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WSBA World Peace through Law Section July 2012

July 26: The Right to Travel to Cuba: History and Current Law

The Section's next meeting Lynne Wilson, a Seattle civil rights attorney, will present on the current status on ["The Right of US Citizens to Travel to Cuba"](#). In 2002,



Ms. Wilson began providing defense services to clients who had been charged with violating the Federal Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC's) Cuba regulations. Ms Wilson will discuss the history of US-Cuba relations, OFAC regulations promulgated under the Trading with the Enemy Act to enforce the economic embargo, the current availability of broader licensed visits and the viability of the efforts to lift the travel ban, given the severe Cuba sanctions laws that have been passed in the last twenty years.

When/Where:

July 26, 2012
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
111 Third Avenue, Third Floor Conf. Room
Seattle

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1.0 general credits

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"We cannot and should not slacken in our efforts to make the nations of the world and especially their governments aware of the unspeakable disaster they are certain to provoke unless they change their attitude towards each other and towards the task of shaping the future."

- Albert Einstein

[Audio from American Institute of Physics.](#)



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Non-members can [join the WPTL Section now for \\$25](#) to attend this and other section programs at Section Member rate.

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From the Chair: International Views

By [Patricia Christine Aqimuk Paul, Esq.](#), Chair, WSBA World Peace Through Law Section.



Section Chair
Patricia Paul

In July, I will be participating in my second [International Congress of Americanists \(ICA 54\)](#); this is being held at the [University of Vienna in Austria](#). This year's theme is "**Building Dialogues in the Americas.**"

My first stint was in 2003 in Santiago, Chile at ICA 51, where I began working with Brazilian anthropologist, Adolfo de Oliveira, who is currently professor of social anthropology at the [University of Santa Cruz, Ilhaus, Brazil](#). Adolfo and I were co-convenors of a symposium in Santiago, Chile and again this year in Vienna, Austria in the field of social and cultural anthropology. My specific volunteer work in Brazil and with Brazilian anthropologists (since 1999) is to lecture and teach in the area of indigenous rights, indigenous cultural protection and indigenous environmental rights.

The International Congress of the Americanists is a first rate forum spanning years, with an

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interdisciplinary tradition of studies of the Americas. It has been convened since 1875, when the first ICA was held in Nancy, France, with venues alternating between the Americas and Europe.

This year's theme will bring together scholars of liberal and conservative politics, activists and theoretical approaches, among other disciplines to develop self-reflection and encourage trans-disciplinary dialogues. My specific participation this year is a symposium I developed on **Transformative Cultures**; Adolfo and I have accepted ten papers with participants traveling from Europe, South America and North America. I will also be presenting a paper in the area of intellectual property law.

One dialogue of possible interest to the WSBA World Peace Through Law Section is a paper titled "**Femininities and Gender Bias in UN Peace Operation Troop Soldiers: a Review Study since 1325 UN-Resolution,**"

presented by Fabiana Pierre, an Associate Professor at the [University of Andres Bello, Chile](#). She is participating in the symposium titled, **Construcciones ambiguas de feminidad en contexto de conflicto armado: permanencias y rupturas**.

Her abstract follows:

"Peace operation have become more complex where new actors, besides States, are considerably key to the conflict. Besides considering new actors, sociological literature in peace operations consistently projects the need to include gender perspective in several levels when implementing a mission. Nonetheless, few attention has been drawn to the several ways of implementing gender perspective by the soldiers of those missions. Considered a reference for the international community, the Security

Council approved the Resolution 1325 that impelled future changes in gender and security field. Its content highlights the gender perspective relevance in every aspect of the operation and turns in the responsibility to the international community in order to establish its embracement within the local community affected by the conflict. Considering this, some international organizations have recognized that there is a pressing need to deconstruct and reduce the negative aspects of masculinity and to integrate men and boys into programs aimed at reducing gender bias. Nonetheless, much less analysis has been given to examine the patriarchy evidenced in international institutions, even less to unfold the masculinity bias of these same actors who represent them. While the international presence is praised for rescuing societies out of control, what is not really considered is that the operators of this rescue also bring with them varying aspects of gender norms and patriarchal behavior that are transposed into the local community. This article aims to analyze the comprehension that blue helmet soldiers have regarding gender perspective in peace operations through an overview of their experiences in missions that include that perspective in its composition. This result evidence part of the patriarchal values and masculine bias that helps to block gender full implementation in peace missions."

For more information, please [contact Professor Fabiana Pierre](#).

The Justice Cascade

The Justice Cascade: How Human Rights Prosecutions Are Changing World Politics (The Norton Series in World Politics)

Reviewed by Robin Lindley

In May 2012, the UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone in the Hague sentenced former Liberian president Charles G. Taylor to 50 years in prison for atrocities and of aiding and abetting war crimes committed in Sierra Leone in the 1990s including murder, rape, sexual slavery and horrific mutilation, all in exchange for blood diamonds. In this landmark case for human rights law, Taylor became the first former head of state convicted by an international tribunal since the Nuremberg trials in Germany after World War II.

Then in June 2012, an Egyptian court sentenced ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his former interior minister, Habib el-Adly, to life in prison for failing to stop the killing of unarmed demonstrators during the protests that ended Mubarak's nearly 30-year rule.

The Taylor and Mubarak cases represent a very recent trend as state political and military leaders are brought increasingly before various national and international courts or tribunals for human rights violations such as torture, genocide and "disappearing" perceived opponents. Holding individual state leaders accountable for atrocity crimes was virtually unheard of just a generation ago.

Eminent political scientist Dr. Kathryn Sikkink traces this sea change toward a new norm of

human rights law in her groundbreaking book *The Justice Cascade: How Human Rights Prosecutions are Changing World Politics* (W.W. Norton). Dr. Sikkink sees the origins of this hopeful advance in the international tribunals since the post-World War II war crimes trials in Tokyo and Nuremberg, and also in the domestic prosecutions of civilian and military leaders for human rights violations in Portugal and Greece in the 1970s and in Argentina in the 1980s. Dr. Sikkink recently discussed *The Justice Cascade* with former Section Chair Robin Lindley. [Read the Interview Here.](#)

WPTL In Arizona

"The [World Peace Through Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona](#)



was formed in 1989 to encourage world peace and justice through respect for international law. To this end, the section:

- Facilitates debate among the legal profession on issues of world peace;
- Organizes presentations on various topics relating to world peace through law to members of the public and other attorneys
- Presents lectures and workshops at various times on "world peace through law" topics (guest lecturers from government, academia, business, or law may make the presentations);
- Presents continuing legal education programs and

sponsors delegations for members of the State Bar on topics related to world peace and justice through law; and

- Informs the Board of Governors on matters which may be appropriate for Board action.

Representative "topics" of interest to the section include: The United Nations; The World Court; Global Security; The Law of War; Combatting Terrorism; War Crimes and an International Criminal Court; United States Policies, Political, and Economic Relations with Other Countries; International Conventions (e.g., Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, Protecting the Environment, Covenant on Civil and Political Rights); and Areas of Armed Conflict or Terrorism (e.g., Middle East, Palestine and Israel, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Africa, Northern Ireland, Latin America, and Asia).

The section meets monthly to accomplish its objectives, and it encourages participation in these meetings by lawyers, law students, judges, and other interested persons. "

-- from the [State Bar of Arizona Website](#).

Editorial Comment: *Section members in Arizona may wish to meet with this section. Perhaps we may work together on a program sometime!*

CLE Committee

Save the Date:

For Monday, August 27, we plan a program on *Recent Constitutional Developments in the Middle East*. More programs are coming; stay

tuned!

WSBA Public Service Training

As part of the WSBA's strategic goal to enhance the culture of service among its membership, the WSBA Public



Service Training Program has developed a series of accredited trainings in specific practice areas that are available at no charge to attorneys who provide Pro Bono assistance in their communities, work with legal services programs, and/or participate in the WSBA's public service initiatives such as the Moderate Means Program and the Home Foreclosure and Legal Aid Project.

For attorneys who volunteer their time and services to assist low and moderate income clients, free access to these public service training programs will help further develop their knowledge in the areas of Family Law, Consumer Law, and Housing Law. Programs are available in formats including live classroom and webcast events, event recordings, and online modules. There is a simple process by which volunteers are authenticated as being registered with a qualified legal service provider and therefore eligible to take these training programs at no cost. To view the series of Family Law training programming currently available, see

www.wsba.org/publicservicetraining

More programs will be forthcoming in 2013.

Please note: You must be authenticated as a volunteer to register for the WSBA public service trainings. If you are not currently authenticated, please contact Sean Kennedy at seank@wsba.org.

We're very excited to announce these programs and resources to section members. Please feel free to reach out with any feedback and questions.

Warmly,

[Angie Maddox](#)

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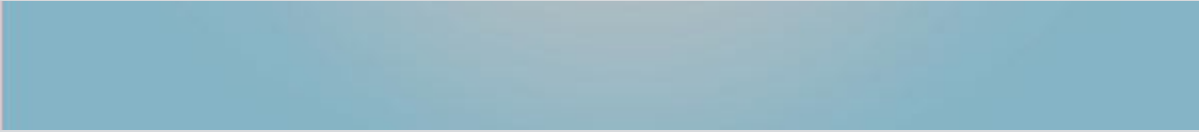
From the Editor

To complete the transition of this newsletter to an email-only format, the ever-efficient Bar staff has confirmed that all WPTL members have provided an email address. This means no-one will miss out on this newsletter, and frees us to include more material, including links to events and publications that YOU, our Section members, think work sharing. [Please email your material to the editor!](#)

And now, for something completely different, I hope you enjoy this [cartoon discussion of just war theory](#).

-- Randy Winn

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