Annual Report 2023
Dear friends of the Walther Schücking Institute,

throughout large parts of the year 2023 the main topic for conversation on the corridors and something that occupied the minds of all members of the Institute was the search for a new co-director to fill the vacancy left by Kerstin von der Decken in July 2022. Filling such a position is not an easy task. In addition to finding the best in regard to his or her research portfolio and teaching abilities the hope certainly is to find someone who also “fits” the WSI in terms of spirit, collegiality and aspirations. What a success and joy that we have found this person: in October 2023 Thomas Kleinlein took office as the third co-director of the Institute. He completes our leadership team and in the section “Three questions to…” you will learn more about his research focus and motivation for current and future projects in Kiel. We are truly grateful for his acceptance of the offer to join the WSI and to all, including the Faculty and the Presidential Board, who facilitated his decision to choose Kiel over staying at Jena University. With vacant positions of research associates, student assistants, assistant to the managing director and the position of a secretary for both Thomas Kleinlein and Andreas von Arnauld being filled successfully, the WSI reclaims the lively atmosphere and productive research environment we had been used to. Despite being fewer people than usual for many months we are looking back to quite a number of successful academic activities in 2023, of which I would like to highlight the Symposium “Russia, Imperialism and International Law” held in September. We are confident that you will enjoy reading about the past achievements and that you are looking forward – together with us – to future events and developments.

With best wishes

Prof. Dr. Nele Matz-Lück, LL.M.  
Co-Director

Prof. Dr. Andreas von Arnauld  
Co-Director

Prof. Dr. Thomas Kleinlein  
Co-Director

Thomas Kleinlein, Prof. Dr. Nele Matz-Lück, LL.M., Prof. Dr. Andreas von Arnauld
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In this section we present a special project or story associated with the Walther Schücking Institute.

Before, during and after the pandemic, the Institute actively engaged in societal exchange in a great variety of international law issues. Let’s have a look into this outreach to civil society.
Reaching out to Civil Society – Past and Present

While the primary functions of the Institute’s staff are research and teaching students at the CAU and, as guest lecturers, at other higher education institutions, reaching out to civil society is another important field of activity. This can happen in different ways: with established academic formats that are open to the public, e.g. as part of an open lecture series (“Ringvorlesung”), by offering talks for the “Schleswig-Holsteinische Universitätsgesellschaft” (a unique institution that shuttles academics from Kiel University to present their research in more remote places in the federal State) or as an expert in public roundtable discussions, by providing expert knowledge to the media and in public outreach formats in the narrower sense, e.g. by giving talks at schools.

Before the pandemic the WSI organized an annual lecture series on different topics of public international and European Union law that addressed an audience beyond the circle of international law students and researchers and beyond other members of Kiel University. To reach a wider audience of the interested public the lecture series was scheduled for the early evening and held in German language. It is planned for the winter term 2024/2025 to revive this format with a series on the international law governing resources.

Providing information for the media is one element that many researchers actively engage in. This includes background talks with journalists as well as interviews for radio and TV broadcasts on current questions. Understanding what public international law is and how it works is crucial to many of the current global questions and of particular interest for a broader public. Being informed about and being able to assess political decision-making is crucial for any democracy. How does Germany act in the global arena and why? What State behaviour is illegal and what are justified reactions? These questions (and more) are highly relevant for a democratic society but – as the minimum – require background information for journalists who in turn spread the knowledge.

In addition to regular interviews with different representatives of the national and international media, e.g. on the war in Ukraine, Germany’s position concerning Israeli activities in Gaza and international reactions thereto, search and rescue missions in the Mediterranean, climate change and marine protected areas in the ocean, researchers of the Institute are engaged in different formats that are open for or addressed to the public and that display public outreach in a narrower sense. The following paragraphs focus upon the law of the sea as a field of law that has attracted a lot of public attention over the last years and offered a number of opportunities to reach out to civil society.

Worth mentioning is the regular participation as an interview partner in podcast episodes that focused on the legal framework for ocean governance, e.g. in the mare Podcast “Übers Meer” and an episode of the “Ocean Crimes” podcast. Likewise, the TV feature with the episode “Wem gehört das Meer?” on Arte in the series “42 – Die Antwort auf fast alles” helped to explain several legal concepts of ocean governance to a broader audience.

Teaching the younger generation about ocean governance and topical questions concerning the law of the sea
is another worthwhile activity. When Kiel University still hosted the “Kinderuni” as a lecture series for children aged 6-12 the talk on why States have disputes over islands (“Inseln, Felsen und Riffe – Warum Streiten Staaten, wann eine Insel eine Insel ist?”) inspired a lot of questions from an active audience. Another instrument to reach the young generation is the annual initiative “Rent a Scientist”. This initiative asks researchers to offer talks for schools in Schleswig-Holstein. In the past talks on the questions who owns the ocean, on marine protected areas and seabed mining were given at different schools in Kiel and beyond. Another format is regularly supported with impulse speeches in the Model United Nations in Kiel and the broader region.

Further outreach activities included regular presentation for the open public in the context of “Kieler Uni live” at the Kiellinie during Kiel Week and participation in the format “Wissenschaft in der Holtenauer”, where researchers hold short presentations on their research in shops along the Holtenauer Straße in Kiel.

When the dispute about sovereign rights over marine resources between Turkey and Greece reached particular relevance in 2020 and 2021 in addition to media information there was considerable interest in talks for the broader public. This included an online presentation and discussion for the Schleswig-Holsteinische Universitätsgeellschaft.

Over the past years the topic of search and rescue in the Mediterranean has triggered a lot of requests for media information and public outreach from various sides. Worth mentioning is the participation with an impulse speech at the Federal Citizens’ Assembly on Germany’s role in the world (Bürgerrat Deutschlands Rolle in der Welt) in 2021 on the legal question of rescue and disembarkation of rescued migrants. In addition to frequent media requests in print, radio and TV, public outreach in the narrower sense for the younger generation consisted of a simulation game (“Planspiel”) in 2023 on search and rescue. After a more general impulse talk in the plenary the 11th grade of a Kiel secondary school worked on the representation of different positions of States and organizations on the topic. They prepared their positions along distributed background materials before entering an active discussion. The event closed with a plenary where the students discussed their experience with the debate along the allocated positions.

The overview over some of the Institute’s activities to interact with civil society shows that despite the focus on research and teaching there is the will and the ability to inform the public about current developments and share expert knowledge. In the past years the topic science communication has gained attention and is supported by several entities at Kiel University, e.g. the Graduate Center and the Research Foci. The global situation with multiple crises around the world – war, terrorism, effects of climate change – which cannot be addressed by one State alone will require further expert information about different aspects of public international law. In addition to the promotion of excellent research within academia, formats to inform the broader public and engage in an exchange are worth exploring and will root the WSI more firmly in – at least – the local society.

Nele Matz-Lück
PEOPLE
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Professors & Visiting Professors

Prof. Dr. Andreas von Arnauld
Professor for Public Law, particularly Public International Law and EU law ("W3-Professor für Öffentliches Recht mit Schwerpunkt Völkerrecht und Europarecht")

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What are your favourite and main research areas?

My research focuses on general international law and its foundations (global constitutionalism, philosophy, theory, and history of international law). I am also particularly interested in the law of international organisations, the law of treaties, human rights, climate change law, and international law and technological innovation. In the area of EU law, I have so far worked on European constitutional and institutional law, as well as asylum and migration. In the field of comparative constitutional law, I have mainly specialised in the US, Canada, and the EU, as well as in fundamental rights (in particular structural issues of fundamental rights protection), the federal state and "foreign relations law". The procedural aspects of European and international law in their interaction with domestic law are a cross-cutting interest of my research.

Are there aspects that made Kiel University and especially the Walther Schücking Institute particularly appealing to you?

Actually, the decision to change from Jena to Kiel was not an easy one for me, because I am really fond of the Jena faculty and university. But the reception at the Institute was very friendly and I was definitely attracted by the idea of working at an institute specialising in international law. The tradition of the Institute is intimidating, but what helped convince me was that many esteemed colleagues I met while considering my decision shared with me so many positive feelings about the Institute.

Can you give us an insight into future research or other projects at the Institute?

Stay tuned for the upcoming issues of this annual report. I can only promise that I will endeavour to make it an interesting read.
I had the opportunity to spend a productive and insightful semester at the Walther Schücking Institute, where I worked as a deputy chair from October 2022 to February 2023.

After studying law at the University of Hamburg (1st State Examination in Law, 2006), I received my doctorate from the University of Hamburg in 2010 with a thesis on Jürgen Habermas’ theory of law and democracy. After passing the 2nd State Examination in 2012, I completed a Master’s Degree at New York University and from 2014 worked as a consultant at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg. Since October 2017, I have been head of the research group “Shades of Illegality in International Peace and Security Law” (active until the end of 2024), which is dedicated to international peacekeeping law and the conflictual development of norms in this area of law. In December 2020, I completed my habilitation at the University of Heidelberg with the thesis “International Law Order and Breach of International Law: Theory and Practice of Illegality in Ius Contra Bellum”.

What I particularly enjoyed about my time in Kiel was the variety of courses offered by the WSI in the field of international law. For me as a lecturer, it was in particular exciting that both law students and students on the Master’s degree programme in International Politics and International Law attended the courses. This resulted in a productive addition of perspectives from legal and social science approaches, which is always important to me in my own research on international law.

In addition, I particularly remember the many insightful discussions with my colleagues. I was particularly struck by the diversity of topics and perspectives, which provided me with an inspiring environment for my research in international law during the time I held the chair.

I have now held the Chair of Public Law and International Law at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin since April 2023 and hope to be able to continue working with the Walther-Schücking-Institute and its researchers in the future.
I was a visiting professor at the Walther Schücking Institute in the summer term of 2023. No small footsteps by Christian Marxsen to fill. However, the offer to come to Kiel was one that could not be refused, as my partly Sicilian descent indicated to me as a Bavarian living in Bochum.

While the welcome dinner with Andreas von Arnauld was on a rather cold and rainy night (the dinner though was very warm!), the advantage of the advancing summer in Kiel became apparent soon, especially as a passionate biker. I do recommend the “Sprottenflotte” in this regard.

Kiel meant meeting friends, such as Tobias Thienel, with whom I had spent time at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg (only a few years back… that we remembered at “Oblomow” very early on, later in the summer also at the “Kiellinie”). The WSI meant also new colleagues, such as Maita Jensen. She made sure, with remarkable foresight and pragmatism, that a busy schedule of a working mom and the commute from Bochum ran smoothly at all times. Moritz Rhades always had an open door for me, and I am glad to continue to spot his research every now and then.

One evening in May, Andreas gathered some of the WSI’s finest legal minds for me to discuss an upcoming article on current issues of inter-State applications under the ECHR authored together with Tim Eicke, the UK judge at the European Court of Human Rights (and a fellow Bavarian). The coauthorship with a sitting judge required some degree of diplomacy. The gathered crowd helped navigate the controversial issues of inter-State applications under the Convention. The endproduct is available in a special edition edited by Rosana Garciaandia and the good folks at the British Institute for International Comparative Law in the International Human Rights Law Review.

A high point of the term was certainly my seminar with almost 20 students engaging in questions around the European Convention on Human Rights, the war in Ukraine, and Artificial Intelligence. I am indebted to Prof. Matthias Grabmair from the Technical University Munich (now a Bavarian and a fellow law student back in Augsburg), who gave an impulse to the group about natural language processing and artificial intelligence when we set off for the seminar days. A publication on state liability for artificial intelligence together with Moritz von Rochow is still in the making.

In September, a further high point was the Symposium “Russia, Imperialism and International Law”. Over a trip to Laboe and dinner, I heard from Michael Riepl (a fellow Bavarian) about life and work in Kiev for the ICRC, Jessup and the Russian participation therein (Yulia Ioffe had some very cogent arguments), and Lauri Mälksoo shared insights that invariably help put recent events into perspective.

The WSI-mug from the institute holds a special place in my office. I have fond memories of my time in Kiel, of the summer party at Nele’s house, the host of the evening and refreshingly open Grand Dame of the WSI. Here, it is worthwhile mentioning her podcast, “Erschöpfte Wissenschaft”, which raises important issues that should be discussed more openly in academia. With Nele, I am happy to be further linked over a commentary to the UN Charter (Schmahl/Starski, Beck) and thus hope to have an excuse to meet up again…

After no less than legendary Jessup National Rounds in Kiel in 2018, in which I had the honor to participate as a judge in 2018 (thank you, Jens Kaiser!), a fantastic summer term 2023 (thank you, Andreas and Nele), extended to the whole WSI-crowd), I hope that my way will lead me back to Kiel one day to see that Nordic summer light, to meet and to enjoy talking about international law.

Thank you all!
Guests of the Institute

Dr. Richard W.W. Xing

Moin! Moin! I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to work as a Humboldt Research Fellow at the Walter Schücking Institute for International Law of CAU in Kiel. Before working full-time in Kiel, I was an associate Professor in Xiamen University, an Assistant Professor at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and a Hong Kong Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. I studied at Anhui University, Shanghai Maritime University, and Shanghai Jiao Tong University and completed a joint PhD training in Aarhus University.

With the support of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, I am conducting research on the regulation of autonomous shipping. I would like to clarify environmental concerns of the maritime autonomous surface ships (MASS) under multilevel regulations.

It is an honour for me to be able to participate in academic activities and publish journal articles as an affiliated researcher at WSI. From Kiel, I attend the Network Meeting, the Annual Meeting and the Study Tour of the Humboldt Foundation in 2023. I have also published three journal articles so far in Ocean & Coastal Management, Marine Policy, and Heliyon, adding WSI as an affiliation.

Kiel is a sailing city, so I’m happy to bring this research here. I am fully integrated as a research fellow at the WSI and very grateful to Prof. Dr. Nele Matz-Lück not only for her constructive involvement in the research, but also for helping me and my wife to settle in Kiel. Many thanks to my colleagues at WSI for enabling me to develop cross-cultural theoretical and analytical skills in international law.

I am very grateful to the Professors, research associates, office staff and student assistants at WSI for all the warm support and assistance that I have received. I look forward to further collaboration and knowledge exchange with colleagues at WSI in a variety of ways.

Vielen Dank und liebe Grüße,
Richard

Violeta Radovich

I am an Associate Researcher at CONICET (Argentine Council of Scientific and Technical Research), and at UBA (Universidad de Buenos Aires), School of Law, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas y Sociales Ambrosio L. Gioja. Moreover, I am a Professor at UNDEF (Universidad Nacional de la Defensa), ESGN (Escuela de Guerra Naval).

I come to Kiel because I am a Postdoctoral Climate International Protection Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation hosted by Prof. Dr. Nele Matz-Lück. My research project is entitled “Renewable energy on the high seas – regulatory and governance challenges”. The objectives are to study the environmental regulation and governance of renewable energy platforms on the high seas, analyse the similarities with and synergies from the regime of deep seabed mining in the Area and provide recommendations for improvement of regulation.

Personally, 2023 can be defined as a year full of trips and work. I arrived with my family at Kiel in April, 2023 after being in Bonn during March for the preliminary course of my fellowship organized by the German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU). In June, I travelled to Berlin for the 70th Anniversary of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. In October, I travelled to Dresden and Berlin for the midterm seminar of the fellowship entitled “Knowledge Transfer for Effective Climate Change Policies”, organized by Technische Universität Dresden.

In January 2024 I travelled again to Berlin to receive my Diploma in the German Federal Office.

In November, 2023 I participated in Geestacht in the Social Science & Humanities KDM Strategy Group (Konsortium Deutsche Meeresforschung, German Marine Research Consortium) Autumn Meeting, The eco-industrial
transformation of the Sea – New social and cultural science research perspectives for marine space. My presentation was entitled: “Might the eco-industrial transformation of the Sea reach high seas?” During 2023 I wrote a book entitled “Marine Exploration and Exploitation of Hydrocarbons. An Environmental and Legal Perspective”, which has already been peerreviewed and will be published open access by Palgrave Macmillan, Springer Nature. I also wrote three chapters and the prologue of the book entitled “The Escazu Agreement in Comics with and for the Chiquitano People” by Giulia Parola and Margherita Poto.

I participated in meetings of Kiel Marine Sciences and was invited to publish an article in the special issue “Knowledge integration in Ocean Governance” (eds. Wehrmann and Kuhn), Ocean and Society Jounral, Cogitatio Press.

I really appreciate that my office is very close to the Walther Schücking Institute Library, a really complete and comfortable library to spend hours reading.

Violeta Radovich receiving her diploma. Surrounded by the Representative of the Federal German Office (left), Prof Dr Nele Matz-Lück (second right) and the representative of scientific cooperation from the Argentine Embassy in Germany, Dr Silvia Kroyer (right).
was immediately introduced to one of the most treasured traditions of the Institute: lunch at a quarter to one (half past twelve when there are no lectures, to adjust to the mensa’s rush hour). Many people might think that I exaggerate by saying this but maybe you only realise the value of this daily routine – or at least the option to tag along – once you do not have it anymore. To chat about work, or rather other things than work, and to have a coffee afterwards for those who want is a very positive thing for new people at the Institute. When I arrived at the WSI, student assistants did not come along for lunch, but I am glad that this changed and now everybody joins. I realised how important it was for me when it stopped happening at some point and was happy to see it reinstated after a while.

After having lived for a year in Hamburg, nothing kept me there anymore and I substituted the two-hour one-way commute for a ten-minute bike ride by moving to Kiel. I lived right across from where the institute spent its first half of a century. Although I really liked Hamburg, I soon started to defend Kiel when people attack it. A few months after I arrived, I was roped in to support the organisation of the “Staatsrechtslehrertagung” in Kiel. In my case, that meant that I had to check if people who wanted to join the bus tour through Kiel – yes, this was before the hop-on hop-off bus passed the institute – had actually paid for it. My colleague Johannes Fuchs was responsible for taking pictures and stood coincidentally next to me when a recently retired Swiss law professor entered the bus. Still unaware of the intricacies of the German language, especially when it comes to formal and informal pronouns, and the extreme formality that back then surrounded the event, I asked him: “Hast du schon bezahlt, Herr Thürer?” The person in question looked surprised, if not confused, and especially not in Germany, who can match that. My colleague could not control his signature loud laugh (for those of you who know him).

The struggle with the German language continued. The fact that I wrote my PhD thesis in the English language and not in German caused a couple of months of delay in me being admitted as a PhD candidate at the faculty. I had to wait for a new dean to take over, who did not see writing in the English language as problematic. This might as well have started one of my favourite pastimes at the institute, to the rightful annoyance of many: the use of English at the institute. Having more publications in English – and admittedly, this is increasing – will have a positive effect on the visibility of the institute outside the German-speaking world. In my years at the institute, there was nobody who could not have written a publication of the same quality in English. The arguments in favour of German are decreasing, only underlined by the increasing number of German international lawyers who publish in English. Moreover, it is very much a loss for the academic world that high-quality work is now still published in German where it might have been written in English with the same ease to reach a much wider audience. I am fully aware that the WSI cannot change the rigid system for legal education in Germany, but it can take on a more open approach within that system. This would make it even more attractive for international guest researchers and PhD candidates from abroad. The use of the fantastic library, with the oldest United Nations Depository Library in Germany, and its archaic system of cards for borrowing books (which I fell in love with nonetheless) is another – dare I say it – possibly underused selling point of the Institute. I spent countless hours there and will do my very best to come back for a research stay, whenever possible. There are many more strongholds of the institute that function as potential advertisement. The larger the number of academics who have called the WSI ‘home’, the more this creates a snowball effect of enthusiasm all over the world. The LL.M. programme – the oldest in Germany – is another great business card for the institute. If one had to put the courses that are on offer at the WSI in two broad categories, international law and the environment, especially the ocean and the climate, on the one hand and international law and human rights in times of war and peace on the other, this shows that these topics have never been as relevant as in the world of today. If you only look at which people have spent time at the institute in its 110 years of existence, the excellence of these people in academia, government institutions and the private sector is astonishing. There are not many institutions worldwide, and especially not in Germany, who can match that.

Other obvious great traditions at the WSI are the “völkerrechtliche Tagesthemen” on Wednesday afternoons, allegedly even older than the institute itself, and the wide array of conferences and workshops that have been hosted over the decades. This might as well be the most significant contribution to the WSI’s visibility worldwide and is certainly one that can still be expanded. I very much enjoyed attending them and it gives a sense of pride to have famous international lawyers coming to Kiel. The latter is also exemplified by the annual Walther Schücking lecture. The inaugural lecture in this series was accompanied by a small workshop for early-career researchers. This might be worth trying in the future again because it was an unprecedented success. Last but not least, what the WSI is really good at is its involvement with the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. I was lucky enough to be the neighbour of the moot court
office throughout my time in Kiel, which I loved no matter how well the team performed in the national rounds. It is certainly something that the WSI should cherish and stand as steadfastly behind in the future as it did in the past.

My first position at the WSI came through third-party funding. I very much appreciate working with people from other disciplines and I think that it can be very enriching. The WSI is open to these possibilities, always has been, and hopefully stays so in the future because it made my stay in Kiel highly rewarding. Third-party funding gives the WSI the opportunity to offer positions to non-German lawyers, which is much more difficult to do with state funding. It also allows for almost unlimited collaboration with researchers from other countries and other disciplines, for which many structures already exist in and beyond Kiel. As an institute for International Law, one could almost feel obliged to try out these opportunities. I have always loved the endless number of possibilities in Kiel, and I started looking for other jobs not because I wanted to leave the WSI but there are simply more opportunities for non-German lawyers outside the German-speaking world. There are already certain things that I miss about the WSI, but I am really happy to see the WSI moving on after the difficult pandemic in which all directors got ‘snatched away’ by either the state, the university or the faculty. The possibilities for the WSI are, in my modest opinion, next to unlimited and I will miss my family at Westring 400.

Erik van Doorn

Prof. Dr. Dietrich Rauschning (1931-2023): Remembering a notable alumnus

Dietrich Rauschning passed away on 17 September 2023. He was the last of three great scholars of international law who emerged from the Kiel Institute of International Law and who have had a decisive influence on their discipline in Germany since the 1970s. Rauschning, Knut Ipsen and Jost Delbrück were productive and successful assistants to Eberhard Menzel, with Delbrück in particular later leaving his mark on the Kiel institute. Dietrich Rauschning came to Kiel in 1960. Born in East Prussia in 1931, he fled West Prussia in January 1945 as a minor, first to Schleswig-Holstein and then to Seesen in the Harz Mountains, where he graduated from high school in 1950. He studied law and economics at various universities (including Vancouver), and passed both state examinations in law in Hamburg. He obtained his doctorate in law in Hamburg in 1964 on a topic in international law: “Das Schicksal völkerrechtlicher Verträge bei der Änderung des Status ihrer Partner” [The Fate of International Treaties in the Event of Changes in the Status of the Parties]. At the Kiel Institute of International Law, he completed his habilitation in 1969 with a thesis on “Die Sicherung der Beachtung von Verfassungsrecht” [Ensuring the Observance of Constitutional Law] and, a year later, became a professor and director at the Institute for International Law in Göttingen (successor to Georg Erler). He remained there until he retired.

Rauschning’s scholarly interest in legal issues was sparked less by their theoretical foundations or the systematicity of the law than by the real normativity of law, i.e. its practical effects, and law as an instrument of regulation and organization. It is said that he was an admirer of Alf Ross’s Scandinavian legal realism. In the field of constitutional law, his work focused on problems linked to international law and development of a powerful argument in favour of a constitutional obligation on the legislature to respect and comply with Germany’s international treaties. He was also particularly interested in legal problems of the consequences of the war, in military law, in the legal status of Germany and possible paths to the reunification of Germany. He was also quick to recognize the importance of the environmental law (1979 presentation “Staatsaufgabe Umweltschutz” [Protection of the Environment as a Government Task] at the Staatsrechtslehrertagung [Constitutional Law teachers’ conference]) and nuclear legislation and significantly advanced scholarship in these fields.

For Dietrich Rauschning, protecting the environment was not only a government responsibility, but also a human right. A dedicated member of the International Law Association, he served as Rapporteur, and later Chair, of the “Committee of Legal Aspects of the Conservation of
the Environment”. The work of the committee resulted in the 1982 Montreal Rules of International Law Applicable to Transfrontier Pollution. In addition, he repeatedly dealt with questions of general international law. The law of the sea was another focus of his research.

Somehow it was characteristic of the three Kiel adepts, indeed perhaps even of the postwar generation in general (and of Dietrich Rauschning in particular), that their commitment to the university was never limited to the supervision of their subject in research and teaching. Rather, they always used their expertise in practice and contributed to overarching concerns in other fields, in short: to the community – and not just in the social sphere. Even in his early years in Göttingen, Rauschning successfully fought for academic freedom or for appropriate civil service funding, including childrelated salary components, before the Federal Constitutional Court. After the end of the ‘Cold War’, he campaigned for the reestablishment of the Faculty of Law in Halle and – certainly also due to his origins – particularly for the study of international law at the Russian Kant University in Kaliningrad. Both law faculties, Halle and Kaliningrad, awarded him an honorary doctorate. He volunteered for the Studienstiftung [German Academic Scholarship Foundation], the Studentenwerk [Student Union] and the Dortmund Central Office for the Allocation of Places (ZVS). From 1996, he also served for eight years as a judge of the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo) – a task that was not only physically demanding.

His students, assistants, doctoral candidates and assistants, however, will never forget the many excursions and trips that Rauschning undertook. They were not only aimed at getting to know other universities, other countries (from Europe to the US) or international institutions, but also at experiencing community and personal involvement. In any case, Dietrich Rauschning was basically always active. Just a few months before his death, he attended a symposium in Kiel. He was a model for dedication, helpfulness and loyalty. The fact that this source of energy has now been extinguished leaves a large, tangible gap, not least emotionally.

Edzard Schmidt-Jortzig

Participation in university self-governance
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The Institute’s publications

The “Publications of the Walther Schücking Institute for International Law” with their 204 volumes (as of May 2024) go back to the series “From the Institute for International Law at Kiel University: Lectures and Individual Papers”, the first volume of which appeared in 1918. The publication of international law periodicals can also be linked to the founding period of the Institute: From 1915 to 1926, Niemeyer’s “Zeitschrift für internationales Recht” was published at the Institute; in 1926, Walther Schücking joined the editorial board of the “Zeitschrift für Völkerrecht”, which was published from 1930 to 1937 “in conjunction” with the Institute. The “Jahrbuch für Internationales Recht” (until 1954 “Jahrbuch für internationales und ausländisches öffentliches Recht”), founded in 1947/48 by Hermann von Mangoldt and Rudolf von Laun, has been published at the Walther Schücking Institute since 1976 under the title “German Yearbook of International Law”.

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New publications: a closer look

Andreas von Arnauld

Klausurenkurs im Völkerrecht – Ein Fall- und Repetitionsbuch für den Schwerpunktbereich (Examination Course in International Law – Case Studies and Repetition)


The 16 cases with sample solutions in this exam course offer a concentrated review of the knowledge relevant to the exam for students specialising in this area and also promote an understanding of the special features of international law case solutions.

Fundamental questions of general international law on legal sources, subjects of international law, state responsibility and the relationship between international law and national law are dealt with in practical cases, as are problems from the areas of special international law (including diplomatic law, ECHR, international environmental law, world trade law, peacekeeping law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law).

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M v Local Social Welfare Authority, Regional Social Court, L 4 SO 59/19,
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Lectures, public appearances and media presence

Lectures and public appearances

Fairness and International Law: Within or Without?, forum presentation at . . . . . . . . Prof. Dr. Andreas von Arnauld the ESIL annual conference in Aix-en-Provence, 31 August 2023.

Aktuelle Entwicklungen im Nahostkonflikt: Eine völkerrechtliche Einordnung, lecture, held in the course of “Völkerrechtliche Tagesthemen”, Kiel, 18 November 2023.

Public hearing in the Petitions Committee of the State Parliament (Landtag), Kiel, 11 July 2023.

The Legal Framework for Seabed Mining, Sino-German Workshop on . . . . . . . . . Prof. Dr. Nele Matz-Lück, LL.M.

Deep-Sea Mining of Massive Sulfides, Changsha, 21 September 2023 (online participation).

ABNJ – Regulating the Blue Ocean, lecture, held at the IPDM Law of the Sea Summer School, Cascais, 12 July 2023.

Metalle aus dem Meer – politischer und rechtlicher Rahmen für den Tiefseebergbau, lecture, held in the course of „Rent-a-Scientist“, Berufsbildungszentrum Rendsburg-Eckernförde, Rendsburg, 5 July 2023.


Das Verbot des Aushungerns: Aktuelle Entwicklungen, normative Konturen, neue Herausforderung, lecture, held at the symposium „Rechtsbildung im Völkerrecht“, in honour of Prof. Dr. Martina Haedrich, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, 22 June 2023.

Lectures and Public Appearances

**Honorary Professor**

Rechts(un)sicherheit: Grauzonen des Rechts und Auslandseinsätze der. . . . . . . PD Dr. Christian Marxsen LL.M. Bundeswehr, lecture, held at the 61. Internationale Tagung für Militär-geschichte ITMG, München, 17 August 2023.

Of Parties, Third Parties and Treaty Interpretation, lecture in the course of. . . . . . . Dr. Isabella Risini, LL.M. "Völkerrechtliche Tagesthemen", 1 February 2023 (together with Justine Batura).

Litigating the UK Legacy Bill, lecture, held at the Queen’s University Belfast School of Law (online lecture), 27 June 2023.

Lectures and Public Appearances

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Revenge and Reconciliation: Customary Law and the Role of Qisas in Islamic. . . . . . . Dr. Shamsaldin AlHajjij, J.S.D., LL.M. Jurisprudence and Muslim Country Practices, lecture, held in the course of the Robbins Religious and Civil Law Collection (The University of California), California, 20 October 2023.

National Legal Models to Regulate Scrubbers Washwater, lecture, held at the Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review Symposium (Loyola Law School), California, 14 April 2023.

European Climate Law and the Regulation of the Shipping Industry: The Quest for the Zero-Emission Target, lecture, held before the European University in Bahrain, 30 January 2023.


Navigating uncertainty: Legal Considerations for Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal as a Climate Solution, lecture, held online at the World Symposium on Climate change policies, September 2023.

Climate Change and Arctic Navigation: Balancing progress and preservation, lecture, held in Brest, May 2023.

Due Diligence and Deep-Sea Mining, lecture, held online for the Sino-German Workshop Symposium, September 2023.
Bringing Society to Science: Advocating for social science inclusion in SOLA, Dr. Erik van Doorn, LL.M., lecture, held at the Radboud Conference on Earth System Governance: Bridging Sciences and Societies for Sustainability Transformations, Nijmegen, 26 October 2023.

The Mining Code: progress and prospects, lecture, held in the course of the NTNU Ocean Week, 3 May 2023.

Rechtliche Rahmenbedingungen mit Relevanz für die natürliche maritime Kohlenstoffspeicherung, lecture, held in the course of the CARBOSTORE stakeholder workshop (together with Eva Sinemus, LL.M.), Hamburg, 22 March 2023.

Thoughts on the future regulation of ocean observing in the European Union, lecture, held in the course of the Foresight workshop on Ensuring accurate climate related predictions in Europe in 2035 (together with Paula Fernandes Veloso), Brussels, 15 March 2023.

SOLAS in the new era: Harnessing partnership and transforming science into solutions, townhall session at the Sixth Xiamen Symposium on Marine Environmental Sciences, Xiamen, 11. January 2023.

The status of forests in the European Climate and Energy Union, lecture, Nicole Herold held at the INTERFOR-Conference, Panel on Forests and Climate Change Law, Copenhagen.


Marine Carbon-Dioxide-Removal: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 13 & 14 and States’ Legal Obligations, lecture, held at the 100% Climate Neutrality Conference, Southern Denmark University, 26 September 2023.

CO₂-Entnahme in der Meeresumwelt der Ost- und Nordsee und die Umsetzung der Ziele für nachhaltige Entwicklung (SDG) #13 und #14, lecture, held in the course of the 3rd Forum KliMeer, Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz in Deutschland e.V., December 2023.

Die Völker- und Verfassungsrechtlichen Grundlagen der Auslandseinsätze, Moritz Rhodes der Bundeswehr, Unteroffizierschule der Luftwaffe, training course, Appen, 2 June & 17 November 2023.

Verwaltung und Verwaltungsmodernisierung als Managementlehre: Zur Positionierung des Verwaltungsrechts, lecture, held in the course of the appointment procedure for a professorship of administrative law, Nordhausen, 1 February 2023.

Die Völker- und Verfassungsrechtlichen Grundlagen der Auslandseinsätze der Bundeswehr, Unteroffizierschule der Luftwaffe, training course, Appen, 10 February, 17 March, 18 August, 1 September, 15 September, 13 October, 24 November.


Wem gehört die See und wer darf sie nutzen?, lecture, held before the „Deutsche Jungforschungsnetzwerk“ (juFORUM e.V.), Kiel, 4 August 2023.
Ukrainian Grain and Chinese Rare Earths: An Essential Facilities Doctrine in International Law, lecture, held in the course of the Rhineland Lectures in International Law, Bonn, 10 August 2023.


Trumpism and the Fate of the Rule of Law, panel discussion, Appen, 17 November 2023.

Right to Food under International Law, lecture, held at the 3rd International Sustainable Living Congress, Izmir, 9–10 November 2023.

**The Institute’s Media Presence**  
**Directors**

Activities in connection with reforming the state exam in Schleswig-Holstein: interviews with North German Radio and Kieler Nachrichten, 8 June 2023.

Wem gehört das Meer?, Arte (TV broadcast), 4 June 2023.


Regional TV Interview on the oral hearings for the Advisory Opinion pending at the ITLOS, Sat.1, 11 September 2023.

TV Interview on the oral hearings for the Advisory Opinion pending at the ITLOS, RTL Aktuell, 11 September 2023.

Die schwierige Bergung von Weltkriegsmunition, ZDFheute (online article), 16 September 2023.

Interview Deutschlandfunk, Advisory Opinion ITLOS, 19 September 2023.

Background dialogue & quotes for ZEIT online, 24 September 2023.

Interview about refugees in distress at sea, Spiegel Online, 4 October 2023.

Live Interview about rescue at sea, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, 30 November 2023.

**The Institute’s Media Presence**  
**Research Associates**

Jenseits von Paris – Chancen und Risiken von CO2-Entnahme-Technologien, Dr. Tony Cabus

Interview with Bündnis eine Welt SH, zukunft.global.

Schweizer Firma mischt beim Tiefseebergbau mit, interview with Tobias Dr. Erik van Doorn, LL.M. Bruggmann, Schweizer Tageszeitung, 8 July 2023.

Numerous reports concerning a major court proceeding before the Constitutional Court of Schleswig-Holstein, most of which based on a report by the German press agency. Inter alia:

Breite Front gegen Demokratie-Abbau, taz, 4 May 2023.
FDP und SSW klagen gegen Änderungen im Kommunalrecht, FAZ, 3 May 2023.
Kommunalwahl: FDP und SSW klagen gegen Änderungen im Kommunalrecht, Zeit online, 3 May 2023.
Mindestfraktionsgröße für Fraktionen Thema am Gericht, FAZ, 16 November 2023.

Organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops

Organisers

Symposium: Russia, Imperialism, and International Law, 14–16 September 2023. . . Prof. Dr. Andreas von Arnauld/Prof. Dr. Nele Matz-Lück, LL.M.
Dr. Kenneth Chan


Historicization of International Law and its Limits: Preconditions, Modes and Legacies, workshop, co-convenor with Jean D’Aspremont, Dornburg, Old Castle, 8–9 June 2023.


Protest Movements and International Law, workshop, convenor together with. . . PD Dr. Christian Marxsen, LL.M.
Florian Kriener, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Law and International Law, 2–3 November 2023.
Participation in third-party funded projects and research cooperations

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<td>Global shipping: Linking policy and economics to biogeochemical cycling and air-sea interaction (ShipTRASE), Belmont Forum, funded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) start date: 1.6.2020.</td>
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<td>Unified Assessment framework for proposed methods of Marine CDR and interim knowledge SYNthesiS (ASMASYS), Project: 'Rechtliche und ethische Bewertungsmaßstäbe für marine Kohlenstoffdioxid' funded by the BMBF, duration 1.8.2021-31.7.2024.</td>
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<td>Co-ordination, Cross-cutting theme 'Environmental risk assessment and policy recommendations' of the second phase of the Joint Program Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans on Ecological Aspects of Deep-Sea Mining (MiningImpact2).</td>
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TEACHING

Members of the WSI are actively involved in teaching both at Kiel University and at other institutions for higher education.
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<td>Der Ukrainekonflikt und seine Folgen für die Völkerrechtsordnung (The Conflict in Ukraine and its Consequences for the Order of Public International Law; seminar)</td>
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<td>Dr. Shamsaldin Alhajjaji, PhD, JSD, LLM</td>
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<td>Liv Christiansen</td>
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<td>Vom Krieg in der Ukraine bis zu Künstlicher Intelligenz: Die Vielfalt der Herausforderungen für Europäische Institutionen (From the War in Ukraine to Artificial Intelligence: Diversity of Challenges for European Institutions; seminar)</td>
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Apart from holding regular lectures and supervising PhD and postdoctoral theses, the directors and other members of the Institute are involved in teaching in various ways: for law studies leading up to the first state examination (“Erste juristische Prüfung”), they participate in intermediate examinations (“Zwischenprüfungen”), focus area examinations (“Schwerpunktbereichsprüfungen”), written exam practice tests, and oral mock examinations; they also serve as examiners in the written (Prof. Dr. Nele Matz-Lück, LL.M.) and oral (Prof. Dr. Nele Matz-Lück, LL.M., Dr. Moritz von Rochow) state examination. The Institute’s PhD seminars as well as participation in the “Master Forum” for students of the International Politics and International Law (IPIR) programme, are further regular obligations assumed by the directors and other members of the Institute.
Participation of the institute in degree courses and study programmes

The WSI is closely engaged with the Faculty's LL.M. and Erasmus programmes. The office room of Maita Jensen, who is coordinating and administering both programmes, are located in the Institute’s premises.

What is more, by offering the lion’s share of courses in English, the WSI contributes to maintaining and expanding our Erasmus partnerships and is responsible for the specialised LL.M. programme in international law (LL.M. int.).

Lecture series „Völkerrechtliche Tagesthemen“ (current events in international law)

The “Völkerrechtliche Tagesthemen” can be traced back to the public event “Völkerrechtliche Erörterung politischer Fragestellungen” (Discussion of Political Issues in International Law) initiated by Theodor Niemeyer in 1912. During the First World War, the so-called “International Law War Evenings” developed from this circle. Topics of these evenings at that time included “The Suez Canal”, “The Dardanelles”, “Belgium’s Neutrality”, “Gibraltar” or “The Envoys in War”. For several years now, the short lectures on current international and European law issues are offered every fortnight during the semester on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Due to their timeliness have been called “International Law Topics of the Day”.

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Dr. Kenneth Chan, Maya Gerlach, Leon Hass, Nadine Hirth, Daniel McCarthy, Jasmin Oppermann, Dr. Moritz von Rochow

3 May 2023: Atom-Bombs in Belarus: Russia's New Approach to Nuclear-Sharing and the NPT
Daniel McCarthy, LL.M.

10 May 2023: Contemporary Sanctions as a Challenge to the Doctrine of Jurisdiction
Nathaniel Tilahun

24 May 2023: Compensation for Damage During Armed Conflict
Steven van de Put

7 June 2023: Cyber-Attacks and the Use of Force
Iris Anastasiadiu

21 June 2023: Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by UN Peacekeepers
András Hars

5 July 2023: Land grabbing, human rights and multinational corporations
Jean Claude Ashukem – treating human rights differently

12 July 2023: General principles formed within the international legal system: Theoretical debates and practical ramifications in light of the work of the ILC
Matina Papadaki
Teaching and supervision relationships at the faculties and universities

Directors

Supervision (20 %): Philipp Peter Nickels, Bridging the Land Sea Interface: A study of the Problem-Solving Capacity of international law to mitigate ocean acidification in the Anthropocene, The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø

Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
Europäisches Verfassungs- und Verwaltungsrecht (lecture) Prof. Dr. Thomas Kleinlein
Grundzüge des Völkerrechts (lecture)
Repetitorium Öffentliches Recht (preparatory course for state exam)
Examensseminar zu aktuellen Fragen des Völkerrechts (seminar)
Übungseminar zu aktuellen Fragen des Völkerrechts (seminar)
The Law of International Organization(s) (introductory module, master programme "International Organisations and Crisis Management")
Grundzüge des Rechts der Europäischen Union (lecture)
Völker- und europarechtliche Bezüge des Grundgesetzes (lecture)
Recht der Internationalen Organisationen (lecture)
Internationale Bezüge des Rechts der Europäischen Union (seminar)
The International Labour Organisation (ILO) – more than one century of international labour law (seminar, together with Achim Seifert & Alejandro Rodiles)

Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas
Le droit international et les nouvelles technologies, March/April 2023 (lecture)

Research Associates

Constitutional Law and Criminal Law, British University Dubai (lecture) Dr. Shamsaldin Alhajjaji, PhD, JSD, LLM

Ocean & Atmosphere Governance, University of Galway, Dr. Erik van Doorn, LL.M.
24 February 2023 (lecture)
Fisheries Law, University of Antwerp, 27 April 2023 (lecture)
Law of Marine Environmental Protection, University of Antwerp, 4 May 2023 (lecture)
Science & Society, SOLAS Summer School, 14 June 2023 (lecture)
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OTHER PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Members of the WSI are involved in other exciting projects and activities which we would like to present here: On the following pages we present inter alia the Moot Court Team’s report as well as a summary of the Institute’s 2023 Symposium dealing with (contemporary) Russian Imperialism.
The preparation phase

The JESSUP adventure began with a comprehensive preparation phase before the case was even published. Our head coaches – Henning Büttner and Moritz Rhades – took every effort to equip us with numerous resources, skills and a broad range of knowledge. When the Case Concerning the Clarent Belt was published on 15 September 2022, the memorial phase began for us, in which we were to represent both sides of a legal dispute before the International Court of Justice. The parties to the dispute – Aglovale as Applicant and Ragnell as Respondent – each claimed breaches of a peace treaty before the Court.

We first familiarised ourselves with the facts of the case, imagined what a map would look like and drew up a timeline of the most important events. The comprehensive specialised library of the WSI as well as the materials published by ILSA helped us to grasp the issues raised more and more precisely and to conduct targeted research. In our search for the best solution, the best arguments in favour of our respective side and the supposed weaknesses of the other side, we particularly benefited from the early start into our pleadings. On 17 January 2023, we submitted all our research in the form of the written memorials.
To summarise the memorial phase properly, it can be said that we had both high highs and low lows. New research results either catapulted us forward or really set us back. Fortunately, thanks to our strong bond with each other and our coaches and the incredible support of the institute family, we were always able to rise above any low points and surpassed ourselves in every respect during this time.

After a short break, we were finally able to devote ourselves to the oral pleadings. The following phase consisted of daily rehearsals in front of our coaches, academic staff, student assistants and Jessup alumni. We quickly realised that the best arguments alone would not get us to our goal. Instead, our presentation skills, quick-wittedness and spontaneity were needed to express our knowledge convincingly in the limited time available. Day after day, we refined our pleadings, practised with each other, restructured our arguments and prepared ourselves as best as we could for all eventualities.

One of the highlights of our oral phase was the weekend in Sehlendorf. An intensive time awaited us there, which we used to put the finishing touches to our pleadings.

We were able to present the results of this time at two law firm rehearsals, first at Gleiss Lutz in Hamburg and then at Runge Purrucker Makowski in Kiel. These gave us the opportunity to simulate a stressful situation similar to a competition. Another special exercise was the public dress rehearsal, in which Ms Wiebke Staff, Professor Dr Sebastian Graf von Kielmansegg and Professor Dr Florian Becker acted as judges. Eventually, our preparation phase came to an end and everything was set for Berlin. We were finally ready to go!

National Rounds (01 March-04 March 2023)

The 2023 National Rounds took place in Berlin. They were ceremoniously opened on Wednesday evening, 01 March 2023, in the premises of the Hertie School with a Welcome Reception. After this, we waited eagerly to receive the submissions from the opposing teams.

On the following two days, the phase we had been working towards for so long finally came – the pleadings took place. In the Preliminary Rounds, we faced the teams from Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, the University of Augsburg and Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster.

Friday evening, the announcement dinner took place in the Festhalle Kreuzberg. Here we nervously awaited the announcement of the teams that had qualified for the Advanced Rounds. When our team was called out, we were over the moon with joy. We had won all four matches in the preliminary rounds and had therefore qualified for the quarter-finals!!!
On Saturday, our Applicant faced the Respondent from the University of Hamburg. We also won this exciting match, so we made our way to the Kammergericht Berlin, where our Respondent faced Bucerius Law School in the semi-finals. Here we were just beaten by the Applicant, so unfortunately, we did not make it to the final. Nevertheless, our respondent competed against Universität Heidelberg in the match for third place.

In the evening, we excitedly awaited the announcement of the placings. In the end, the match for third place and qualification for the International Rounds was decided in favour of Heidelberg. This meant that we ended up in a fantastic fourth place. Bucerius Law School took first place, followed by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in second place. Despite everything, we did not come away empty-handed, as Nadine received Best Advocacy Award in honour of Christian Tomuschat. Furthermore, Jasmin and Nadine each won an award for placing among the Top 10 Oralists.

Of course, we were a little disappointed that we did not make it through to the International Rounds. Nevertheless, we had a great time in Berlin, gaining a lot of experiences, meeting various judges and teams and we all surpassed ourselves. In conclusion, we will never forget this eventful and formative week in Berlin.

International Rounds (08 April–15 April 2023)

However, after being eliminated in Berlin, our Jessup journey was not over. Thanks to our sponsors and the commitment of our coaches, we were able to fly to the International Rounds in Washington D.C. as bailiffs. A total of 135 teams from over 80 different countries gathered at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. In addition to the teams, the selected judges from numerous countries were also there.

We had a variety of tasks as bailiffs. Not only were we responsible for ensuring that everything ran smoothly during the rounds, but we were also in charge of the preparations. Our role allowed us to gain numerous insights into the work behind the scenes. It was particularly exciting to follow the various arguments and focal points of our case during the rounds. We realised that both the judges and the participants presented a wide variety of approaches and legal opinions.

After a total of four days of Preliminary Rounds, the Advanced Rounds began on 13 April. Within these, the level rose steadily. On 14 April, the Octo-Finals, Quarter-Finals and ultimately the Semi-Finals were held. Eventually, the University of Amsterdam and the University of Beijing met in the final, where Jasmin had the honour to perform as
"Mission Kiel": How the Institute's excursion saved Kiel en passant

New to Kiel, on a November morning in 2023, the members of the new Chair for International Law, like all WSI members present, had to realize: "The clock is ticking and you are the last hope of this city". At least that is how the outdoor city escape game we had booked was advertised. The Institute’s 2023 excursion was a mixture between an escape room and a digital scavenger hunt. The mission was to stop the terrorist organization “Spider Tek” within two hours. The WSI annual report is result-oriented here: We succeeded. All WSI teams won. Kiel was rescued several times. The newcomers know the city a little better after the challenge – and everyone is looking forward to further challenges.

Thomas Kleinlein
Testimony from the COP28

The 28th edition of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change unfolded from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai. Occurring at a turning point in the climate policy agenda, the event served as a critical review of climate action – the global stocktake – to chart a better course before the next round of climate promises due in 2025. Despite its significance, much of the comments on COP28 revolved around its location in a petrostate under the leadership of an oil magnate whose comments on climate science resembled a canary singing praises of the coal mine.

Yet, one event has been overshadowed and surely deserves more attention: the inaugural presence of Kiel University at the event, granted with an observer status as denoted by a modest star on the delegation’s badges. As a member of this delegation alongside Professor Nele Matz-Lück, I had the privilege of walking the aisles of Dubai Expo City (the venue) amidst a sunny 27°C December.

The venue was grand, prompting chatters of sore feet amongst the participants, yet the energy around was still palpable. People from all corners of the globe, each with their own background (but still a surprising number of failed contenders for the oval office), converged at this event to share and discuss concerns and solutions to our climate problems. Beyond a negotiation platform, the COP fosters innovation and collaboration between its attendees. The range of topics was vast: energy, finance, health, education and gender to name a few. It involved a variety of actors going from passionate youth activists to networks of cities of all sizes, each striving to make a difference in their own way. Some discuss in dollars and others in lives but all have something to say about what is needed to ensure a (fair) transition to a low carbon future. Yet, contrary to what the Just Stop Oil group would have us believed, all of it is fairly complex as suggested by the now established climate axiom “nobody understands climate finance”. What is underscored, in my humble opinion, was the pivotal role of capacity building to enable action from everyone, and to promote enlightened decision-making at all levels. With climate colonialism being an actual risk, this imperative has never been clearer.

Nevertheless, beyond the perennially controversial final statement, there is solace in realizing that a myriad of people dedicates daily efforts to address the climate crisis. So much to the surprise of my bemused interlocutors who likely anticipated me unveiling the latest big oil conspiracy theory, COP28 actually reinforced my optimism.

Tony Cabus
Symposium: Russia, Imperialism, and International Law

The Walther-Schücking-Institute’s 2023 symposium was convened under the auspices of the German Yearbook of International Law from September 14 to September 16 and dealt with key questions regarding Russia’s imperialist stance towards international law. The speakers had been determined on the basis of invitations (keynotes) and a call for abstracts that had proven especially fruitful.

Thursday, 14 September

The event began with a get-together for lunch, followed by a boat trip across Kiel’s beautiful fjord. The destination was Laboe on the Eastern shore of the fjord with its extensive beaches and historical monuments. After returning to Kiel, a dinner awaited the participants.

Friday, 15 September

On a sunny Friday morning, the symposium began in earnest with the first panel concerning Imperialist challenges to International Law. The Premises for the symposium was the Kiel University’s conference house located directly on the fjord.

Keynote speaker Lauri Mälksoo opened the symposium with a creative and entertaining presentation. By visualising a set of postage stamps he was able to show how different Russian approaches to international law through many eras – from the Tsarist empire to the Soviet Union – indicated both an anti-colonial as well as imperialist stance. The audience witnessed certainly one of the most creative kick-offs for the symposium.

The expectations, however, were not disappointed when Kostia Gorobets presented his paper on “The Spectrum of Legalism and the Invasion of Ukraine: The Structure of the Russian Imperial Legality”. In his presentation, Dr. Gorobets gave a critical analysis indicating the difficulties arising from different perceptions of imperial legality on the international law plane. This included first and foremost the idea that modern international law is tantamount to post-imperial law – a perception that guides “Western” lines of argumentation, thereby dismissing the legal grounds on which Russia seems to justify its invasion. However, in showing that Russia favours its own apologetic arguments, Dr. Gorobets pointed out a legalistic concurrency between “Western” and Russian stances to imperialist narratives.

Dr. Gorobets was followed by André-Philippe Ouellet, who identified the “Hostage Taking of the Right of Peoples to Self-Determination by (Soviet) Russia” as an integral instrument of Russian foreign policy, which has its roots in the Soviet era. By translating the term of self determination to the “Soviet case”, Mr. Ouellet showed that the classical understanding of the term is too narrow to address a “proto-colonial” treatment of certain peoples within the Russian Republics. Eventually, this perception led to an exclusion of those peoples from a due decolonization process after the breakup of the Soviet empire, concluding in a hostage-taking by Russia within its federal structures.

Following the presentations, Andreas von Arnauld chaired a general discussion, which was followed by lunch.

The second panel regarding Geopolitical Instruments of Imperialism was introduced by Angelika Nußberger, who gave an insightful keynote on the concept of the “near abroad”. Taking into account several other “neighbour-hood policies”, Professor Nußberger concluded that Russia dictates the good neighbourhood even using the most basic concepts of international law, linking them back to Russian constitutional law and jurisprudence to justify its imperial claims.

The subsequent paper-presentation was delivered by Eric Loefflad on “Blood of Nations, Blood of Empire: Pan-Slavism as a Critique of International Law in Late Imperial Russia and Beyond”. Looking at certain Russian geopolitical rationales through the lens of Pan-Slavism, Dr. Loefflad turned away from classical approaches to Russian imperialism. In order to make sense of the Russian assumption, that no differences exist, for instance, between the Russian and the Ukrainian people, he analysed the Pan-Slavistic modus, which is frequently applied in Russian rhetoric to legitimate imperialist pursuits. Dr. Loefflad used enlightening historic examples, which also helped explain the relationship between Pan-Slavism and international law.
Anastasiia Vorobiova’s presentation then described how Russia utilises its farreaching authoritative influences to “change the memory landscape” and create certain narratives, especially in the occupied Ukrainian territory. Accordingly, the consolidation of the Russian imperialist undertaking does take place not only territorially but also in the minds of those ought to be supressed. The presentation looked at the symposium’s topic from a novel angle, not only dismantling how the authority over interpretation of historical events can further imperialist pursuits but also investigating if international humanitarian and human rights law are prepared to take on such state action.

Kenneth Chan led the following discussion before the winner of the second “Jost Delbrück Prize for the International Law of Peace and Security”, Michael Riepl, received his award for an outstanding thesis about “Russian Contributions to International Humanitarian Law”. Although the prize was awarded already in 2022, the symposium presented the first time it could be handed over in person due to Dr. Riepl’s previous engagement for the ICRC in Ukraine.

After a refreshing coffee break, it was time for keynote speaker Ferdinand Weber to open up the third panel, concerning nationality politics as an instrument of imperialism. Drawing on the Russian practice of a widespread and overly excessive naturalization process, he precisely described this specific imperialist instrument and its many implications. These ranged from “passportisation” to alleged defensive claims regarding “nationals” abroad and concerns over the dimensions of a people’s right to self-determination.

The following paper presentation by Yulia Ioffe dealt with a related key aspect of the abuse of nationality politics used by Russia: the well-documented systematic and forcible transfer of Ukrainian children to Russia. Pointing to similar practices of other States and explaining how those children are deprived of their national identities through indoctrination and adoption, Dr. Ioffe assessed how even the most vulnerable are instrumentalised to advance and consolidate Russian imperial ideas. In the end, however, she convincingly criticised the restrictive nature of international law regarding the contestation of such forms of colonial violence.

Andrea Maria Pelliconi’s presentation gave insights into the “demographic policies and the grounds for annexation of territories under Russian influence”, unveiling how Russia strategically makes use of the preceding practice of e.g. “passportisation” and widespread naturalisation (earlier explained by Dr. Weber) to take advantage of the subsequent demographic changes. For Russia, to reach its goals to consolidate the Federation and expand its influences, it uses both repressive policies and incentives to change the demographic landscape. To give this demographic engineering ultimate effect, the engineered composition of a territory’s population then creates pretexts on which Russia regularly grounds its legal arguments, such as legitimacy of referenda, self-defence or humanitarian intervention.

The final day’s discussion was moderated by Nete Matz-Lück. After extensive debates, a delicious dinner and decent wine awaited the participants in the “Lüneburg-Haus”.

Saturday, 16 September

The fourth and last panel focused on economy as an imperialist instrument. Before the papers were presented, Akbar Rasulov, participating via live video, gave a keynote on “The role of Economy and Energy”, introducing how Russia uses economic leverages to foster its imperialistic behaviour but also indicating that only reproaching economy and energy as a typical Russian imperialist tool might appear biased from a Western point of view.

Afterwards, Soheil Ghasemi and Mohammadreza Eghbalzarch delved into an underconsidered topic when they talked about “Russian Economic Imperialism in the Late Qajar Iran”. Indeed, while other speakers had touched on the imperialist endeavour during the late Tsarist empire, both referents showed the sophisticated manner in which Russia’s industrialized economy and financial apparatus engaged with the Iranian financial system during the turn of the century. Building on Russian foreign bank behaviour in Iran, the speakers gave interesting insights into systematic economic imperialism in this era of late colonialism.

This historical presentation was followed by Chie Sato’s lecture on more recent developments involving the legal “Limits of tools of Russian imperialism” with a special focus on “Food as global commons”. Against the background of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, Professor Sato dealt with the human right to food as well as with the international law of the sea. In doing so, she was able to show that the interplay between the relevant international law obligations provides for an extensive responsibility
of Russia when it comes to the global food security crisis. Lastly, Professor Sato indicated that any institutional framework solution will have to take the interests of all involved into account.

The discussion, chaired by Moritz von Rochow, then preceded a short coffee break, before Isabella Risini wrapped up the symposium and moderated the concluding debate.

After two days of detailed and informative presentations, formidable lectures, multifaceted as well as comprehensive discussion, and an entertaining programme, the 2023 symposium came to an end. For most, one conclusion to draw from the symposium was how international law, as imperfect as it stands, is able to provide for instruments to counter imperialist behaviour. To successfully develop and apply such instruments, however, multiple perspectives need to be taken into account — a sometimes difficult yet auspicious task.

Moritz Rhades
THE INSTITUTE AND ITS HISTORY
The institute's history

Foundation and first bloom

The "Institute (until 1918: Royal Seminar) for International Law at Kiel University" was founded by decree of the Prussian Minister of Culture on 9 December 1913. On 5 February 1914, it began its work — as the first university institute of its kind worldwide. It was founded due to the intensification of world trade and world commerce at the beginning of the 20th century, in which the first director, Theodor Niemeyer (1857-1939), saw guarantors of a new, cooperative international law. Niemeyer, who held a chair in Roman law and imperial civil law from 1894 onwards, had turned to international law from 1900 onwards and in 1912 was given a lectureship in international law, private international law and colonial law. In keeping with his research interests, the Institute devoted itself to international law as well as private international law until the 1980s. The basis for this was the library of the renowned private scholar Franz Kahn, which he had entrusted to Niemeyer.

Only a few months after the founding of the Institute, the outbreak of the First World War shifted the focus of the Institute’s work to legal questions of war and its causes. From 1916 onwards, more than one hundred staff members (the majority of them students) collected all available relevant information and treatises on the World War in the “War Archive of International Law”. In 1917, Department B, which was responsible for the academic supervision of the collection, took the initiative to found the German Society for International Law (“Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerrecht”; since 2011: “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationales Recht”). Niemeyer chaired it until 1929. After the end of the war, the focus of the Institute’s research activities was the international peace order that emerged under the auspices of the League of Nations, in addition to topics from the law of war and the consequences of war, the law of the sea and private international law.

The League of Nations and the peaceful settlement of disputes were also the focal points of Walther Schücking’s (1875-1935) research, who was appointed to the newly established chair of international law and private international law in 1926 as Niemeyer’s successor. The leadership of an internationally renowned representative of “organisational pacifism” and influential international law politician made the Institute a beacon of international law in Germany in those years. The ranks of young scholars who researched and taught at the Institute at that time included Jean Spiropoulos (1922-28), Paul Guggenheim (1928) and Walter Schätzel (1928-31). Walther Schücking, elected in 1930 as the first and only German to be a judge at the Permanent Court of International Justice, was dismissed for political reasons after the NSDAP seized power in 1933. He died in The Hague on 25 August 1935. In his honour, the Institute has been known as the “Walther-Schücking-Institute for International Law at Kiel University” since 1995.

The Institute under the Nazi Regime

In the first years of National Socialism, the Institute remained largely unaffected by the reorientation of the Kiel faculty as a "Nazi shock troop faculty": after Schücking’s dismissal, the Institute was initially under the provisional direction of the First Assistant (since 1921) Curt Rühland. In 1934, Walther Schoenborn (1883-1956) took over the directorship. He was German Nationalist, but not National Socialist, and had been a member of the faculty since 1919. Furthermore, the Institute maintained its own department for League of Nations issues (headed by Viktor Böhmert). It was not until 1937, when the convinced National Socialist Paul Ritterbusch (1900-1945) was appointed the new director, that the Institute was restructured to form the new “Institute for Politics and International Law” on the occasion of the merger with Ritterbusch’s former Königsberg Institute. There was also an ideological realignment in terms of content, primarily in the new departments for politics and foreign studies headed by Ritterbusch and his students (Richard Naumann, Hans-Helmut Dietze and Anton Baehr). Ritterbusch’s rectorship (1937-41) and, from 1939, the Second World War led to a noticeable decline in teaching and research at the Institute, which almost came to a standstill from 1941. In 1941, Ritterbusch moved to Berlin as coordinator of the “war effort of the humanities”. The Institute was renamed the “Institute for International Law” after it was disentangled. The provisional director was the civil law expert Karl Larenz.
Reconstruction and consolidation

Ritterbusch was succeeded in 1943 by Hermann von Mangoldt (1895-1953). Shortly after taking office at the end of 1944, delayed by the war, von Mangoldt had the Institute’s library removed from storage and thus saved it from destruction. In addition to his work in the Parliamentary Council, von Mangoldt devoted himself intensively to the reconstruction of the Institute. Under his leadership, library holdings that Ritterbusch had transferred to Berlin were returned. In addition, in 1948 the Institute’s library became the first German library to receive the status of a “United Nations Depository Library”. Together with the Hamburg Research Centre for International Law, the Institute published several series of publications, including, from 1947/48, the “Jahrbuch für internationales und ausländisches öffentliches Recht” (later “Jahrbuch für Internationales Recht” or “German Yearbook of International Law”).

Hermann von Mangoldt’s successor as First Director (Viktor Böhmert [1902-1975] was appointed Second Director at the same time) was Eberhard Menzel (1911-1979). The “Menzel era” (1955-75) brought the Institute a considerable upswing, which was expressed in a considerable expansion of publications and expert opinions, as well as in the organisation of international conferences and participation in the training of diplomats for the German Foreign Office. Thematically, the focus in those years was on legal questions of East-West relations: disarmament, peacekeeping, German-German relations. Other subjects included general international law, the law of the sea, the protection of human rights and comparative constitutional law.

In 1964, the anniversary year, the Institute moved from its traditional premises at Dänische Straße 15 to the newly built high-rise building at Christian-Albrechts-Platz. This was the prelude to some striking changes: By amending the State Higher Education Act in 1973, the Institute, which until then had been independent of the university, was incorporated into the Faculty of Law; in addition, a collegial management with equal rights and changing management was introduced. Although he was only able to work at the Institute for a few years due to his involvement in science policy (as Chairman of the Science Council [Wissenschaftsrat] 1976-79 and as Senator in Berlin from 1981), Böhmert’s successor Wilhelm A. Kewenig (1934-1993) became a formative figure in that period of transition and reform.

The Delbrück Era - and After

The “Menzel Era” was followed in 1976 by the “Delbrück Era”: Jost Delbrück (1935-2020) headed the Institute for almost 25 years, until 2001, together with Wilfried Fiedler (1977-84), Rüdiger Wolfrum (1982-93) and Rainer Hofmann (1997-2004). Under him, too, the law of peacekeeping formed a central pillar of research at the Institute; the end of the East-West conflict and the increased importance of non-state actors led Delbrück and his students from 1990 onwards to ask about the possibility of a new “world domestic law” and constitutional elements beyond the state. Parallel to this, Rüdiger Wolfrum, as an eminent scholar of international law of the sea, continued to develop the law of the sea and the law of communal areas of states at the Institute. The end of Delbrück’s era was marked by another incisive event in 2002: the move of the Walther Schücking Institute to its current domicile at Westring 400.

The subsequent changes in the Institute’s management have opened up additional subject areas in research and teaching. For example, Rainer Hofmann and his successor Thomas Giegerich (2006-12) expanded the focus in European law and international business law, Delbrück’s successor Andreas Zimmermann (2001-09) brought peaceful dispute resolution back into focus and established international criminal law as a topic at the Institute. A visible strengthening of international law of the
sea and environmental law was achieved in 2007 with a new professorship for the law of the sea, which was established as the third director’s position within the framework of participation in the Cluster of Excellence “The Future Ocean”: the first holder of the professorship was Alexander Proelß from 2007–2010. Since 2011, Kerstin von der Decken and Nele Matz-Lück represented the first ever female directors at the Institute. As of 2013, Andreas von Arnauld completed the three-member directorate. In 2022, Kerstin von der Decken was appointed Minister of Justice and Health for the federal State of Schleswig-Holstein and was succeeded by Thomas Kleinlein in October 2023.

The Institute today

Today, research at the Institute focuses on the foundations of international law, the international law of the sea, international environmental law, the protection of fundamental and human rights, international peace and conflict law, the protection of cultural property, the law of the European Union as well as German and comparative constitutional law. The interdisciplinary cooperation within the Cluster of Excellence is complemented by cooperation with the social and political sciences as well as with literature and cultural studies. International law is represented in teaching in a breadth that is unique in Germany. With public events such as the "Völkerrechtliche Tagesthemen" and lecture series, the Institute also has an impact beyond the circle of Kiel students and contributes to the dissemination of international and European law issues in the region. The Walther Schücking Institute and its members have an impact beyond the borders of Schleswig-Holstein and Germany through academic cooperation and publications, always committed to Schücking’s credo: Peace through Law.

Institute library

The library of the Walther Schücking Institute is the oldest and largest university library for international law in Germany. With its more than 80,000 volumes, it is also one of the largest specialist libraries at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel. Its foundation is the so-called Franz Kahn Library, a former private library of the Strasbourg jurist Franz Kahn, who bequeathed his books on private international law to the founder of the Institute, Theodor Niemeyer. The core of today’s library is its international law department, supplemented by the departments for European and constitutional law. Together with the United Nations Depository Library, which is also located at the Institute, it offers both university members and other interested parties the best research opportunities on international and European law issues.

Inventory:

- 84,474 volumes, 82 journal subscriptions (as of 1.1.2024),
- Subject area: International law (incl. maritime law), European law, constitutional law.


In October 1948, the first German “United Nations Depository Library” was established at the specialist library of the then Institute for International Law. Today, the UN Depository Library System comprises more than 349 libraries worldwide, six of which are located in Germany. As a UN Depository Library, the Institute Library receives and collects all English-language documents and publications of the UN that are generally distributed and makes them available to the public free of charge. Its holdings as part of the Institute Library amount to approximately 16,500 volumes.
Until 2009, the UN Depository Library had its own catalogue. Since then, and increasingly retroactively, the holdings data have been listed in the union catalogue of the GBV and are thus searchable online via the union catalogue of Kiel University Library. The following publications are available on site:

- Minutes of meetings of the main bodies, monographs, series, journals since 1948 as printed publications,
- Working papers and conference papers of the main organs and their subordinate bodies within the category "general distribution" since 1948 as hectographed or printed documents,
- Indexes for the indexing of publications and documents, partly as printed editions, such as:
- UNDOC (United Nations Document Index; until discontinuation of publication in 2007),
- Index to the Proceedings of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, and the Security Council,
- Publications and documents of the UN specialised agencies (in selection).

Meanwhile, numerous document series of the main organs published in New York as well as some journals have been discontinued in print and are now only accessible online. Access is available in the library rooms.

The support society („Die Fördergesellschaft“)

The Society for the Promotion of Research and Teaching at the Walther Schücking Institute for International Law („Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Forschung und Lehre am Walther-Schücking-Institut für Internationales Recht“) was founded on 17 May 1978 as a registered association („eingetragener Verein“). The Society’s task is to support the Walther Schücking Institute in the performance of its tasks.

It pursues exclusively non-profit purposes. It uses its funds, among other things, to subsidize printing costs for excellent dissertations by staff members and for publications of the Institute. Furthermore, it promotes the participation of young academics in specialist conferences. In addition, the Society also supports the financing of lecture series and the Jessup Moot Court team of the Faculty of Law at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel.

In 2014, a new form of “supporting membership” was created in addition to the regular membership. Individuals and institutions who feel particularly connected to the Institute can pay a higher membership fee. In return, they receive regular information about the Institute’s activities and invitations to all events, as well as the annual report in printed form.

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