The Scottish Centre for International Law was established in 1999 at the University of Edinburgh. Its aims are to promote research and study in international law, to play an active role in the development of international law in and outside Scotland, to promote excellence in the teaching of international law, and to offer a wide range of expertise on all matters pertaining to international law. It also provides support for postgraduate students and scholars to undertake study and research in international law and related fields.

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EVENTS CO-HOSTED BY THE CENTRE IN 2011/2012

The Use of International Law in the Scottish courts: past, present and future

This event was organized by the Scottish Public Law Group in collaboration with the Scottish Centre for International Law. Presentations were given by Lord Bonomy, Michael Fordham QC, and Dr Tzanakopoulos on the relationship between national law and international law and the use of international law in the Scottish courts. The event was chaired by Professor Alan Boyle.

The 2010 Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing: Implications for International Law and Implementation Challenges, 2-3 December 2011

A highly successful international workshop on the recently concluded Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing to the Convention on Biological Diversity was organised by Dr Elisa Morgera in December 2011 with the support of the University of Edinburgh School of Law, the SCRIPT Centre, and the Scottish Centre for International Law. In an energetic two-day event, a range of distinguished speakers analysed the implications of the Nagoya Protocol for different areas of international law and the implementation challenges faced by countries in different regions. Speakers included academics, legal officers in key UN bodies, key negotiators of the Protocol and stakeholders that participated in the Protocol negotiations and/or are pioneering its implementation. The workshop will lead to the publication of an edited collection - E. Morgera, M. Buck and E. Tsioumani (eds.), The Nagoya Protocol in Perspective: Implications for International Law and Implementation Challenges (Brill/Martinus Nijhoff, forthcoming 2012). For further details of the Workshop programme and speakers, see: http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/conferences/NagoyaProtocol/

DISCUSSION GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Edinburgh Discussion Group on International Law organises seminars and discussions on a wide range of topics related to public international law. The Discussion Group is co-ordinated by PhD students with the aim of complementing Edinburgh Law School's strong record of research and scholarship in international law. The Discussion Group is currently convened by David Rosatti.

Staff, students (undergraduate and postgraduate) and interested members of the public are welcome to attend, to participate, and to present papers or lead discussions. In the past twelve months, the Discussion Group has seen presentations by:

- Dr. James Harrison on ‘International shipping and climate change’;
- Mrs Kasey L. McCall-Smith on ‘Developing Human Rights Law: the Role of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies’;
- Miss Claire Loxley on ‘International law of the sea and fisheries: high seas mariculture and deep sea hydrobiological resources’;
- Mr. Harry Jonas on ‘Biocultural community protocols’;
- Prof. Thomas Giegerich on ‘Can the German Federal Constitutional Court Function as Europe's Ultimate Arbiter?’

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VISITORS TO THE CENTRE IN 2011/2012

The Scottish Centre for International Law continues to welcome academics from around the world as visiting scholars. In 2010/2011, the Centre was pleased to host the following researchers:

- Senia Febrica is visiting the Centre as part of the United Nations - Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme. Senia is conducting research on cost-sharing partnerships to promote safety of navigation and protection of the marine environment in international straits, with a particular focus on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. She is being supervised by Professor Alan Boyle and Dr James Harrison. Following her stay in Edinburgh, Senia will spend three months with the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the United Nations headquarters in New York where she will continue her project.

- Professor Thomas Giegrich from the University of Kiel visited the Centre for the 2011/12 academic year. As well as conducting research, Professor Giegrich was involved in teaching on various LLM programmes during his visit.

If you are interested in being a visiting researcher at the Centre, please visit the School of Law website for further information: [http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/visitors/](http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/visitors/)

TEACHING IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Teaching international law at LLB and LLM levels continues to be an important part of the work of members of the Centre. Collectively we teach several undergraduate courses on international law and we also offer an extensive range of postgraduate taught courses as part of three LLM programmes: the LLM in International Law, the LLM in International Economic Law, and the LLM on Global Environment and Climate Change Law. For more information, see [http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/pg/taught/](http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/pg/taught/)
Dr Euan MacDonald joined the Law School and the Scottish Centre for International Law in January 2012. Dr MacDonald holds a PhD from the European University Institute in Florence and before arriving in Edinburgh, he was previously a lecturer at Sydney Law School and a Research Officer on the Global Administrative Law project at the Institute for International Law and Justice at New York University Law School. His current research focuses on public international law and legal theory, in particular on public law approaches to the legitimation of global governance; and he is author of *International Law and Ethics After the Critical Challenge: Framing the Legal Within the Post-Foundational*, published by Martinus Nijhoff in January 2011.

The Scottish Centre is also saying goodbye to long-standing member of staff and former Director, Professor Bill Gilmore, who formally retired from the University of Edinburgh on 1 September 2012. Professor Gilmore has been on the staff of Edinburgh Law School for over 30 years and his wit and experience will be sorely missed by his colleagues.

Congratulations to Dr Kasey McCall-Smith who successfully defended her PhD thesis in November 2011. Kasey’s research examined the residual reservations rules of articles 19 - 23 of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and their application to treaties cataloguing primarily non-reciprocal obligations. Using the core United Nations human rights treaties as the case study, she explored the legal inconsistencies that result from the application of the vague Vienna rules. In particular, she investigated the undermining effect of unchecked unilateral reservations on international law as well as whether treaties enumerating human rights obligations deserve special reservations rules. The central argument of the thesis was that treaties embodying non-reciprocal obligations that have embedded treaty-specific supervisory mechanisms should make use of those mechanisms to clarify the validity and subsequent legal effect of formulated reservations. Kasey was awarded her doctorate at the graduation ceremony in June 2012 and she is currently working on publishing parts of her thesis.

Professor Christine Bell has been involved in setting up the Edinburgh Peace Initiative. The Edinburgh Peace Initiative was launched by Edinburgh’s Lord Provost, Re. George Grubb in March 2012 with the aim of promoting Edinburgh as a City of Peace and endorsing activities that foster peace-building within and between individuals, families, communities and states, bringing together those individuals, and civic society organisations that advocate peace-making in all its forms, for the good of humanity. As one of its first activities, the Edinburgh Peace Initiative will be organizing an international symposium in October 2012, at which Professor Bell will be giving a keynote speech. For further details, see [http://unaedinburgh.com/working-groups/lord-provosts-peace-initiative/](http://unaedinburgh.com/working-groups/lord-provosts-peace-initiative/).
EDINBURGH STUDENTS WIN AWARD IN TELDERS INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOTING COMPETITION

A team of four undergraduate students from Edinburgh University School of Law participated in the finals of the 2012 Telders International Law Mooting Competition at the Peace Palace in The Hague on 26-28 April. Edinburgh was represented in the competition by Anna Klaskala, Anna-Maria Rehbinder, Harry Skinner, and Usman Waheed. The Edinburgh team was competing against teams from 26 other universities across Europe.

This year’s competition involved complex questions of criminal jurisdiction and immunities of serving government ministers. Each team had to produce two memorials responding to a fictional case and they then presented oral arguments in front of mock courts composed of academics and legal practitioners, including a number of serving ICJ judges. The Edinburgh team gave a very good performance, coming fifth in the competition overall. Harry Skinner and Anna-Maria Rehbinder also picked up the Carnegie Foundation Award for the Best Memorial on behalf of the Respondent. The School would like to extend its congratulations to all of the students involved in the competition. The team was coached by Dr James Harrison and Mr Stephen Bailey, a current student on the diploma programme and a former competitor in the Telders competition.

HONORARY GRADUATE OF EDINBURGH LAW SCHOOL ELECTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The Scottish Centre for International Law was delighted to hear that Julia Sebutinde, a former graduate and honorary graduate of Edinburgh Law School, was elected as a judge of the International Court of Justice on 13 December 2011. Julia Sebutinde won 97 votes in the General Assembly and nine votes in the Security Council and she commenced her nine-year term on the Court on 5 February 2012 along with four other new judges voted to the Court in November 2011.

Julia Sebutinde first attended Edinburgh Law School in 1991 when she was awarded the LLM in Law with Distinction. She was then awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws in 2009 in recognition of her work in the field of human rights and her contribution to the fight against corruption.
# A SELECTION OF STAFF PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS
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<td>Hugo Grotius on the Law of War and Peace: Student edition (Cambridge University Press, 2012)</td>
<td>Stephen C. Neff</td>
<td>Despite its significant influence on international law, international relations, natural law and political thought in general, Grotius's Law of War and Peace has been virtually unavailable for many decades. Stephen Neff's edited and annotated version of the text rectifies this situation. Containing the substantive portion of the classic text, but shorn of extraneous material, this edited and annotated edition of one of the classic works of Western legal and political thought is intended for students and teachers in four primary areas: history of international law, history of political thought, history of international relations and history of philosophy.</td>
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<td>Environmental Integration in the EU's External Relations: Beyond Multilateral Dimensions (Hart Publishing, 2012)</td>
<td>Gracia Marín Durán and Elisa Morgera</td>
<td>The book examines the integration of environmental protection requirements into EU external relations focusing on unilateral, bilateral and inter-regional instruments, which have been less explored than the multilateral dimension of EU environmental policy. The book also explores for the first time the complex interplay and mutual influences between EU environmental integration initiatives and environmental multilateralism. On the one hand it identifies the legal and other instruments used by the EU to support the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements in third countries (particularly developing ones). On the other hand, it singles out the legal and other tools employed by the EU as a means to build partnerships with third countries in order to influence ongoing multilateral negotiations concerning the environment and sustainable development, or to contribute to the development of new international environmental norms in the absence of such multilateral negotiations. Ultimately, the book traces the significant evolution of the various tools deployed by the EU to integrate environmental concerns in its external relations, with a view to identifying emerging challenges and future directions.</td>
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