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LETTER FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR

It has been my great privilege to be appointed Director of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) in 2019 and to follow in the footsteps of Phillip Tahmindjis, who has done a remarkable job over many years. Phillip decided to semi-retire last year, but generously stayed on, in a part-time capacity, to induct me in the ways of this great institution. He will leave finally in June 2019, returning to Australia and a beautiful new home on the Gold Coast, to continue in a consultancy capacity. Phillip will be greatly missed for his calm reassurance and leadership, his scholarly temperament and his deep commitment to the work of the IBAHRI.



Phillip joined the IBAHRI as a Senior Programme Lawyer 17 years ago when it was led by Fiona Paterson. It was a time of global change. The Cold War had ended; the Berlin Wall had come down; apartheid was over. In recognition of his place in the heart of lawyers, Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as the Honorary President of the IBAHRI.

Many countries that had endured under totalitarianism were throwing off the past and the legacies of authoritarianism. Fiona and Phillip did incredible work, building



Phillip Tahmindjis chairing a side event at the UN in Geneva launching the IBAHRI report on the Universal Periodic Review process and the administration of justice © Manuel Pompeia Photography <http://pompeia.ch>

the capacity of lawyers in new democracies and laying the foundations of the rule of law in places where it had been sidelined or never existed. Together, they played a vital part in training Iraqi judges during that country's reconstruction after the Iraq War. In 2010, Phillip became Director of the IBAHRI as it was growing in size and impact globally. He played a vital role in establishing bar associations in countries where such professional organising had never been part of the culture or tradition. He was the prime mover in the creation of the bar association in Afghanistan as the conflict there was subsiding, and in Myanmar when that country seemed to be embracing democracy. He also drafted the enabling legislation to establish a bar association in Timor-Leste.

It was also Phillip who reignited our connection with the United Nations by creating a consultant presence in Geneva. This has enabled the IBAHRI to work closely on human rights issues with UN rapporteurs and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Our contribution to reports, periodic reviews and standard setting has established the IBA as an important partner in matters of international law. I say 'reignited' because the IBA was brought into being, like the UN, as part of the institutional framework established after the Second World War to create a new world order, where peace, prosperity and justice would be the goals. It was recognised that the rule of law and respect for human rights needed a global organisation of lawyers to be the guardians of those principles; this is why the IBA and the IBAHRI are so important now as the world faces many new existential threats.

In recent years, Phillip has been a driving force in developing the work of the IBAHRI in relation to the abolition of the death penalty, torture prevention and in the efforts to decriminalise homosexuality and consensual sexual relationships. He plans to continue his work on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex plus rights, as well as the domestic development of human rights charters, when he returns to Australia.

Around the world, there are many who have benefited from the commitment and lawyerly skills of Phillip. He deserves our laurels and gratitude. He will be greatly missed, but his work will continue and, with the help of everyone, I hope to see the IBAHRI enjoy even greater success in the years to come.



Baroness Helena Kennedy QC
June 2019

ABOUT THE IBAHRI

About us

The IBAHRI, an autonomous and financially independent entity, works with the global legal community to promote and protect human rights and the independence of the legal profession worldwide.

What we do

We provide human rights training and technical assistance for legal practitioners and institutions, building their capacity to effectively promote and protect human rights under a just rule of law.

A leading institution in international fact-finding, we produce expert reports with key recommendations, delivering timely and reliable information on human rights and the legal profession.

We support lawyers and judges who are arbitrarily harassed, intimidated or arrested through advocacy and trial monitoring.

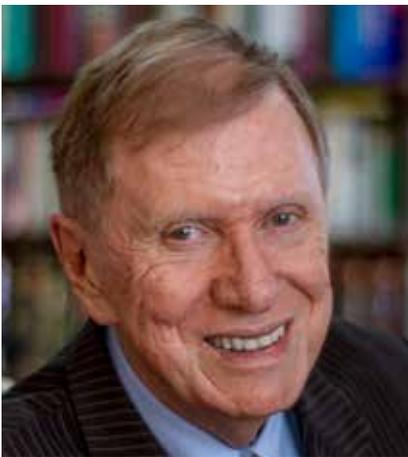
A focus on pertinent human rights issues, including equality and non-discrimination, poverty and human rights, and the independence of the legal profession, forms the basis of targeted capacity-building and advocacy projects based on thematic areas.

FOREWORD

In 2018, the world celebrated 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). It was adopted at the end of the Second World War, when the international community vowed never again to allow such atrocities to happen. More than 70 years later, many parts of the world appear to have forgotten those lessons. In 2018, we continued to see attacks against minorities and women, and the persecution of those who oppose oppressive governments. We are increasingly witnessing the rise of populist governments led by so-called strongmen who clothe themselves in claims of democracy, yet rail against refugees, dismiss judges who uphold the rule of law and imprison journalists and community activists. Human rights and the rule of law are under attack in ways that should cause alarm.



In this context, the role of the legal profession in ensuring respect for rights and the rule of law is essential and the IBAHRI has an indispensable role to play in guaranteeing the independence of the global legal profession. The IBAHRI works at the national, regional and international level to strengthen and sustain international standards for the protection of lawyers. In 2018, this included through working closely with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, developing a toolkit for lawyers at risk and carrying out legal analysis of national laws. Proposed changes to laws regulating the legal profession are of concern to the IBAHRI where they have the potential to weaken the rule of law and protection of rights. We are also exposing cases of intimidation, harassment, arrest and malicious prosecution of members of the legal profession for their human rights work. In this regard, in 2018, the IBAHRI finalised its fact-finding report on threats against the legal profession in Tanzania; carried out a legal analysis of such laws in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan; and responded to attacks against the legal profession through intervention letters.



From training workshops on the Istanbul Protocol for Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture to engagement with human rights and accountability mechanisms, our training in 2018, particularly for lawyers from Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, assists in ensuring that legal professionals have the necessary tools and knowledge to perform their duties. The IBAHRI also focuses on empowering the next generation of human rights lawyers through mentorship programmes and capacity-building initiatives. In addition, throughout 2018, the IBAHRI worked with Del Rosario University in Bogotá to deliver training courses on trial observations. Trial observations are an important tool for ensuring compliance with fair trial standards, and the IBAHRI has continued to carry out its trial observations in Venezuela and Myanmar and undertaken a new trial observation in Kenya.

Our reports – including those published in 2018, such as *The Role of the Universal Periodic Review in Advancing Children's Rights in Juvenile Justice* and *Warning Shots: Threats to the Independence of the Legal Profession in Tanzania* – identify areas where the law is failing to protect individuals from human rights abuses and provide recommendations to states and the legal profession. This analysis and all the experience gained through delivering our projects with professionals around the world feed into the advocacy work that we do through our UN Programme in Geneva.

In 2018, the IBAHRI concluded its work on setting up bar associations in Timor-Leste and Myanmar. The work in Myanmar culminated with the establishment of a secretariat for the Independent Lawyers' Association of Myanmar, four legal libraries across the country and a continuing legal education programme.

For a full understanding of the breadth, depth and focus of our work, as in past years, we invite you to read our Annual Review. We hope that you will continue to support the IBAHRI in its vital endeavours in 2019.



**Ambassador (ret.)
Hans Corell**



**The Honourable
Michael Kirby AC CMG**

AMBASSADOR (RET.) HANS CORELL

 Hans Corell has served as a legal adviser and diplomat on the international legal stage for many years. As Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations from 1994 to 2004, Ambassador Corell represented the Secretary-General at the 1998 UN Conference which adopted the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. During his service he was involved in the establishment of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia for the trials of senior Khmer Rouge leaders. Since retiring, Hans continues to participate in the international legal sector, including as Co-Chair of the IBAHRI and other legal institutes, and as a legal adviser and lecturer.

THE HON MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG

 The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG is a former Justice of the High Court of Australia. He has held many senior positions with international organisations, including UNESCO and the OECD, and he was the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cambodia and Chairperson of the UN fact-finding task force to North Korea. He is a member of the Eminent Persons Group of the Commonwealth and has been awarded many honours, including the Australian Human Rights Medal, the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun and the Gruber Prize, and he is the recipient of 29 honorary degrees.

ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

CAPACITY BUILDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

One of the most valuable tools for ensuring that lawyers maintain independence and act with integrity when representing clients is the creation of self-governing professional associations. The IBAHRI provides support and technical assistance to under-resourced and newly established bar associations and law societies worldwide. A vital element of this capacity building is the placement of a legal specialist to work with the associations to strengthen internal operations, secure sustainable financing, ensure compliance with internationally recognised standards, provide training for staff and members, and to build links with international and regional organisations.

FACT FINDING

The IBAHRI undertakes fact-finding missions to countries where there is a threat to or deterioration of the rule of law, human rights and the independence of the legal profession. Mission reports detailing findings and recommendations are distributed to UN bodies, international organisations and other in-country, regional and international stakeholders. Mission findings help to direct the long-term work of the IBAHRI through the development of targeted country initiatives.

UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME

The IBAHRI launched its UN Programme with the aim of informing and fostering lawyers' engagement in UN mechanisms and strengthening dialogue between states and the legal community on human rights. The UN Programme aims to strengthen international legal frameworks and protect the legal profession by providing expert support to UN human rights mechanisms; raising awareness about UN standards on the role of judges, lawyers and prosecutors, the independence of the judiciary and the situation of legal professionals at country level; and fostering the involvement of lawyers in UN human rights mechanisms by training lawyers and building the capacity of bar associations.

TRAINING FOR JUDGES AND LAWYERS

Sharing expertise and skills across borders is fundamental to strengthening the rule of law and supporting lawyers globally. The IBAHRI and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights have previously collaborated on publishing a training manual, *Human Rights in the Administration of Justice*, which has been translated into four languages (Arabic, English, Portuguese and Spanish) and continues to be used in training across all continents. The IBAHRI has also produced training manuals and curricula on international criminal law, human rights and the role of parliaments, and torture prevention.

ADVOCACY

By making public statements, sending intervention letters, submitting *amicus curiae* briefs and through its UN Programme, the IBAHRI advocates for lawyers and judges who are arbitrarily harassed, intimidated or arrested as a result of carrying out their professional duties. The IBAHRI will intervene when it considers human rights or the rule of law to be under threat. It undertakes advocacy in its thematic areas at the UN in Geneva, the Inter-American Court and the European Court of Human Rights, as well as in domestic courts.



6,127
Facebook followers



4,300
Twitter followers



550
individuals trained



46
grant-funded projects



32
countries



5
continents



£100,000
awarded for IBAHRI
Trust intern scholarships



25
intervention letters



20
legal consultants



5
reports published



3
trial observers



1
mission rapporteur

WORK BY REGION: THE AMERICAS

BRAZIL

The IBAHRI has continued its work in Brazil to support the country in its commitment to eradicate torture as part of its obligations under international law. In particular, the projects have focused on:

- facilitating prompt and impartial investigations into allegations of torture and ill treatment;
- advocating for the independence of forensic services from law enforcement; and
- promoting understanding and the implementation of the Manual on the Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, known as the Istanbul Protocol.



KEY FACTS

166.2 per cent prison occupancy, based on official capacity (source: *World Prison Brief*, 2019)

719,998 total prison population, including pre-trial detainees/remand prisoners (source: *World Prison Brief*, 2019)

5,144 people killed by police officers in 2017 – latest data available (source: *Human Rights Watch*, 2019)

Five per cent of detainees reported abuse during hearings (source: *Human Rights Watch*, 2019)

This has included collaboration with Brazilian institutions, such as the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), the national, independent body established to monitor conditions in which people are deprived of their liberty, in accordance with the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT).

The IBAHRI and the Anti-Torture Initiative (ATI), a project of the Washington College of Law's Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, continued to offer a specialised joint training programme on the Istanbul Protocol. This was targeted at the legal and medical professions, in particular, lawyers, judges, prosecutors, public defenders, physicians, psychologists and national and state preventive mechanisms.

In May, training on the Istanbul Protocol was delivered in Rio de Janeiro to professionals from the states of Bahia, Distrito Federal, Espírito Santo, Maranhão, Mato Grosso do Sul, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. As part of its advocacy for international decision-making processes to consider the particular challenges faced by Latin American countries, the IBAHRI hosted a side event to the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the Universal Protocol for Investigative Interviewing and Associated Safeguards, which took place in Rio de Janeiro. The event, 'Understanding the state of interrogation methods in Brazil', offered a platform for Brazilian stakeholders to discuss pressing concerns and best practices for police interrogations and judiciary review with members of the Committee.

The IBAHRI then travelled to Santa Catarina, where an intensive cross-state programme was hosted by the Magistrate Academy from the Santa Catarina State Court. The two-day training targeted professionals from Mato Grosso, Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina and São Paulo.

Based on the discussions that took place during the training sessions, the IBAHRI, ATI and Sira – a therapeutic, juridical and psychosocial support network in contexts of violence – published an expert opinion calling for a review of the standard forensic questions used throughout the country (which are based on criminal legislation from the 1940s) within torture investigations, with a focus on international standards.

In November 2018, and in alliance with the legal non-governmental organisation Conectas and ATI, the IBAHRI organised a training programme on the implementation of the Istanbul Protocol for participants from 12 organisations working on torture prevention in Brazil. The IBAHRI also carried out a training entitled 'Investigation of Torture in Brazil: Implementation of the Istanbul Protocol by the Prosecution Office', attended by 50 prosecutors from 25 Brazilian states. The participants worked directly on police supervision, prison inspections and conducting criminal investigations.



RESOURCES

Video: *Torture Prevention in Brazil*
tinyurl.com/y5cvx6ah

Anti-torture training milestone reached by the IBAHRI and ATI joint programme
tinyurl.com/y8thj8q8

IBAHRI and ATI call on the Brazilian government to reverse 'federal intervention' in Rio de Janeiro
tinyurl.com/y9dnn6pk

Protocol on non-coercive interviews
vimeo.com/288377603

The event was promoted by the Commission on the Prison System, Police Oversight and Public Security of the National Council of Prosecutor’s Office and took place at the Prosecutor’s Office of the State of Santa Catarina in Florianópolis.

That same month, the IBAHRI released a video on *Supporting Criminal and Medical-Legal Investigations on Allegations of Torture* in Portuguese with English subtitles. In the video, local stakeholders and international experts discuss the historical background of torture in the country and the present challenges for its prevention and prosecution.

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- National Preventive Mechanism
- Anti-Torture Initiative at the Washington College of Law of American University
- Rio de Janeiro Public Defender’s Office
- Magistrate Academy from the Santa Catarina State Court
- Commission on the Prison System, Police Oversight and Public Security of the National Council of Prosecutor’s Office
- Conectas



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, the IBAHRI will further its technical assistance to support the implementation of the Istanbul Protocol in Brazil and take its training to other states within the country. Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, the new Director of the IBAHRI, will attend meetings in São Paulo with the President of the Court of Justice of the State of São Paulo and give a keynote speech at the Gender Perspectives in Judicial Activity conference at the third Regional Federal Court.

Participants at the International Training on Investigation and Documentation of Torture: Theoretical Approach to the Istanbul Protocol in Rio de Janeiro (May 2018) © IBAHRI

COLOMBIA

Trial observations are an essential tool for the promotion of fair trials and can be instrumental in legal reforms. The IBAHRI worked with Del Rosario University in Bogotá throughout 2018 to deliver training on trial observations of domestic proceedings and those before international criminal courts. In May, the IBAHRI held its pilot workshop in Spanish for a group of Latin American lawyers – the first of its kind for legal professionals in the region. Following this, a training curriculum was produced in Spanish and English, and will be incorporated into the IBAHRI's future training sessions.

In addition, the IBAHRI and Del Rosario University produced videos in Spanish and English of discussions between Latin American and European legal professionals on the role of impartial trial observers in protecting the independence of the legal profession and the rights of those at trials. The films feature Samuel Escobar, Director of the Legal Assistance Centre and Professor of the Del Rosario University Jurisprudence Faculty; Mark Stephens CBE, Head of Media Law and Regulatory at Howard Kennedy; Dr Phillip Tahmindjis, IBAHRI Director; Dr Aurelie Roche-Mair, former Director of the IBA's Hague Office; Heidi Abuchaible, IBAHRI trial observer in Venezuela; and Verónica Hinestroza, IBAHRI Senior Programme Lawyer.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, the IBAHRI will enhance its work on enforced disappearances in the country and launch a selection of new publications.

Its first Spanish language publication, *¿Dónde Están? Estándares internacionales para la búsqueda de personas desaparecidas forzadamente (Where are they? International standards for the search for forcibly disappeared persons)*, will focus on state obligations to the investigation of victims of enforced disappearances. An executive summary in English will also be available online.

The IBAHRI is producing a book featuring articles by leading Latin American experts, including the former UN Special Rapporteur and IBAHRI Co-Chair Juan E Méndez, that address current trends in torture prevention and its elimination. The book will include original information about anti-torture laws and policies in the Latin American region and opportunities opening for legal professionals to engage in the fight against torture. This will consolidate the findings and lessons learned through the IBAHRI's work in the region.

The IBAHRI and the Faculty of Finance, Government and International Relations of the Externado University of Colombia held a roundtable event on the relevance of international observation of trials within the framework of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.

In April, the IBAHRI participated in a closed and specialised regional workshop on enforced disappearances in Bogotá, organised by Externado de Colombia University, DeJusticia, ICTJ, Fundación Heinrich Böll, German Institute for Human Rights and GIZ. The workshop addressed the current strengths and challenges of the existing international legal framework on enforced disappearances.



RESOURCES

Video: *The Importance of Trial Observations*

vimeo.com/288191716

IBAHRI Council Member and partner at Howard Kennedy, Mark Stephens CBE appears before the camera for our video on the importance of trial observation © IBAHRI



PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- School of Law – El Rosario University
- School of Finance, Government and International Affairs – Externado University of Colombia

EL SALVADOR

El Salvador suffered a 12-year civil war that left more than 75,000 civilians dead and 8,000 people forcibly disappeared. The Truth Commission, established by the peace agreements, found that 85 per cent of the crimes were committed by state agents and paramilitary groups allied to them. An amnesty law to prevent prosecutions was overturned in 2016 when the Constitutional Chamber of the Salvadoran Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional. In this context, El Salvador's justice system is finding a way to deal with the high number of cases and violations, including allegations of the military's role in the torture, rape and murder of nearly 1,000 civilians.

The IBAHRI is the first international organisation other than the UN to be officially invited to provide technical advice on the means and mechanisms for addressing the human rights violations committed during the conflict. In August 2018, the IBAHRI ran a three-day technical training course in San Salvador. This was done in collaboration with the Law Clinic of the Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas of El Salvador (the 'Idhuca'). The workshops aimed at strengthening the capacity of a group of nine Salvadoran organisations to document cases and prepare reports for UN human rights mechanisms.



KEY FACT

0 convictions in a Salvadoran court for crimes committed during El Salvador's civil war (1980–1992)

Since September 2018, the IBAHRI and the Idhuca have engaged in advocacy activities with UN Working Groups and Special Rapporteurs to highlight the pressing challenges faced by the country and to promote their engagement in El Salvador. Some of the ongoing challenges include: the practice of torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment; the increasing number of disappearances; obstacles to the right to truth, justice and reparation; and interference in the independence of judges, lawyers and prosecutors.



Drawings of the torture suffered by six Jesuits and two others at their residence on the campus of José Simeón Cañas Central American University (UCA) during the internal armed conflict of El Salvador. The drawings, by artist Roberto Huezo, are exhibited at the campus chapel 'Jesucristo Liberador' (August 2018) © IBAHRI

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- Law Clinic of the Simeon Cañas University



Participants of the IBAHRI's training on the UN System, Universidad Centroamericana de El Salvador 'José Simón Cañas', Bulevar Los Próceres, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad, El Salvador (10 August 2018) © IBAHRI



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

El Salvador will be due for examination at the UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in November 2019. The IBAHRI has assisted a group of Salvadoran lawyers with the drafting of a shadow report to complement and inform the review of El Salvador and will support and train the lawyers in advocacy efforts surrounding the session. This will involve participation in the Human Rights Council (HRC) session and unofficial HRC events.

MEXICO

The majority of the prison population in Mexico has reported experiencing some form of physical violence at the hands of the police, including waterboarding, beatings, electric shocks and sexual abuse. More than 9,000 investigations into torture were opened by the Attorney-General's Office between 2012 and 2018, yet the Istanbul Protocol for the Effective Investigation and Documentation of Torture remains misused and few perpetrators are ever brought to justice.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, the IBAHRI will extend its training to judges and medical doctors from Ciudad de Mexico.

While the 2017 General Law to Prevent, Investigate and Sanction Torture began to address these crimes, progress on its implementation had stalled. The IBAHRI has worked with the renewed National Preventative Mechanism (NPM) of Mexico to address this problem.

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico
- Federal District Commission for Human Rights
- National Preventive Mechanism

With a participatory and interactive approach, the IBAHRI shared key global tools and standards for the development of the NPM's work on torture prevention. Experts further engaged with the participants in relevant and innovative experiences of other regional NPMs. In September, the IBAHRI and ATI brought their training programme on the Istanbul Protocol to professionals from eight states in Mexico. In collaboration with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Mexico City and the National Commission for Human Rights, the two-day session brought together participants from Baja California, Chihuahua, Ciudad de México, Coahuila, Morelos, Nuevo León, Oaxaca and Veracruz.

In Mexico City, the IBAHRI, ATI and OHCHR in Mexico hosted an expert roundtable to discuss the development of the Universal Protocol for Investigative Interviewing and Associated Safeguards. The roundtable was conducted in Spanish and included the Steering Committee Co-Chair and former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Juan E Méndez and 17 representatives from diverse state institutions and organisations working on security and human rights in Mexico.

Torture prevention
workshop in Mexico
(August 2018) © IBAHRI



VENEZUELA

The independence of the legal profession has been under attack in Venezuela for several years. Threats to this independence have grown as a judicial, political and humanitarian crisis has engulfed the country. This is demonstrated by the case of Judge María Lourdes Afiuni, whose trial the IBAHRI has monitored since it began in November 2012.

Judge Afiuni was detained without a warrant in December 2009 when, acting as judge of the Court of First Instance No 31 of the Criminal Circuit of the Caracas Metropolitan Area, she ordered the conditional release of the businessman Eligio Cedeño. Hours after the arrest, former President Hugo Chávez publicly called for her to be imprisoned for 30 years. She was accused of corruption, misuse of authority, collusion with tax evasion and conspiracy.



QUOTE

'[T]he IBAHRI is deeply concerned that the proceedings against Judge Afiuni are representative of the progressive weakening of the Venezuelan judiciary and the weakening of the rule of law in Venezuela.'

IBAHRI OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT
NICOLÁS MADURO MOROS

While she was detained at the National Institute for Female Orientation, Judge Afiuni is alleged to have been the victim of multiple violations, including threats to her life, and is reported to have been raped and tortured.

Removed from preventive detention in 2013, she was placed under house arrest, and in 2018, remained suspended from work and prohibited from leaving the country or using social networks.

This year marked the ninth year in the trial against Judge Afiuni, which has far exceeded the maximum penalty (seven years) for the crimes for which she was accused. Proceedings were suspended more than 60 times until 31 January 2018. After this date, hearings were regularly scheduled but none carried out due to the court closing for an indefinite period. The IBAHRI has called to the attention of Venezuelan authorities the UN principles for the independence of the judiciary and on the role of prosecutors.



RESOURCES

Open letter to President Nicolás Maduro Moros: tinyurl.com/y35an5ap

Judge María Lourdes Afiuni in her home in Caracas (7 June 2013)
© REUTERS/Carlos García Rawlins



WORK BY REGION: ASIA PACIFIC

MYANMAR

In June 2018, the IBAHRI concluded its long-standing work on establishing the Independent Lawyers' Association of Myanmar (ILAM). In 2017, the IBAHRI, using funds from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), helped the ILAM to establish a secretariat with three full-time staff members, put in place operating procedures and regional libraries, and develop and implement continuing legal education programmes.



KEY FACT

Myanmar retains the death penalty in law, including the mandatory death penalty for crimes such as premeditated murder, but has not executed anyone for at least ten years.

The IBAHRI also assisted the ILAM in finalising and adopting its code of ethics for lawyers, which was reviewed by a number of international organisations and bar associations in other countries. The ILAM also carried out national consultations on the code to ensure that it had political support and reflected the reality of the country's legal profession. These activities have contributed to increasing the capacity of lawyers in the country to provide effective access to justice.

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- US Agency for International Development
- Independent Lawyers' Association of Myanmar
- International Commission of Jurists
- Danish International Development Agency

The IBAHRI also continued to observe the trial of the men accused of killing the human rights lawyer U Ko Ni. In conjunction with this, the IBAHRI undertook research into human rights in the criminal justice system in Myanmar, with a particular focus on the presumption of innocence.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

The IBAHRI will continue to monitor the U Ko Ni trial and publish a trial observation report. The IBAHRI will also produce a report on the issue of human rights in the criminal justice system in the country.

IBAHRI Director Phillip Tahmindjis and Myanmar consultants Kim Maung Win and Guillermo Farias at the opening ceremony of the ILAM Yangon legal library © IBAHRI

TIMOR-LESTE

The IBAHRI concluded its programme in Timor-Leste to support the establishment of a national bar association. A bill to establish the bar association has been drafted and introduced in parliament, but its progress was halted when the outcome of national elections was inconclusive. This matter is henceforth within the mandate of the IBA's Bar Issues Commission.



East Timorese line up to cast their vote in a general election in Dili, East Timor (12 May 2018) © REUTERS/Lirio Da Fonseca

WORK BY REGION:
EASTERN EUROPE
AND CENTRAL ASIA

AZERBAIJAN

In 2018, the government of Azerbaijan continued to target lawyers representing clients taking proceedings against the state. These included Irada Javadova and Yalchin Imanov, who were disbarred, and Fakhraddin Mehdiyev, Asabali Mustafayev and Nemat Karimli, who were suspended from practising law. The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) has held that the arrest of another lawyer, Intigam Aliyev, was a breach of human rights. Nevertheless, in January 2018, new legislation was passed that effectively barred approximately 90 per cent of Azerbaijan's lawyers from providing full legal assistance to civil society.



KEY FACTS

About **9.8 million** people living in Azerbaijan

934 registered lawyers

Thus, education in human rights law is essential, but legal education in Azerbaijan is undervalued and of low quality.

In support of these lawyers, the IBAHRI reacted publicly by sending intervention letters, submitting information to the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers and submitting a third-party intervention in the *Mammadov v Azerbaijan* case before the ECtHR regarding lawyers' freedom of expression.

The IBAHRI has been working not only to support the few human rights lawyers left in the country but also on programmes aiming to empower a new generation of Azerbaijani lawyers.

To support training and participation in UN mechanisms, the IBAHRI facilitated the involvement of ten Azerbaijani lawyers in April 2018 in the UPR pre-session in Geneva, where Azerbaijan was scheduled for review before the HRC. Following this pre-session week, a group of young lawyers shared their experience with their fellow students and friends at the peer-to-peer workshop in Baku. In September, an IBAHRI representative read a statement on the outcome of Azerbaijan's UPR before the HRC.

Following its success in 2017, the IBAHRI mentorship programme, which partnered senior lawyers with junior Azerbaijani lawyers, was renewed and expanded. A three-day training workshop was held in Tbilisi, Georgia, prior to the mentorship programme for Azerbaijani students on the European Human Rights Convention and strategic litigation.

In December, the IBAHRI held another legal training in Baku for law students on gender equality and non-discrimination. In collaboration with students, the IBAHRI also held a Law Days Forum in Baku with two panels to discuss the situation of the legal profession and gender equality issues.

The IBAHRI also launched a human rights law essay competition. The competition was the first activity of its kind conducted by the IBAHRI and provided young professionals with a platform to present a range of human rights topics. The jury was composed of international and national experts from the legal and academic profession. The winner was awarded a week-long study trip to further investigate human rights.

The IBAHRI also ran a three-month internship for an Azerbaijani law student at our London offices.



RESOURCES

IBAHRI calls for Azerbaijan Bar Association to revoke suspension of human rights lawyer's licence

tinyurl.com/yyp2jkvf

Azerbaijan, UPR Report Consideration at the 24th Meeting of the 39th regular session of the Human Rights Council

tinyurl.com/y2zbp47e

IBAHRI summary of the review of Azerbaijan at the 24th Meeting of the 39th regular session of the Human Rights Council

tinyurl.com/y2avnve2

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- Freedom House



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

As the government of Azerbaijan has accepted the UPR recommendations on human rights education, the IBAHRI plans to continue its efforts to support young human rights lawyers and monitor the government's adherence to its commitments before the UN.

Law Days Forum in Baku (December 2018)
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Workshop on UN Human Rights Mechanisms in Baku (August 2018) © IBAHRI



QUOTE

'It is not the role of the Bar Association to pass judgement on the clients of lawyers. Rather, the Azerbaijan Bar Association should seek to protect the independence of the lawyers it seems so intent on attacking.'

IBAHRI DIRECTOR, PHILLIP TAHMINDJIS, IN THE STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF FAKHRADDIN MEHDIYEV

KAZAKHSTAN

In 2018, new measures were signed into law that provided for the establishment of a state bar association, which allowed the executive branch of government to take control over Kazakh lawyers. The legal profession had hitherto been one of the strongest components of civil society.



KEY FACTS

Score of **one out of four** on independence of the judiciary
(source: *Freedom House report, 2018*)

Score **one out of four** on due process in civil and criminal matters
(source: *Freedom House report, 2018*)

Score **four out of 16** on rule of law
(source: *Freedom House report, 2018*)

The IBAHRI focused its work on Article 9 (the right to liberty and security) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Kazakhstan is a party, providing training of trainers workshops for Kazakh lawyers defending the rights of detained clients.

In June, the IBAHRI collaborated with the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) on a side event, 'Defenceless Defenders', in Geneva to discuss the challenges faced by lawyers involved in human rights cases in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

We also addressed Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan, to protect the independence of the legal profession and promote and defend the rule of law in Kazakhstan. In September, an IBAHRI representative read an oral statement at the plenary during the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) in Warsaw, Poland, and ran a side event on the situation of the legal profession in the region. Additionally, during the seventh Expert Forum on Criminal Justice for Central Asia, it ran a side event on 'Lawyers as an Element and not Obstacle to Justice'. Later, the IBAHRI attended the Kazakh lawyers' conference in Astana during the elections for a new chair of the Republican Bar Association.



RESOURCES

IBAHRI statement on the elections of the new chair of the Republican Bar Association
tinyurl.com/y58jwkhc

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- International Commission of Jurists
- Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE
- Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OSCE
- Paris Bar Association
- Republican Bar Association of Kazakhstan

IBAHRI EECA Programme Lawyer speaking at the OSCE HDIM (September 2018) © IBAHRI



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, Kazakhstan will be scheduled for review before the HRC under the UPR mechanism. The IBAHRI will work with Kazakh lawyers on submissions and advocacy efforts.

TAJIKISTAN

The IBAHRI has been working in Tajikistan since 2015, when it assisted with the formation of the Union of Lawyers, the country's national independent bar association. Nonetheless, in the same year, legal amendments extended the influence of the government over the licensing of legal professionals and the number of registered lawyers was cut drastically. The reforms require lawyers to sit a qualification exam every five years and established a Qualification Commission, under the Ministry of Justice, which could regulate entry to the profession. There are no lawyers in nearly ten districts of Tajikistan. Human rights lawyers remain under threat of lengthy imprisonment and travel bans for undertaking difficult cases that criticise the government. Lawyers' families have been threatened with violence.



KEY FACTS

700 registered lawyers

About **9 million** people living in Tajikistan

About **13,000** people per lawyer

In 2018, the IBAHRI focused its efforts on the training of Tajik lawyers and support of the Union of Lawyers. In April, it conducted a training of trainers workshop for lawyers from Tajikistan on lawyers' security.

In May, the IBAHRI facilitated the participation of two Tajik lawyers at the UN Committee against Torture pre-session in Geneva, where Tajikistan was under review. In its concluding observations, the committee expressed concern about the recent amendments to the Bar and Advocacy Act, which has given the Ministry of Justice undue influence over the Qualifying Commission responsible for licensing lawyers. The Committee recommended that Tajikistan amends the Bar and Advocacy Act with a view to strengthening the independence of the Qualifying Commission.

In July, the IBAHRI submitted information to the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers on the legal profession in Tajikistan. In August, we ran a summer school for 28 young lawyers on human rights in Dushanbe. The IBAHRI also co-organised the International Conference of the Union of Lawyers, marking their second anniversary, and ran a study trip for lawyers to Almaty, Kazakhstan.



RESOURCES

Short film: *Legal profession in peril – the case of Tajikistan* (2018)
tinyurl.com/y4d6opy8

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- International Commission of Jurists
- Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation Tajikistan
- Tajik Union of Lawyers

International Conference on Independence of the Legal Profession, Dushanbe (September 2018) © IBAHRI



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, Tajikistan will be scheduled for review in the 126th session of the Human Rights Committee. The IBAHRI will work with Tajik lawyers on advocacy efforts surrounding the review and facilitating training on UN mechanisms. The IBAHRI also plans to start engaging Tajikistan's youth more extensively by launching a mentorship programme in Dushanbe.

UKRAINE

In 2018, the IBAHRI conducted a scoping mission at the request of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and prepared a comprehensive report on the state of and access to the legal profession in Ukraine. Following this, an action plan was finalised for future work in the country.



IBAHRI Director and EECA Programme Lawyer attending a meeting on the Ukrainian legal profession and justice sector in Kiev (January 2018) © IBAHRI



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, the IBAHRI will begin work on capacity building and training practitioners on non-coercive investigation procedures. The focus will be on training key actors in governmental institutions and the legal community.

WORK BY REGION:
MIDDLE EAST AND
NORTH AFRICA

SYRIA

The IBAHRI has partnered with the International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC) on a project in Syria to strengthen the capacity of Syrian lawyers to engage with international and national human rights and accountability mechanisms. The project consists of a series of training and practical engagement activities to take place over 2018 and 2019. Four international experts were selected to run the trainings and two toolkits were prepared as part of the project dealing with the international mechanisms and strategic litigation. The first trainings began in June 2018 in Sarajevo.



RESOURCES

Training of Trainers:

A Facilitator's Guide to United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms for Syrian Lawyers (in Arabic)

tinyurl.com/yxgyysyq

IBAHRI Training Manual:

Accountability Mechanisms for Crimes Committed in Syria (in Arabic)

tinyurl.com/yy78rem2

Training of Trainers: A Facilitator's Guide to United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms for Syrian Lawyers (in English)

tinyurl.com/yykvl6z

IBAHRI Training Manual:

Accountability Mechanisms for Crimes Committed in Syria (in English)

tinyurl.com/y2l2gnhx

In March, the lead Programme Lawyer visited Geneva to participate in a high-level panel discussion on Syria at the HRC's 37th session. During the visit, an event was held by the IBAHRI on the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism on international crimes committed in the Syrian Arab Republic in conjunction with the Geneva Academy.

Further training sessions occurred in September, concurrent with the 39th session of the HRC in Geneva. This included advocacy training, and an oral statement was delivered by one of the Syrian lawyers on behalf of the IBAHRI during the interactive dialogue with the UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances. During Geneva Peace Week at the end of the year, the IBAHRI held an event in conjunction with the Geneva Academy to discuss forced displacement and demographic engineering in Syria. The event, which had a maximum attendance, assessed compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law and the pitfalls of and challenges to any upcoming reconstruction in the country.



PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- International Legal Assistance Consortium
- International Commission of Jurists

A boy rides on a bicycle along a damaged street in the town of Kafr Batna, in eastern Ghouta, Syria (5 September 2018) © REUTERS/Omar Sanadiki



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

The IBAHRI will continue to work with the ILAC on strengthening the capacity of Syrian lawyers to engage with international and national human rights and accountability mechanisms.

TUNISIA

The IBAHRI received funding from the ILAC for a project to provide training to Tunisian judges, lawyers and human rights activists on the judicial enforcement of economic, social and cultural rights within the national context. Working in partnership with the OHCHR, the first two training workshops took place in December in Tunis, bringing together judges with international and national experts.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

Together with the OHCHR, the IBAHRI will carry out further 'training of trainers' workshops and implementation workshops with members of the judiciary in Tunisia, who will then train other lawyers and civil society organisations on the application of economic, social and cultural rights in the national court system.



PARTNERS

With thanks to:

- International Legal Assistance Consortium
- International Commission of Jurists

Training of Tunisian judges, lawyers and human rights activists on the judicial enforcement of economic, social and cultural rights within the national context (December 2018) © IBAHRI

TURKEY

The IBAHRI marked the Day of the Lawyer in Turkey on 5 April with a joint open letter to Turkish authorities. The IBAHRI, with the Bar Council of England and Wales, the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales (BHRC), the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) and the Law Society of England and Wales, raised concerns over the rising number of cases of human rights violations against lawyers in Turkey.

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- International Legal Assistance Consortium
- International Commission of Jurists

In June, the IBAHRI facilitated six human rights lawyers from the country to engage in the eighth session of the HRC. With the Law Society, the IBAHRI provided training specific to the relevant UN mechanisms and Special Procedures for this event. During the week, the IBAHRI arranged bilateral meetings with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, diplomatic missions from several countries and the Human Rights Commission of the Geneva Bar Association. The IBAHRI also facilitated the creation of an advocacy factsheet on the independence of lawyers in Turkey, which was sent to state missions and UN representatives.

The IBAHRI, Law Society and BHRC organised a side event at the Palais des Nations in Geneva in June to discuss the challenges faced by the Turkish legal profession. The side event was co-sponsored by Lawyers for Lawyers and the UIA, and a submission to the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers was prepared. On 25 June, the IBAHRI delivered an oral statement to the HRC on behalf of five other organisations on widespread human rights violations against Turkish lawyers. On 26 June, the IBAHRI released a joint statement in partnership with five organisations on the situation of Mustafa Aydin, a lawyer from Istanbul. Aydin was released on 27 June. In September the IBAHRI, in conjunction with the BHRC, the Law Society and the Turkish lawyers who had trained with the Institute in June, presented a joint submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers on breaches of international law relating to the independence of the legal profession.



IBAHRI side event to the UN Human Rights Council 39th session – Civil Society Organisations and Criminal Accountability for Atrocity Crimes © IBAHRI



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

Continued advocacy around the situation of lawyers in Turkey will be required in 2019. The IBAHRI will work with other organisations to highlight concerns and call for respect for the rule of law, human rights and independence of the legal profession in the country.

WORK BY REGION:
SUB-SAHARAN
AFRICA

KENYA

In 2018, the IBAHRI carried out a trial observation in Kenya together with the ICJ (Africa section). The trial observation related to the cases of *Gitari v A-G Kenya* and *Methenge and Others v A-G Kenya*, which challenged the constitutionality of the criminalisation of same-sex conduct in Kenya. The cases were heard at the High Court of Kenya. There were reports of individuals, apparently supporting the criminalisation of same-sex conduct, harassing the petitioners. Despite this, the initial report of the observer indicated that the proceedings were generally fair and in accordance with international and regional standards. The High Court had not published its decision on the case by the end of the year.

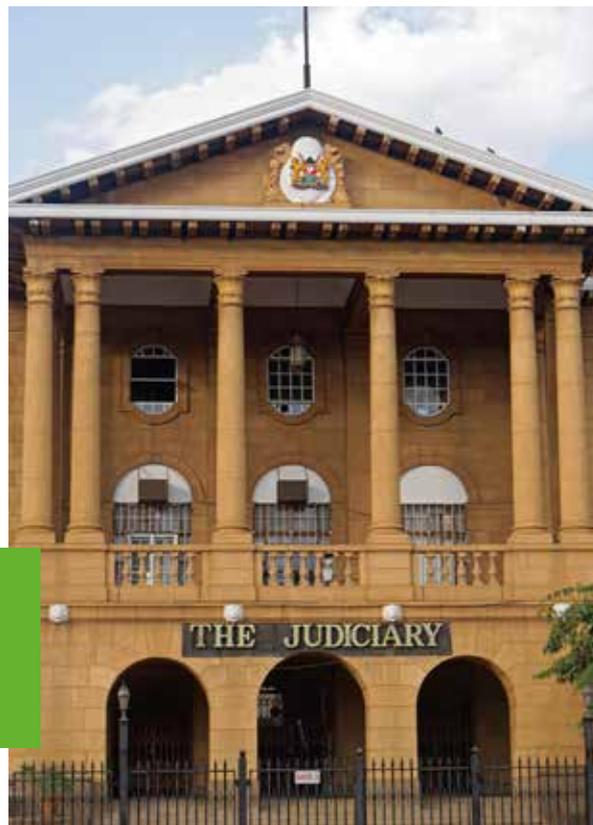
PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- International Commission of Jurists

The Judiciary building of the Supreme Court in Nairobi, Kenya © Nikola Obradovic/Shutterstock



TANZANIA



RESOURCES

Warning Shots: Threats to the Independence of the Legal Profession in Tanzania
tinyurl.com/yylqv7yq

The Role of the Legal Profession to Protect Human Rights in the Context of Shrinking Civic and Democratic Space in Africa
tinyurl.com/y2f47579

Annual Jurists Conference
tinyurl.com/yyc95ptx

In April, the IBAHRI with five other organisations – the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights, ICJ, East Africa Law Society, Pan African Lawyers Union and Southern Africa Development Community Lawyers Association – produced a fact-finding report on the rule of law in Tanzania. The report, *Warning Shots: Threats to the Independence of the Legal Profession in Tanzania*, examined the independence of the legal profession in Tanzania, particularly the existence and functioning of an independent, self-governing association; the ability of lawyers to carry out their professional duties without retaliation, harassment or intimidation or being associated with their client's causes; and the rights of lawyers in Tanzania to engage in matters of public interest.

The report found that, while there is a need to improve the overall regulation of the legal profession in Tanzania, including strengthening the enforcement of professional ethics among lawyers, the level of involvement of the executive in the process and aspects of proposed legal reforms pose a threat to the independence of the profession

in the country. The situation is exacerbated by attacks against the legal profession which appeared to be increasing in the period prior to the fact-finding mission. Specifically, the shooting of the President of the Tanganyika Law Society, Tundu Lissu, and the bombing of the offices of IMMMA Advocates and Prime Attorneys, all within a short space of time, caused fear among the legal profession. The report raised further concerns regarding the suppression of freedom of expression of lawyers, while recognising that the attacks against the legal profession occurred within a broader context of threat to the rule of law, democracy and human rights in the country.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

The IBAHRI will continue to work with partners to advocate for the adoption of standards for the protection of lawyers at the Africa regional level.

The findings of the report were presented during a side panel at the 62nd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights on 'The Role of the Legal Profession to Protect Human Rights in the Context of Shrinking Civic and Democratic Space in Africa'.

Following this, in November, the IBAHRI, in conjunction with the ICJ, the International Development and Law Organization, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Kenya Human Rights Commission, held the Annual Jurists Conference. The theme was

'The State of Judicial Independence in Africa: Threats, Challenges and Opportunities'. It examined threats to the independence of the judiciary and lawyers and the effectiveness of existing human rights mechanisms in responding to these threats.



Programme Lawyer Judy Oder and other panellists on the margins of the 62nd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights discuss the Tanzania report © IBAHRI

PARTNERS

With thanks to:

- The American Bar Association Center for Human Rights
- International Commission of Jurists
- East Africa Law Society
- Pan African Lawyers Union
- Southern Africa Development Community Lawyers Association
- International Development and Law Organization
- Konrad Adenauer Foundation
- Kenya Human Rights Commission

THEMATIC AREAS

TORTURE PREVENTION

Torture is prohibited under an array of international laws and treaties, from the 1949 Geneva Conventions and subsequent protocols to the 1976 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the 1987 Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Despite the *jus cogens* status of prohibition, torture remains a documented issue in 141 countries, with state agents whose role it is to uphold the rule of law often committing these crimes.



RESOURCES

Video: *Protocol on Non-Coercive Interviews*
vimeo.com/288377603

Torture Prevention Work in Brazil
tinyurl.com/y5tx9r47

Video: *Anti-Torture Day: State of the World Today – Are We Going into Reverse?*
vimeo.com/223156166

In 2018, during the Committee against Torture pre-session, where Tajikistan was under review, the IBAHRI facilitated the participation and advocacy of two Tajik lawyers. In addition, the IBAHRI was invited to speak at the OSCE's conference on 'Topical Tasks in the Field of Strengthening the Legal and Judicial Guarantees of Safeguarding Security of Person: Experience of Uzbekistan' in October.

The focus of the IBAHRI's torture-prevention work in Latin America is the Istanbul Protocol. The protocol provides international guidelines and standards for documenting alleged torture cases for use across the legal and medical professions. In 2018, we continued working with the ATI to deliver training programmes on the protocol in Mexico and Brazil.

The IBAHRI, in collaboration with Sira – a network of therapeutic, legal and psychosocial support in contexts of violence – and the ATI, submitted an expert opinion to Brazilian federal authorities calling for a review of the forensic questions (*quesitos*) based on current international standards.

In the context of HRC resolutions, the ATI, Association for the Prevention of Torture and Norwegian Centre for Human Rights launched a process to develop a set of guidelines for non-coercive interviewing



OSCE Conference on 'Topical Tasks in the Field of Strengthening the Legal and Judicial Guarantees of Safeguarding Security of Persons: Experience of Uzbekistan' in Tashkent (October 2018) © IBAHRI



IBAHRI Latin America Programme Lawyer Verónica Hinestroza and former UN Special Rapporteur on torture, Juan E Méndez © FLACSO Mexico

by law enforcement officers and attendant legal and procedural safeguards. The aim is to ensure that people detained and questioned for investigative purposes are not subjected to torture or other forms of ill treatment. The process is led by a steering committee composed of 15 experts and practitioners in the fields of criminal justice, law enforcement, psychology, human rights and torture prevention, including IBAHRI Senior Programme Lawyer Verónica Hinestroza.

The IBAHRI also hosted an event in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 'Understanding the State of Interrogation Methods', which offered a platform for Brazilian stakeholders – including representatives of the Rio

de Janeiro State Public Defender's Office and state police – to discuss concerns and best practices regarding police interrogations and judiciary review. An expert roundtable meeting was held in Mexico in collaboration with the ATI and OHCHR in Mexico.

Objectives and challenges regarding proper interrogation procedures were discussed.

During the 61st Annual Meeting of the International Association of Judges, Hinestroza addressed the Ibero-American Regional Group on the role of judges on torture prevention, particularly their duty to exclude evidence obtained by torture, and presented the initiative to develop an international protocol on non-coercive interviewing.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, the IBAHRI will begin work on capacity building and training practitioners on torture prevention in Ukraine. At the core of these trainings will be the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

Additionally, the IBAHRI has been assisting with the development of a supplement to the Istanbul Protocol with updates and clarifications based on practical experience, which will be finalised in 2019. We will continue to initiate meetings and deliver training on the Istanbul Protocol and proper documentation of cases of alleged torture. In 2019, training focusing on the Istanbul Protocol will be extended to Paraguay in collaboration with the NPM.

The IBAHRI will also finalise the hard copy publication of a book featuring articles by leading Latin American experts, including the former UN Special Rapporteur Juan E Méndez, addressing trends in torture prevention and elimination. The book will feature original research on anti-torture laws and policies within Latin America and ways in which legal professionals in the region are increasingly able to engage in the fight against torture.

DEATH PENALTY

Juvenile justice and the abolition of the death penalty

In April, the IBAHRI submitted a stakeholder submission to the UN Secretary-General on the question of the death penalty. The submission covered the period between 2017 and 2018 and focused on changes to law and practice and the use of the death penalty against persons under the age of 18. It was based on data collected by the IBAHRI during its monitoring activities, which revealed positive and retrogressive steps taken by states in relation to the death penalty.



RESOURCES

The Role of the Universal Periodic Review in Advancing Children's Rights in Juvenile Justice
tinyurl.com/y2xodgh9

In May, the IBAHRI published a report entitled *The Role of the Universal Periodic Review in Advancing Children's Rights in Juvenile Justice*. It continues the IBAHRI's work in relation to the death penalty by advocating for the abolition of the death penalty against those under 18 at the time of committing a crime, in accordance with international human rights laws. The report further looks at the protection of the rights of children alleged, accused of or recognised as having infringed penal law through an analysis of recommendations made and received by states on this issue during the UPR. It advocates for specialised juvenile justice systems to be established or improved in line with international human rights laws and standards, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. It was launched at the World Congress on Justice for Children in Paris on 29 May 2018 by IBAHRI Director Phillip Tahmindjis, during the panel discussion 'Ending cruel, inhuman and degrading sentencing: international strategies'.

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- UN Committee on the Rights of the Child



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, the IBAHRI will work with international human rights bodies and lawyers to highlight the findings of the report and advocate for the recommendations to be adopted.

The IBAHRI advocates for abolition of the death penalty against those under 18 at the time of committing a crime

POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE

The transitional period after the end of a conflict always brings with it a multitude of challenges to justice. Memory sites can become damaged or destroyed, peace agreements can lead to impunity for perpetrators and, in many cases, displaced victims have no access to domestic remedies. For redress to be achieved, local lawyers require resources and freedom to pursue difficult cases without threats of violence or interference. Capacity building and the development of international procedures are therefore central.

Training, led by the IBAHRI and the Idhuca, took place in August and November in San Salvador, focusing on strengthening the capacity of Salvadoran organisations to document disappearance cases and engage in UN human rights mechanisms.

In addition, the IBAHRI began working with a group of Syrian lawyers, providing training on European domestic and international mechanisms for establishing accountability for crimes committed in Syria. The workshops and meetings took place in English and Arabic, led by international and Syrian experts in criminal defence and prosecution. The participating lawyers took part in side events during the 39th session of the HRC in September in Geneva, where a participant gave a speech before the UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances.

Trainer Ibrahim Olabi, IBAHRI Programme Lawyer Natacha Bracq, IBAHRI Programme Administrator Aurora Garcia and participants at the Syria training held in Sarajevo (5 July 2018) © IBAHRI



RESOURCES

IBAHRI Syria Project

tinyurl.com/y38wk9re

Video: *Forced displacement and demographic engineering in Syria*
vimeo.com/301599002



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

Following on from this work, the IBAHRI has been preparing two publications for launch in 2019. The first, carried out in collaboration with the Human Rights Clinic of the University of Texas, explores 'Legal Commentary on the *Fundamental Principles of Public Policies on Memory Sites* developed by the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights'. The study reviews the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court, which regards the right to memory as overlapping with the right to non-recurrence, truth and reparation within transitional justice.

The other study, on international standards in the search for forcibly disappeared persons, will be made available in hard copy in Spanish. The publication investigates the responsibility of the state to establish the fate and whereabouts of victims. It highlights how the various guidance from the UN Committee against Enforced Disappearances, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances can be brought together to form an essential body of principles for providing redress for victims.

The IBAHRI will continue its work with Syrian legal professionals on strategic litigation before domestic European courts.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

The IBAHRI joined with the ICJ (Africa section) to undertake a trial observation in the cases of *Gitari v A-G Kenya* and *Methenge and Others v A-G Kenya*. These cases challenged the constitutionality of the criminalisation of same-sex conduct in Kenya. An expert observer was sent to observe the cases at the

High Court of Kenya. Despite some attempts by some of the interested parties who spoke on the side of the respondent government to bully the petitioners, the observers report indicated that, on balance, the proceedings had been fair and in accordance with international and regional standards. The High Court had not published its decision on the case by the end of the year.



The IBAHRI is committed to working to eradicate discrimination, violence and other breaches of human rights directed to people on the ground of their actual or imputed sexual orientation or gender identity

GENDER AND EQUALITY

In 2018, the IBAHRI continued incorporating gender perspectives into all its work and promoting this within the legal profession. The current project seeks to enhance the knowledge of lawyers on the importance of achieving gender parity across justice-related institutions and systematically introducing a gender perspective into the administration of justice, including during investigation, prosecution, defence and sentencing within criminal proceedings. Within this objective, the IBAHRI has begun research for the production of a concept note on gender approaches within the administration of justice.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC will be taking over as Director of the IBAHRI. She brings extensive knowledge and experience in global women's rights. She will begin the year giving the keynote speech at a conference on 'Gender Perspectives in Judicial Activity' in São Paulo, Brazil. We look forward to the continued advancement of gender-issues within our own work and advocacy among the global legal community.

In the hope of furthering an interest in gender-related issues in a new generation of human rights lawyers in Azerbaijan, the IBAHRI held a two-day training programme in Baku in December for a group of 15 students on gender equality and non-discrimination. The event was hosted by Khazar University with local human rights experts.

ALBINISM

In 2018, the IBAHRI continued to provide support to the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Rights by Persons with Albinism. The IBAHRI is a member of the Albinism Regional Action Plan Task Force set up by the Independent Expert, and has provided input to the human rights capacity-building curriculum for civil society organisations working on albinism developed by the Independent Expert.



KEY FACT

By the end of 2018, the organisation Under the Same Sun had recorded at least 22 reported cases of attacks against persons with albinism in Africa. The total number of known cases of attacks recorded by Under the Same Sun is 573, across 29 African countries, 207 of which resulted in death. All but five of these attacks occurred between 2010 and the end of 2018.

On 7 March, the IBAHRI delivered an oral statement at the 37th session of the HRC to reiterate a number of recommendations raised in its report on the obligations of states in relation to persons with albinism. The statement focused on the health needs of persons with albinism and brought attention to states' obligations to ensure the highest standard of health for persons with albinism, giving practical recommendations on how to achieve this.

On 21 and 22 September, the IBAHRI participated in the albinism and human rights roundtable summit in Geneva. The roundtable was organised by Trinity Western University and the Independent Expert and brought together academics from a variety of disciplines and civil society organisations to identify an inter-sectorial approach to advocacy around albinism.

The IBAHRI calls for the legal protection of the rights of persons with albinism to be dramatically improved



RESOURCES

Oral statement at the 37th session of the HRC
tinyurl.com/y4tya2le

'Waiting to Disappear' International and Regional Standards for the Protection and Promotion of the Human Rights of Persons with Albinism
tinyurl.com/ycdqw7fm

PARTNERS



With thanks to:

- Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019, the IBAHRI will conclude its work on albinism by working with the Independent Expert to assist with the capacity building of civil society organisations and lawyers from Portuguese-speaking African countries.

POVERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The obligation to mobilise resources

The IBAHRI continued its advocacy based on the recommendations in its report *The Obligation to Mobilise Resources: Bridging Human Rights, Sustainable Development Goals, and Economic and Fiscal Policies*. The findings and recommendations from the report were presented at an oral statement made on 2 February during the 37th session of the HRC.



RESOURCES

The Obligation to Mobilise Resources: Bridging Human Rights, Sustainable Development Goals, and Economic and Fiscal Policies
bit.ly/o2mresources

63rd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
tinyurl.com/y3sh664h

On 11 October, following an invitation by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the IBAHRI presented and discussed the main findings of the report to the committee. The same month, the IBAHRI took part in a panel debate on corruption held at the NGO forum preceding the 63rd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The intervention focused on the impact of corruption on human rights and strategies to eliminate it and was directly related to the IBAHRI's obligation to mobilise resources report. The IBAHRI, in collaboration with the African Commission's Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, further held a panel discussion on states' obligations to mobilise resources to fulfil economic, social and cultural rights on 26 October. The event took place during the 63rd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Banjul, Gambia.

A woman draws water from a well in the Petit-Bassam neighbourhood of Abidjan, Ivory Coast (21 March 2019)
 © REUTERS/Thierry Gouegnon



UN PROGRAMME

UN PROGRAMME

In 2018, the IBAHRI continued its advocacy, research and capacity-building work through its UN Programme in Geneva. Activities undertaken included:

- following up on the 2017 submissions of shadow reports on Azerbaijan and Russia to the UPR;
- submissions of country information to the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers on Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkey;
- submissions to the Working Group on Enforced Disappearances and the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence on El Salvador;
- the development and publication of *The Role of the Universal Periodic Review in Advancing Children's Rights in Juvenile Justice* report;
- submissions to the Committee on Enforced Disappearances for the development of Draft Guiding Principles for the Search for Disappeared Persons; and
- submissions to the Working Group on Enforced Disappearance for the development of a study on 'Standards and public policies for an effective investigation of enforced disappearances'.



RESOURCES

The Role of the Universal Periodic Review in Advancing Children's Rights in Juvenile Justice
tinyurl.com/y7tnw3x5

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers

undocs.org/A/73/365

IBAHRI submission contributes to UN Special Rapporteur's report on role, composition and functions of bar associations

tinyurl.com/y4e682zt

Stakeholder Submission to the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers on the role, composition and functions of bar associations

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In addition, lawyers from Azerbaijan, El Salvador and Syria were trained on engaging with UN human rights procedures and mechanisms to advance the rule of law and human rights.

The IBAHRI also continued its work on the development of a toolkit for lawyers at risk, which was started in 2017 through a wide consultation with key stakeholders. The toolkit aims to provide practical advice for lawyers on minimising risks and reacting to threats posed to their independence. The IBAHRI has been drafting and coordinating the written input from various organisations into the toolkit. The final draft is expected in 2019 and will be used for training lawyers and advocating for the adoption of standards for the protection of judges and lawyers.

On 17 October, the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers presented his report to the UN General Assembly. The IBAHRI provided substantial input to the report, which examined the role, composition and functions of bar associations in protecting the independence of the legal profession, access to justice and human rights. The IBAHRI published this research in the document *Stakeholder Submission to the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers on the role, composition and functions of bar associations*.

During the 39th session of the HRC in September in Geneva, IBAHRI Senior Programme Lawyer Verónica Hinestroza attended the 'Expert Consultation on Standards and Public Policies for an Effective Investigation of Enforced Disappearances' event organised by the UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances. Here, she made a presentation on the 'Analysis of Context in the Investigation of Enforced Disappearances'.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

The toolkit will be completed and a pilot training based on the toolkit carried out in 2019. Feedback from the pilot training will be used to adapt and finalise the toolkit for publication and use in further training.

In addition, the IBAHRI will continue its advocacy work at the UN, including through UN working bodies and mechanisms; the submission of shadow reports, such as for the UPR of Turkey and Kazakhstan; participation in the HRC sessions; as well as training lawyers from Kazakhstan and El Salvador on the use of human rights systems.

MEDIA, EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS



REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- *Warning Shots: Threats to the Independence of the Legal Profession in Tanzania*, published April 2018
- *The Role of the Universal Periodic Review in Advancing Children's Rights in Juvenile Justice*, published May 2018
- *Stakeholder Submission to the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers on the role, composition and functions of bar associations*, published October 2018
- *IBAHRI Training Manual: Accountability Mechanisms for Crimes Committed in Syria*, published November 2018 in English and Arabic
- *Training of Trainers: A Facilitator's Guide to United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms for Syrian Lawyers (Arabic)*, published November 2018



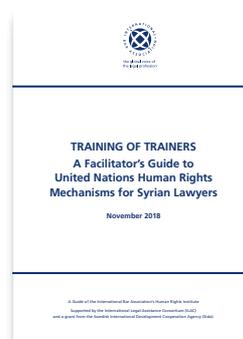
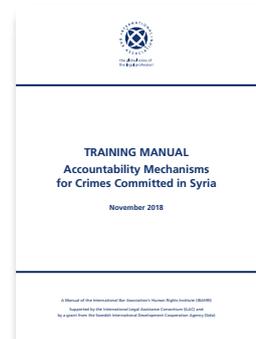
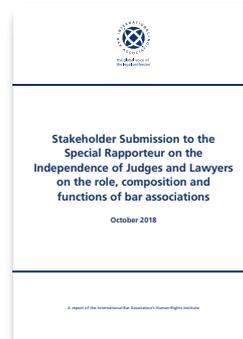
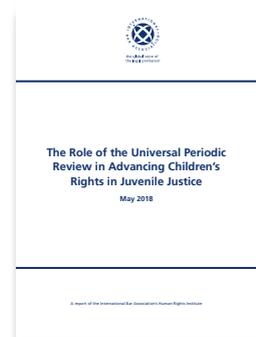
VIDEOS

- IBAHRI video on the *Protocol on Non-Coercive Interviews* in conjunction with the ATI, September 2018
- IBAHRI video on trial observation techniques, March 2018
- IBAHRI video on torture prevention in Brazil, November 2018



NEWS RELEASES

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WORKSHOPS/SIDE EVENTS/PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- Harassment and Bullying in the Legal Workplace Seminar:** Concerned by reports of extensive and endemic harassment and bullying in the legal workplace, the IBAHRI ran a seminar on this issue at the Law Society of England and Wales on 19 April. Chaired by Khawar Qureshi QC, speakers included Lord David Neuberger (former President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom), Funke Abimbola MBE (General Counsel for Roche UK and diversity campaigner), Peter Knox QC (Head of Chambers, 3 Hare Court), Harini Iyengar (barrister) and Katrina Robinson MBE (Chair of the LGBT+ Committee, Law Society of England and Wales).
- Bangalore Principles Anniversary Seminar:** A seminar to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Bangalore Principles on the Domestic Application of International Human Rights Norms was held on 20 November at the premises of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. Organised and funded by the IBAHRI and the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, the seminar brought together academics, judges and government and civil society representatives to discuss the progress of the domestic application of human rights law and to discuss further action. Opening remarks were made by IBAHRI Co-Chair, the Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG (one of the surviving participants at the original meeting in Bangalore), with Lady Arden of the Supreme Court of the UK and Professor Nihal Jayawickrama of Sri Lanka. Speakers and participants came from Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe. Session topics included international human rights in domestic courts today; the role of parliaments and government; the role of national human rights institutions and civil society; and next steps.
- Three-Day Regional Workshop on Enforced Disappearances, 26–28 April 2018, Bogotá, Colombia:** IBAHRI Senior Programme Lawyer Verónica Hinestroza.
- Side event on the margins of the African Commission’s 62nd Ordinary Session, Nouakchott Mauritania, 28 April 2018:** IBAHRI Programme Lawyer, Judy Oder.
- Torture and the Istanbul Protocol in the Current Brazilian Context, Brazil, 15 May 2018:** Verónica Hinestroza (Chair).
- Panel discussion during the 38th session of the HRC,** dealing with the multiple and intersecting barriers experienced by indigenous people, people living with disabilities and people of ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities. Geneva, 25 June 2018, in conjunction with the ICJ, Minority Rights Group International, Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN and the Permanent Mission of Australia to the UN.
- Side event during the 39th session of the HRC:** Civil Society Organisations and Criminal Accountability for Atrocity Crimes, 11 September 2018. This focused on the role of civil society organisations in combating impunity. This was supported by the IBA War Crimes Committee and the government of Canada.
- IBAHRI Programme Lawyer Natacha Bracq spoke about the rights of the defence during states of emergency at the **‘Dark Side of the Moon’ conference**, Istanbul Bar Association, 8 September 2018.
- Natacha Bracq spoke at the **International Conference on the Unprecedented Threat to Human Rights in Turkey**, International Observatory for Human Rights, Geneva, 2 November 2018.
- Verónica Hinestroza spoke at the **International Association of Judges Conference on Judicial Independence and the Implementation of the New Universal Charter of the Judge**, Marrakesh, Morocco, 17 October 2018.
- IBAHRI Report to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights** on an overview of the human rights situation in El Salvador, 3 December 2018.
- Oral statement to the OSCE HDIM** on the situation of lawyers in Azerbaijan and Tajikistan, September 2018.
- IBAHRI Programme Lawyer Jurate Guzeviciute spoke at the **OSCE conference on Topical Tasks in the Field of Strengthening the Legal and Judicial Guarantees of Safeguarding Security of Person: Experience in Uzbekistan**, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, October 2018.



WORKSHOPS/SIDE EVENTS/PANEL PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Side event at the **Seventh Expert Forum on Criminal Justice for Central Asia: 'Lawyers as an element of and not an obstacle to justice'**, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, November 2018.
- Natacha Bracq spoke at **PILnet 2018 Global Forum: German Bar Association Workop 'Lawyers across Borders II: Challenges, Experiences & Needs'**, 14 November 2018, Berlin, Germany.
- Jurate Guzeviciute spoke at **OSCE Parallel Civil Society Conference and OSCE Ministerial Council**, December 2018.
- Jurate Guzeviciute spoke at **OSCE HDIM in Warsaw, Poland**, September 2018.
- Verónica Hinestroza spoke at an **IBAHRI-OHCHR Expert meeting on non-coercive interviewing**, 27 September 2018.
- Verónica Hinestroza spoke at the **UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances**, September 2018.
- Verónica Hinestroza spoke at the **61st Annual Meeting of the International Association of Judges (IAJ)**, Marrakesh, October 2018.
- Verónica Hinestroza spoke at the **UN Steering Committee on the Development of a Protocol for non-coercive interviewing**, Tunis, Tunisia, December 2018.
- Judy Oder spoke at the **Annual Jurist Conference**, Cape Town, South Africa, 20–24 November 2018.
- Oral statement to the **UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances** given by a participating lawyer from the Syria Project, September 2018.

GOVERNANCE

Established in 1947, the IBA is the world's leading organisation of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world. It has a membership of more than 80,000 individual lawyers and 190 bar associations and law societies spanning all continents. Grouped into two divisions – the Legal Practice Division (LPD) and the Public and Professional Interest Division (PPID) – the IBA covers all practice areas and professional interests, providing members with access to leading experts and up-to-date information.

The IBA established the IBAHRI in 1995 under the honorary presidency of Nelson Mandela to promote and protect human rights and the independence of the legal profession under a just rule of law. The IBAHRI is an independent entity within the PPID of the IBA. IBAHRI projects are funded by the generous support of its members and funding bodies. Under its by-laws, the IBAHRI is governed by an advisory council, known as the IBAHRI Council, comprising Co-Chairs, a Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, 12 council members and one representative from the LPD, the IBA Section on Public and Professional Interest and the IBA Bar Issues Commission.

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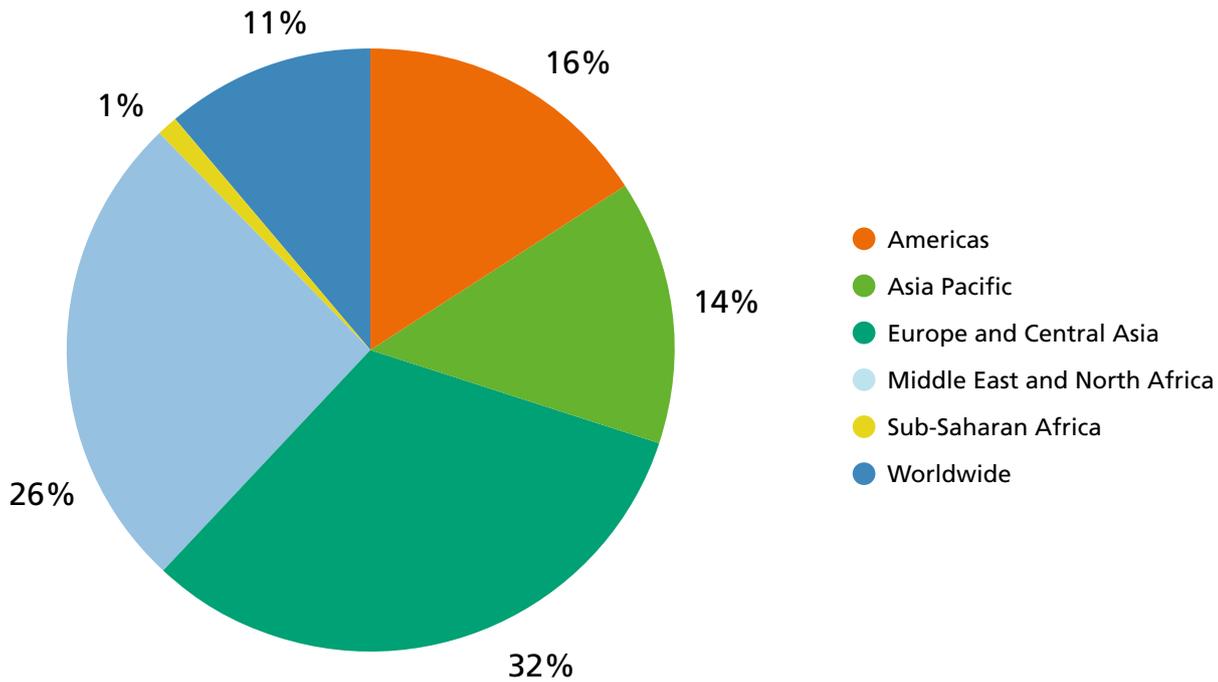
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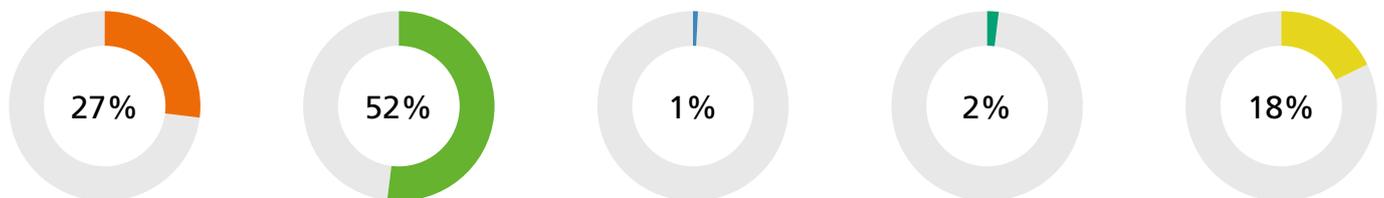
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MEET THE TEAM

Dr Phillip Tahmindjis AM *Director*



Prior to joining the IBAHRI in 2002, Phillip was a professor of human rights law for 25 years, teaching and researching in Australia, North America and Hong Kong, as well as a consultant to private industry and government with respect to the implementation of human rights (particularly with respect to anti-discrimination measures).

For three years, he was a Member of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Tribunal and is a trained mediator. Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales in 1978, Phillip has arts and law degrees from the University of Sydney, a Master of Laws (LLM) degree from University College London and a doctorate in comparative human rights law from Dalhousie University, Canada. He is the author of four books and several articles dealing with human rights and the rule of law, including *Sexuality and Human Rights: A*

Global Overview. At the IBAHRI, in addition to being Director, he has undertaken projects in Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Iraq, Libya, Nepal, Pakistan, Swaziland, Syria, Timor-Leste and Tunisia. In 2012, Phillip was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to the international community and the law, in particular for his contributions to, and advocacy in respect of, the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mahmuda Ali *Manager, IBAHRI Administration (until June 2018)*



Mahmuda headed the IBAHRI's grant project coordination and fundraising roles, supporting the organisation of global training, workshops, trial observations, fact-finding and rapid-response missions. She has experience in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, Southern Africa, Central Asia, Southeast Asia and the Americas. At the IBAHRI, she

worked closely with the IBAHRI's Director on operational management for all grant-funded activities, liaised with the IBA Office to support risk management, legal specialist placements and consultancies, as well as the recruitment and on-boarding of IBAHRI staff. For more than ten years, she also served as the IBAHRI's representative trustee of the International Law Book Facility and worked to establish many of the current operational practices in use by the law book recycling charity. Mahmuda studied law at London Guildhall, holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) (Hons) in history from Goldsmiths, University of London and is a Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar on Islamic Law. She is a PRINCE2 qualified practitioner and, before joining the IBA in 2003, Mahmuda worked for the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, UK; the British Council, UK; and Amnesty International, Oslo.

Lucy Grant *Manager, IBAHRI Administration (July – October 2018)*

Lucy has more than ten years' experience as an administration manager and in project management in both the corporate and charitable sector. She has a BA (Hons) from the University of Birmingham and is qualified in first aid through the Red Cross.

Perri Lyons *Manager, IBAHRI Administration (from November 2018)*



Perri manages the operations of the IBAHRI, working closely with the Director and IBA team. She leads on the development of all policies and procedures, risk management, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliance, programme planning and management, grant budgeting and reporting, as well as the recruitment and onboarding of IBAHRI staff. She manages the Administration team and all service provider relationships and contracts. The Vice-Chair of Islington

and Hackney Amnesty International Local Group, she coordinates and manages multiple outreach and fundraising events, driving engagement and raising funds to support Amnesty International's UK work. Perri holds a BA (Hons) in cultural and historical studies from the University of Brighton and is a PRINCE2 qualified practitioner. Before joining the IBAHRI, she worked at King's College London Students' Union, managing Projects, Operations and Sustainability.

Verónica Hinestroza *Senior Programme Lawyer*



Verónica manages the IBAHRI's work in Latin America. Verónica's thematic work has a particular focus on human rights in the administration of justice. Mainstreaming a gender perspective, she designs and implements projects

on torture prevention, the investigation of enforced disappearances and post-conflict justice. Verónica also serves as a member of the Steering Committee for the development of a Universal Protocol for Investigative

Interviewing and Associated Safeguards and as Chair for the Purposes and Principles of Investigation Research and Drafting Committee of the La Esperanza Protocol.

For 14 years, before joining the IBAHRI, Verónica worked with intergovernmental organisations, NGOs and international cooperation agencies on a range of human rights issues across different jurisdictions, including the Inter-American Human Rights System, the International Criminal Court and the Colombian justice and peace process. In parallel with this work, Verónica was a

researcher and lecturer on transitional justice at the Universidad Externado de Colombia.

She has published works addressing comparative transitional processes, child soldiers, women's empowerment in conflict settings and the links between social development and human rights law. Verónica holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, a Master of Arts (MA) in development studies, and a BA in government and international relations. She speaks Spanish and Portuguese.

Muluka Miti-Drummond *Senior Programme Lawyer* (maternity leave March–November 2018)



Muluka heads international advocacy at the IBAHRI, including through managing the IBAHRI's representation at the UN in Geneva. She is also responsible for the IBAHRI's engagement in Myanmar and sub-Saharan Africa, as well as coordinating the thematic work on the death penalty and albinism. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Venda, an LLM

in international law from the University of Pretoria and a Master of Science (MSc) in development management from the Open University. She has more than 18 years' experience working in law and human rights. Muluka previously worked as the Regional Advocacy Director at the Southern Africa Litigation Centre and has also worked as the Researcher for Portuguese and Spanish Speaking African Countries at Amnesty International, a consultant for the International Organisation for Migration and as a legal expert at the Universidade Católica de Moçambique. She speaks Portuguese and Spanish.

Judy Oder *Programme Lawyer* (maternity cover March–December 2018)



Judy is a senior international lawyer and human rights specialist with extensive experience working on a range of issues, including law reforms, advisory roles, strategic litigation, capacity building, advocacy, institution strengthening, standard setting and thematic report writing.

Judy has devised and implemented initiatives to empower marginalised groups and hold states accountable, in line with their regional and international law obligations. She has comprehensive experience working on civil and political rights and economic and social rights issues.

At the IBAHRI, Judy worked as maternity cover leading the UN, Africa and Myanmar work. She has previously worked with the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa, INTERIGHTS, the OHCHR and the REDRESS Trust.

Jurate Guzeviciute *Programme Lawyer*



Jurate is a lawyer with ten years' experience in national and international human rights, humanitarian and criminal law. At the IBAHRI, Jurate covers the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region, where she works with legal

professionals and human rights defenders to establish greater respect for human rights and the rule of law.

Before joining the IBAHRI, Jurate worked as a legal director at a human rights NGO in Lithuania, where she managed legal programmes and supervised litigation work. Jurate has led strategic litigation on domestic violence, discrimination, disability rights, inclusive education, rights of unaccompanied minors (illegal detention), hate speech and more. She has conducted research into rights of hate crime victims, gender equality and state-guaranteed legal aid.

Jurate has also worked with a defence team at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague and interned at Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations at the European Commission in Brussels. Jurate speaks Lithuanian and Russian. She holds an LLM degree in public international law from Leiden University, the Netherlands, and an LLM degree from Vilnius University, Lithuania.

Natacha Bracq *Programme Lawyer*



Natacha is a registered lawyer with the Paris Bar and manages the IBAHRI's work in the MENA region. Her expertise encompasses international human rights, international humanitarian and criminal law and business and human rights. Over the past four years she has worked before various international tribunals, including the International

Court of Justice, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Court (ICC). She also coordinated a project on the compliance of Ukrainian legislation and prosecutions of international crimes with international human rights and humanitarian law standards. She worked on a project providing advisory services to the Bangladeshi garment industry on business and human rights and implementing the UN Guiding Principles. She also took part in the drafting of a business and human rights training programme for the Council of Europe. Natacha has published a book on the consequences of sea-level rise on statehood and contributed to a book on environmental migration, as well as work on victim participation at the ICC. She is fluent in French and English.

Alex Herlihy *Grants Coordinator* (maternity leave until September 2018)



Alex is responsible for developing relationships with the IBAHRI's funders, including trusts, foundations and institutional donors. She works with the IBAHRI programme lawyers and administrators to design and articulate the IBAHRI's project proposals. Prior to joining the IBAHRI, Alex worked at the John Smith Trust and for the Open Society Foundations European Council on Foreign Relations. She holds an LLB from King's College London and has a Certificate of Higher Education in legal methods from Birkbeck University. Alex is a contributor to the Bulletin of the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre. Alex speaks Polish.

Anna-Maria Balntas *Grants Coordinator* (maternity cover until May 2018)



Anna-Maria's primary focus was developing relationships with the IBAHRI's funders, including foundations, charitable trusts and institutional donors, within and outside the UK. She worked collaboratively with the IBAHRI programme lawyers and administrators to design and develop IBAHRI project proposals across all of the IBAHRI's thematic and geographical programming. Anna-Maria holds an LLB and an LLM in human rights law and is a member of Gray's Inn. Prior to joining the IBAHRI, she ran a nationwide legal education programme at The Citizenship Foundation and has held research and donor relation roles at think tanks and a political party. Anna-Maria speaks French.

Becky Kelly *Grants Coordinator*
(part-time from November 2018)



Becky joined part-time in November 2018. Her primary focus is working alongside Alex to develop relationships with the IBAHRI's funders, including foundations, charitable trusts and institutional donors, within and outside the UK. She also works collaboratively with the IBAHRI programme lawyers and administrators to design and develop IBAHRI project proposals across all of the IBAHRI's thematic and geographical programming. Becky is an experienced charity grant fundraiser for projects in the UK and overseas, with a master's degree in sustainable development advocacy.

Catherine Brims *Programme Coordinator*
(until August 2018)



At the IBAHRI, Catherine oversaw the intervention letter, trial observation and legal internship programmes. In addition, she provided general support to the IBAHRI Director, the IBAHRI Council and Trust and coordinated the IBAHRI's contribution to the IBA Annual Conference. She has experience as a research officer and administrator in international law, having previously worked with the Law Council of Australia's International Law and Business Law Sections, its International Division and the South Pacific Lawyers' Association. Catherine has a Bachelor of Economics and an LLB (Hons) in law from the Australian National University. She is an Australian-qualified legal practitioner and is currently entitled to practise in the Australian Capital Territory.

Zara Iqbal *Programme Coordinator*
(from August 2018)



Zara oversees the IBAHRI's intervention letter, trial observation and legal internship programmes. In addition, Zara coordinates and provides support to the IBAHRI Director, the IBAHRI Council and Trust, and manages the IBAHRI's contribution to the IBA Annual Conference. She also manages the IBAHRI's Internship Programme. Zara holds a BA in English studies and law, a Graduate Diploma in Law, an LLM in human rights, globalisation and justice and is currently completing studies at the Bar of England and Wales. Zara is fluent in English, Urdu and Punjabi.

Marianne Ibrahim *Grants Accountant*



Marianne joined the IBA in 2017. Marianne studied for a BA (Hons) in economics at the University of Kent at Canterbury. She worked in a number of accounting roles before starting to work with GLL, the UK's largest leisure trust, in 2004. While at GLL, she began studying for her Association of Chartered Certified Accountants qualification, which she gained in 2011. Marianne works closely with the IBAHRI in accounting for grant expenditure, monitoring of project budgets, cost controls and the production of final and interim reports for the IBA's grant funders.

Aurora Garcia *Programme Administrator*



Aurora joined the IBAHRI in 2009. Aurora assists with the implementation of the IBAHRI's capacity-building programmes, fact-finding missions and trial observations, as well as supporting the IBAHRI's legal specialist programmes. She also contributes to the creation of budgets for new funding proposals and supports financial grant reporting to donors. Aurora holds a BA in tourism from the University of Girona. She also completed Florida State University's International Human Rights Law course, attended training on European Union funding and undertook a course on 'Managing the Project Cycle' at Bond. In 2018, she was awarded with a Certificate of Distinction for her participation in the course 'Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace' by SDG Academy and she travelled to Sarajevo to assist IBAHRI projects. Aurora speaks Catalan and Spanish.

Eleni Hagisoteri *Programme Administrator* (maternity leave January–December 2018)



Eleni joined the programme coordination team in March 2017. She coordinates the IBAHRI's capacity-building programmes, fact-finding missions and trial observations, as well as providing support to the IBAHRI's in-country legal experts and the longer-term legal specialist programmes. Eleni supports the IBAHRI's grant-seeking work by producing budgets for new funding proposals and aiding in financial grant reporting to donors. Eleni has a keen interest in human rights work and women's empowerment programmes.

Alfonso Redondo *Communications Coordinator* (until May 2018)



Alfonso joined the IBAHRI in 2014, having worked at a number of charities and international organisations in various communications roles. He was responsible for all aspects of the IBAHRI's external communications, including the maintenance of the IBAHRI's web pages and social media channels, producing and distributing news releases, newsletters and other multimedia content, and coordinating profile-raising events. Alfonso has a BA in sociology and journalism from Cardiff University, as well as an MSc in international public policy from University College London. He speaks Spanish, French and German.

Molly Johnson *Programme Administrator* (maternity cover from October 2018)



Molly joined the IBAHRI in 2018 as maternity cover. She assists with the implementation of the IBAHRI's capacity-building programmes, fact-finding missions and trial observations, as well as supporting the IBAHRI legal specialist programmes. She also contributes to the creation of budgets for new funding proposals and supports financial grant reporting to donors. Prior to joining the IBAHRI, she worked at a foreign policy think tank and published an article on British self-interest within the arms trade. Molly holds a BA in history from the University of Leeds and is soon to be studying for her MA in human rights law at SOAS. Molly has a keen interest in postcolonial justice and global migration within the sex industry. She has been learning Arabic for three years.

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