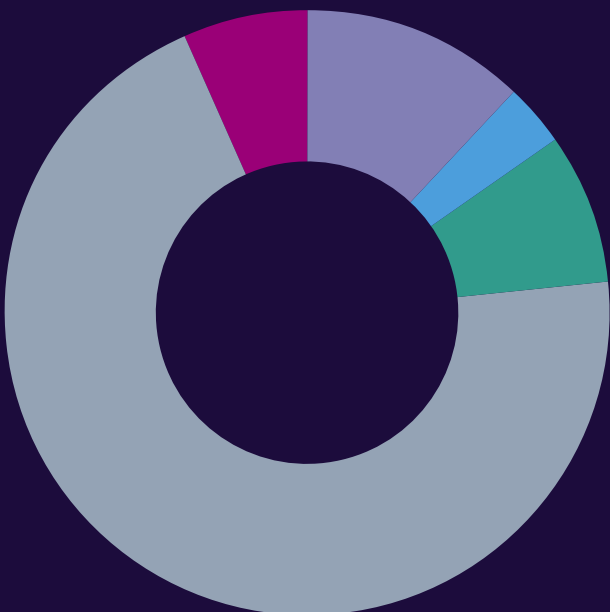
Financial summary

2018 income



Donations and legacies	15.4%	£274,683
Member services	16.7%	£299,405
Publications and journals	13.8%	£247,363
Conferences and seminars	8.3%	£147,750
Research programmes	43%	£767,643
Other	2.8%	£50,779
TOTAL		£1,787,623

2018 expenditure



Member services	12%	£284,907
Publications and journals	3.3%	£77,541
Conferences and seminars	8.1%	£192,670
Research programmes	70%	£1,654,216
Raising funds	6.6%	£155,168
TOTAL		£2,364,502

How you can help

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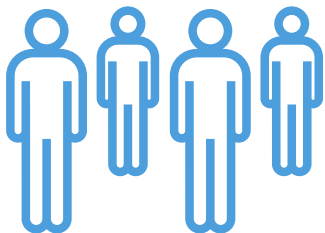
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