

**Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law
Annual Activity Report
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Overview

The Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law was not established as a research chair. From the time that Professor McRae held this Chair, it has promoted international law at the University of Ottawa by supporting students, clerkships (such as the International Court of Justice), membership and sponsorship of international law organizations (such as the Canadian Council on International Law and the American Society of International Law), speakers, conferences, workshops, communications and other activities. Working in collaboration with the International Law Group, the Chair seeks to provide opportunities for students, professors, alumni and the international law community to engage, learn and be inspired by leading experts in the field. In this way, the Chair can contribute to maintaining and enhancing the University of Ottawa's prominent reputation in international law globally.

Highlights

In 2017-2018, the Hyman Soloway Chair supported the following:

1. uOttawa student clerkship at the International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands
2. Hyman Soloway Chair Annual Lecture, Professor David Gantz, Samuel Fegtly Professor of Law, University of Arizona
3. Sponsorship of Canadian Council on International Law, Annual Conference – opening event at uOttawa (in collaboration with HRREC)
4. International Law Assistants – hired under Work Study Program to assist International Law Group and TradeLab uOttawa/Queen's International Economic Law Clinic
5. Complete updating of International Law focus area of Common Law website (with help of International Law Assistant)
6. International Law Group – International Law Speaker Series events
7. TradeLab uOttawa/Queen's Joint International Economic Law Clinic – annual meeting and conference

Research Update

N/A

Collaborations

International Law Group, uOttawa; TradeLab, Geneva (www.tradelab.org); Canadian Council on International Law (www.ccil-ccdi.ca); Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC); International Law Association (ILA); American Society of International Law (www.asil.org); International Commercial and Trade Law Students Association (ICTLSA); International Law Students Association (ILSA); Global Affairs Canada; Justice Canada.

Student Training

International Law Assistants

Mohiminol Khandaker (Summer and Fall 2017)

Meryam Miftah-Idrissi (Winter 2018)

Research Funding

N/A

Publications

Debra P. Steger (2018). "Green Energy Programs and the WTO Subsidies Agreement: Is There Enough Policy Space?" in Daniel Drache and Leslie Jacobs (eds.), *Grey Zones in International Economic Law and Global Governance*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Debra Steger (2018), "Gender Equality in the WTO: The Need for Women Leaders", in *Reshaping Trade Through Women's Economic Empowerment*. Waterloo: CIGI.

<https://www.cigionline.org/articles/gender-equality-wto-need-women-leaders>

Knowledge Mobilization and Outreach Activities

Canadian Council on International Law Conference
Hyman Soloway Chair Annual Lecture

Prizes and Distinctions

N/A