

2012 ASIL Annual Meeting: Confronting Complexity

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The Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law is next week (March 28 - 31) at the Fairmont Hotel in Washington, DC. (register here.)

I have the honor to co-chair the meeting with Cymie Payne and Harlan Cohen and, together with a wonderful Program Committee, we put together a great program centered around the theme of "Confronting Complexity".

The meeting includes many events of interest to international arbitration practitioners, including panels on the preparation of cases, fact-finding, ethics, sport arbitration, sanctions, the Ecuador/Chevron dispute and the emerging system of international arbitration.

At the meeting, James Crawford will be honored with the Hudson Medal, the highest honor of the society, and will deliver the Manley O. Hudson Medal Lecture on "International Law as Discipline and Profession."

You can find the entire program here. Some of the many highlights include:

- Fact-Finding in Interstate Disputes. Moderated by Dame Rosalyn Higgins and featuring Lisa Grosh, Sean D. Murphy, Lucy F. Reed and Bruno Simma;
- Preparation of Cases before International Courts and Tribunals. Moderated by Sir Michael Wood and with speakers Sir Frank Berman, Meg Kinnear, Martin Pratt and Paul Reichler;
- Ethics for Advocates in International Adjudication. Moderated by James R. Crawford and with speakers Yas Banifatemi, Catherine Rogers, Margrete L. Stevens and V.V. Veeder;
- The Emerging System of International Arbitration. Moderated by Andrea Bjorklund and with speakers Teresa Cheng, Emmanuel Gaillard, Jan Paulsson, Anthea Roberts and Stephan W. Schill;
- A panel on the Chevron/Ecuador Dispute "A Paradigm of Complexity." Moderated by Dan Bodansky and featuring Judith Kimerling, Lucinda A. Low, Ralph Steinhardt and Christopher Whytock;
- Conflicts in International Sports: London 2012. Moderated by Jan Paulsson and with speakers James L. Bikoff, Angela Ciccolo, Stefan Lorenzmeier and Ank Santens;
- Courts, Commissions, and the Complexity of Claims Against States. Moderated by Francis McGovern

and with speakers Joan Donoghue, Timothy J. Feighery and Royce C. Lamberth;

- New Trends in the Administration of Justice of International Organizations. Moderated by Stephen Schwebel and with speakers Antigoni Axenidou, Olufemi Elias, Brian Gorlick and Maritza Struyvenberg;

- Sanctions in International Investment Law. Moderated by Céline Lévesque and with speakers Roberto Echandi, Anna Joubin-Bret, Elizabeth Lin Forder and Theodore R. Posner.

Also note there is going to be a reception with the Presidents of the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration with a discussion on "Confronting Complexity in the Hague: The View from the Courts and Tribunals."

ASIL, ABA WIN and Arbitral Women are also again co-sponsoring a "Women in Arbitration Reception" that is open to all women practicing or interested in arbitration.

Last, but not least, there will be a presentation by representatives of ICC Palestine and Israel on the newly created Jerusalem Arbitration Center.

And what else? Participants at the 2012 ASIL Annual Meeting have the opportunity to select from forty-two (42) courses and can earn up to 12 CLE credit hours, including 1.5 credit hours dedicated to ethics!

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I hope many of you will be able to make it!

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