International Law Association

Study Group on Principles on the Engagement of Domestic Courts with International Law

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Study Group on Principles on the Engagement of Domestic Courts with International Law commenced work in mid-2011. It is mandated to study domestic court engagement with international law and to formulate a set of principles or guidelines 'governing' such engagement. In its Preliminary Report, the Study Group mapped the variations in the reception (or domestication) of international law in various domestic legal orders, in its application by domestic courts, and in the outcome of domestic court engagement with international law. It then sought to discern principled approaches to engagement by setting out various strategies of engagement along ideal types (avoidance/alignment). It decided to focus on the strategies of 'problematic accommodation' of international law by domestic courts, as well as 'contestation' of international law.

Along the lines drawn in the Preliminary Report, the Study Group decided to solicit reports discussing the engagement of domestic courts with international law. These will be discussed at the Study Group's forthcoming meeting in London in the autumn, and will be included in a relevant publication. Those selected to write reports will be invited to participate in the Study Group's forthcoming meeting, which will discuss the reports, but will unfortunately have to cover their own expenses as the Study Group does not have the ability to offer financial support.

The reports shall either focus on a specific state and the engagement of its courts with international law, or survey a particular thematic area of international law and seek to map out the engagement of domestic courts in that area. The reports shall be between 6,000 and 8,000 words and specifically trace the themes identified in the Study Group's Preliminary Report. They are intended as evidence-gathering-, mapping-exercises, rather than an opportunity for theoretical analysis.

Those interested in submitting a proposal for a report should read the Study Group's Preliminary Report (available on the Study Group's page on the ILA website: http://www.ila-hq.org/en/committees/study_groups.cfm/cid/1039) and submit a 500 word proposal for a report in the following thematic areas (except those where an author is already indicated):

National Reports	**Thematic Reports**
Netherlands	Security Council (Antonios Tzanakopoulos)
Switzerland	International Financial Institutions (BS Chimni)
United States	Whaling Convention (Anne Peters)
Italy	Customary International Law as a Basis for
United Kingdom (Shaheed Fatima)	Criminal Prosecution and Defence
Germany	Universal Jurisdiction
Israel	LBGT Rights

India
Japan
Brazil
Argentina
South Africa
Senegal
Egypt

Treaty Obligations Relating to Corruption
Trafficking
International Investment Law
The Global Environment
Regulation under WTO Law
Human Rights Monitoring Mechanisms and Courts

The Study Group may entertain suggestions for national or thematic reports beyond those indicated above. Each proposal shall make clear whether it will be dealing with one of the topics above, or whether it is suggesting a new topic.

Proposals for writing a report shall be limited to 500 words and are to be sent to Antonios Tzanakopoulos (Antonios[dot]Tzanakopoulos[at]law[dot]ox[dot]ac[dot]uk) by **31 May 2013**.

More information on the Study Group can be found on the website indicated above.