

The Use of Force Against ISIS: Is International Law Changing?

Launch of the New Centre for International Law

Thursday, 31st March 2016

The IIR, Nerudova 3, Prague

- 15:00 – 16:15** **The Use of Force Against ISIS: Is International Law Changing?**
Prof. Dr. Anne Peters, LL.M., Director, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg
- 16:15 – 16:30** **Launch of the New Centre for International Law of the IIR**
Petr Kratochvíl, Director of the Institute of International Relations Prague
Veronika Bílková, Co-ordinator of the Centre for International Law of the Institute of International Relations Prague
Tamás Lattmann, Research Fellow and member of the Centre for International Law of the Institute of International Relations Prague
- 16:30 – 17:00** Glass of Wine



Prof. Dr. Anne Peters, LL.M. (Harvard) is director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg and professor of International Law at the Universities of Basel and Heidelberg and Freie Universität Berlin. She studied Law, Modern Greek and Spanish in Wurzburg, Freiburg, Lausanne and Cambridge, USA before obtaining a Ph.D. in Freiburg (1994) and qualifying as a professor at the University of Kiel (2000). Anne Peters was president of the European Society of International Law (2010-2012) and member (substitute) of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) in respect of Germany (2011-2015). She is currently member of the Council of International Law of the German Federal Foreign Office (since 2013). Her current research interests relate to public international law, including its history, global animal law, global governance and global constitutionalism, and the status of humans in international law.

The Centre for International Law of the Institute of International Relations Prague

International law is the main normative tool regulating the relationships among states and other international actors (international organizations, individuals, non-state actors). Changes in international relations bring about changes in international law, which has to react to new challenges. Since the end of the Cold War, a lot of new challenges have arisen – globalization, the increased role of non-state actors, the new emphasis placed on human rights, new approaches to the protection of the environment and mass migration waves.

The new Centre for International Law (CIL), which was established within the Institute of International Relations in spring 2016, endeavours to analyse these challenges and the way in which international law responds to them. The Centre will deal with various international law issues. Reflecting, however, the research profiles of its members and the long-term priorities of the foreign policy of the Czech Republic, it will place particular emphasis upon the following areas of international law: human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, the fight against terrorism, the use of force in international relations, and international organizations.

The Centre will produce three categories of outputs: academic articles contributing to the debate in a specific area of international law; policy-oriented papers addressed to the representatives of the Czech public institutions, especially the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and popularizing articles that would expound international law issues to the general public in the Czech Republic. The Centre has the ambition of being international in terms of the quality of its outputs, and national in terms of its capacity to contribute to the national debate and spread knowledge about international law in the Czech Republic.