

TRILA Central Asia Workshop (21, 23, 25 February 2022)

Monday, 21 February 2022

Time (Almaty, KZ)	Sessions
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Welcome Remarks Associate Prof. Fred Mitchell Isaacs Dean School of Law, KIMEP University</p> <p>Overview of the Workshop Professor Antony Anghie NUS Centre for International Law</p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 1: Where are we? Stocktaking of challenges in teaching and researching international law in Central Asia</p> <p>In line with the bottom-up approach of the TRILA workshop, the aim of this session is to hear from the participants about their experiences as academics. Dr. Sergey Sayapin and other Central Asian scholars (TBC) will give short presentations to start the discussion, which can address a range of issues including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) International law as a source of law in Central Asian States2) The status and prestige of the international legal profession in Central Asia3) Major challenges faced by teachers, especially in time of pandemic, and the strategies employed in addressing them4) Issues ranging from limited materials and resources to the advantages and disadvantages of different teaching methods and the skills developed from these methods5) The challenges of teaching in a local language <p>An open discussion will follow after the presentation.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 2: Teaching Methods</p> <p>This session will focus on different teaching methodologies that can be applied in the classroom. Dr. Zhyldyz Tegizbekova will outline some of the common teaching methods used in law schools in Central Asia, including those being used in time of pandemic. After the presentation, the floor will be open for a discussion about the pros and cons of each method.</p>
17:30 – 18:00	Conclusion of the first day

Wednesday, 23 February 2022

Time	Sessions
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3: Researching international law In this session, Dr. Khalida Azhigulova will present her experience in developing research projects and share the challenges that Central Asian researchers commonly face. Professor Anghie will then outline some current trends in international law research and the ways in which these could be relevant to participants, including both those whose primary area of research is international law, and those who are seeking to integrate international and comparative perspectives into their research. They will also discuss the important components of research-led teaching and alternative ways of producing international law discourse outside Europe. An open discussion will follow after the presentation.
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4: Tools for international law research NUS CIL Researcher Amiel Ian Valdez will provide an overview of research materials and citation tools that are available, and how to access and use them. This session will also continue our exploration of research trends and issues faced by the participants.
17:30 – 18:00	Conclusion of the second day

Friday, 25 February 2022

Time	Sessions
14:00 – 15:00	Session 5: Scholarship, from writing to publishing Professor Anghie will open the discussion by making some practical suggestions about researching and writing an article. The topic of writing an abstract will also be covered as abstracts are often important when applying for participation in conferences. After the presentation, the floor will be open to discussion.
15:00 – 15:30	Session 6: Academic blogging Dr. Miras Daulenov will talk about the recent trend of academic blogging about contemporary topics in international law as an opportunity for young scholars to gain exposure in academic writing and publication. He will give an overview of the prominent international law blogging platforms and discuss the writing style to adopt for submitting to such platforms.
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session 7: Publishing in top international law journals In this session, Professor Anghie will outline the procedure that is followed by journals, such as the <i>Asian Journal of International Law</i> when it receives a submission. He will discuss what reviewers look for when assessing an article and some common reasons for rejecting or accepting articles. Other issues that could be discussed include selecting appropriate journals. In conclusion, Dr. Sergey Sayapin will introduce the new <i>Central Asian Yearbook of International Law and International Relations</i> .
17:30 – 18:00	Conclusion of the Workshop