INTERNATIONAL LAW CLINIC
COLLABORATING BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY
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Introduction

- Academic & Societal Profile:
  
  “Lawyering International Criminal Justice”

  - International Criminal Law
  - Domestic Prosecution of International Crimes
  - Transitional Justice
  - Human Rights Redress

- By combining VU & PILPG:
  
  - Combining academic research, community service & teaching
  - With each strengthening the other
Pro bono legal assistance in conflict and post-conflict situations
Capacity building
Such as:
- Negotiation training and technical assistance during peace negotiations
- Post-conflict constitutional & legislative reform
- Assisting all war crimes court and tribunals
- Technical assistance to states in prosecuting war criminals in their domestic judicial systems
- But also for other Transitional Justice mechanisms
- Inclusion or empowerment of Civil Society actors
- Assisting Civil Society actors in access to justice and Human Rights redress
- Usually far away, but sometimes also close to home: Netherlands Antilles, MH17, life sentence
RESEARCH PLANNING AND METHODOLOGIES SYMPOSIUM
LEMHANNASRI, 29 - 31 OKTOBER 2013
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The Public International Law & Policy Group: At a Glance

- 12 of the top 15 law firms work with PILPG pro bono
- War Crimes Tribunals: 12
- Post-Conflict Constitutions: 16
- Peace Agreements: 24

PILPG has operated offices in 25 countries

800+ people attended PILPG simulations
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Master’s students:

- Research Associates
- Academic year, 16 hours per week, 12 ECTS
- Substantive research, professional development, team work, network building: training towards international law professional with relevant work experience and professional network
- They get PILPG business cards, email addresses and organizational roles
  - news updates, strategic communications, running team meetings, bringing in guest lecturers, organizing conferences, going to client meetings, prepare briefings, some run our lawyering justice blog, others keep the team updated on relevant events that they should attend, and yet others organize social events

- Interns
- Alumni as Senior Research Associates and Counsel
- Bachelor’s students?
Assigned to projects throughout the year

In NL Office: ‘Lawyering Justice’, as a practical extension of my research profile
  > Both to give research practical consequence and for input for research

Clients & open access handbooks to make expertise accessible (documenting HR violations, MH17)

It is about
  > ‘capacity building’
  > for those that need legal expertise but can’t afford to hire it
  > To assist with sustainable peace and justice by focusing on:
    > International criminal law
    > Domestice prosecution of international crimes
    > Transitional Justice
    > Human Rights Redress
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Lawyering Justice
PILPG reports from The Hague

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The Future of the ICC: Facing the Challenges and Strengthening its Legitimacy

Chaired by:
Paul Williams, PILPG

Panel speakers:
- Hans Bevers, Office of the Prosecutor ICC
- Adewale E. Iyanda, African Union Representative
- Marieke de Hoorn, PILPG & Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Alpha Sesay, Open Society Justice Initiative
- Mark Kersten, University of Toronto
IMPACT

- Community Service impact: assisting in ending violent conflicts and working towards sustainable and stable future
- Academic impact: real-life testing of tensions of international legal order’s aspirations and reality
- Students:
  - Unique learning experience
  - Unique work experience in a competitive field with few chances to gain work experience
  - Training towards becoming a international legal professional
  - Providing them with global network
  - Having them experience what they can do with their expertise and skills and what law is all about
  - Real and valuable work, fun team, and getting access to places they would otherwise not
CHALLENGES & FUTURE
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Or actually....., to be continued...!