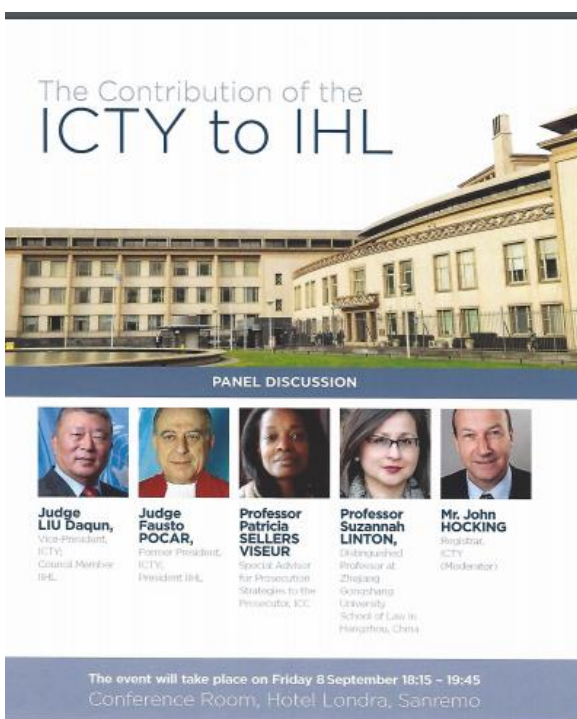


PROFESSOR SUZANNAH LINTON SPEAKS AT ROUNDTABLE ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS IN SAN REMO, ITALY



2017 is the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 1949. In commemoration of this, from 7 to 9 September 2017, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) together with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), hosted a high-level roundtable on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy.

The event comprised three days of panel discussions on international humanitarian law (IHL) with focus on the two Additional Protocols of 1977. The topics included emerging operational challenges, new weapons, conduct of hostilities, the treatment of civilians, the treatment of persons deprived of their liberty, and sexual and gender-based violence in armed conflict.

The Law School’s Distinguished Professor, Dr. Suzannah Linton, took part in a panel on ‘The Contribution of the ICTY to IHL’ moderated by the Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), Mr. John Hocking. She spoke alongside ICTY Vice-President Judge Liu Daqun, ICTY Judge Fausto Pocar, current President of IIHL and former ICTY President, and Professor Patricia Sellers Viseur, Advisor to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and former staff member in the ICTY Office of the Prosecutor.

Professor Linton’s presentation addressed the impact of the ICTY’s Additional Protocol jurisprudence, with focus on the internationalised and domestic courts in the Asia-Pacific region.

A more complete press report is available at the ICTY’s website, at <http://www.icty.org/en/press/iihl-roundtable-in-sanremo-highlights-the-groundbreaking-role-of-the-icty>.

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IIHL Roundtable in Sanremo highlights the groundbreaking role of the ICTY

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL), in co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), hosted the 40th Roundtable on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law from 7 to 9 September 2017 in Sanremo, Italy, marking the 40th anniversary of the 1977 Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions.

The Roundtable comprised three days of panel discussions on international humanitarian law (IHL) and the Additional Protocols, on topics including the conduct of hostilities, treatment of persons deprived of their liberty, and sexual and gender-based violence in armed conflict.

In a panel dedicated to “The Contribution of the ICTY to IHL”, ICTY Vice-President Judge Liu Daqun and Judge Fausto Pocar, current President of IIHL and Judge of the ICTY Appeals Chamber, were joined by Professor Patricia Sellers Viseur, advisor to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and former staff member in the ICTY Office of the Prosecutor, and Dr Suzannah Linton, a Distinguished Professor at Zhejiang Gongshang University’s Law School and a former staff member in the ICTY Chambers.

Moderated by ICTY Registrar John Hocking, the distinguished panelists discussed different facets of the ICTY’s legacy in respect of IHL and the Additional Protocols. Reflecting on this, Registrar Hocking stated that: “With its groundbreaking rulings - from wartime sexual violence to cultural heritage destruction - the ICTY has inspired and given durable tools to courts, policy makers and civil society all over the world, which today make the ICTY’s legacy immortal and the global fight for justice irreversible. Among these tools is the ICTY’s pioneering contribution to the development of international humanitarian law.”

In a dynamic discussion, Judge Liu delved into the ICTY’s relevant jurisprudence, emphasizing that “the ICTY