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PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *International Law and the History of Resource Extraction in Africa: Capital Accumulation and Underdevelopment, 1450-1918* (Routledge, 2024)
- *Economic Sovereignty and Investment Law: Evaluating Bilateral Investment Treaties in the Global South* (Routledge, 2026)
- *Handbook of African Economic History* (Editor, Palgrave Macmillan-Proposed, 2026)
- *Encountering Underdevelopment: International Law, Capital Accumulation and the Integration of Sub-Saharan Africa into the World System (1492-1900)* (PhD Dissertation, University of Helsinki, 2020); (UNIGRAFIA, Helsinki: 2020).

Selected Articles & Chapters

- "People as Property: Atlantic Slave Trade, International Law and the Making of the New World" (Brazilian Journal of International Law, 2026)
- "From Colonisers to Guardians: International Law and the African Mandates under the League of Nations (1919-1945)" *Jus Gentium Journal of International Legal History* (2026)
- "Nineteenth Century Cession Treaties with African Rulers and the Ambivalence of International Law" [Under final Review] (*Oxford university Press Handbook of African Legal History* (OUP: 2026)
- Non State Actors as drivers of International Law: Role of Empire Builders in the Colonisation of Africa' *Emerald Handbook of African Legal History* (Emerald: 2025)
- [Book Review] P. Sean Morris. *Economic Sanctions under International Law: Trade Continuity with Special Purpose Vehicles*. New York: Routledge, 2024. 240 pp.

\$150.00 (hardcover). ISBN: 9780367713768." – *94 Nordic Journal of International Law* (2025) 211–213

- "Transatlantic Slavery, Industrial Capitalist Mode of Production and the Politics of British Abolition Humanitarianism" *Fundamina : A Journal of Legal History* (2026)
- "Marxism, International Law and the Enduring Question of Exploitation: A History" (*7 Athens Journal of Law*, 2021)
- "All that Glitters is Not Always Gold: Typical Bilateral Investment Treaties as Peril to Third World Economic Sovereignty" (*6 Athens Journal of Law*, 2020)
- "A Marxist and TWAIL Reading of the Oxford Handbook of the Sources of International Law" *Chinese Journal of International Law, Volume 19, Issue 1, March 2020, Pages 183–192.*
- "The Oxford Handbook of the History of International Law" *Journal of the History of International Law* Vol 16, No. 1 (2014).
- "International Law, the Civilizing Mission and the Ambivalence of Development in Africa: Conceptual Underpinnings " *Journal and African and International Law*, Vol 6. No. 1 (2013) 191-226.
- *Passing Through The World* (Authorhouse UK, London: ISBN-13: 978-1467882712 : 2012)
- "Attaching the Right Meaning to Typical Provisions of Bilateral Investments Treaties (BITs): A Sketch" *Journal and African and International Law* Vol 3.No 3 (2011): 114-146.
- "Drawing the Right Lessons from ICSID Jurisprudence on the Doctrine of Necessity "
(*International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management*), *Arbitration: The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management* 76.1 (2010): 44-57. *Arbitration: The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management* 76.1 (2010): 44-57.
- "Just Laws versus Unjust Laws: Asserting the Morality of Civil Disobedience" *Journal of Politics and Law*, Vol. 3, No. 2, pp. 156-170, 2010.
- "What Goes Around Comes Around: The Return of Rejected Western Standards on Investment Through Bilateral Investment Treaties" *Indian Journal of International Law* 50.3 (2010): 633-670.
- "The correlation between law and behaviour as pillar of human society" *International Journal of Punishment and Sentencing* Vol 6.No 3 (2010) (2010): 84-96.
- "The Boundaries of International Law, A Feminist Analysis: Hilary Charlesworth and Christine Chinkin", (*Expert Law Journal*, Vol. 24, July 2004)

SELECTED RESEARCH / VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Lead investigator for Harvard Law School IGLP funded Human rights project on Land Grab and Human Rights in Africa (2015-2016).**
Subject: Problematic of Global Land Grabbing, human Rights and Underdevelopment in Africa (Project culminated to the publication of a 493 Workshop proceedings on the findings).
- **Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany (April – May 2015)**
Subject: Human rights and poverty alleviation, good governance and the politics of development aid
- **Visiting Scholar, Nordic African Institute, Uppsala, Sweden (13 October – 13 December 2013)** *Subject: Human rights and international criminal law*

SELECTED CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- **[Speaker] Popular International Law Workshop,**
Lauterpacht Centre for International Law – University of Cambridge, 26 September 2025.
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- **[Speaker] Sanctions, International Law and the Impact on Rights,**
SOAS – University of London, 06 June 2024.
- **[Speaker & Reviewer] Workshop on the History of International Law in Precolonial Africa,** July 15-17, 2024, Arusha, Tanzania
- **[Keynote Speaker]: “The Mission of TWAIL: International Law—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”**
The Relevance Of Global South Perspectives On International Human Rights Law, Ghent University Seminar of the International Francqui Professor Chair Thomas Spijkerboer (01 June 2021)
- **[Keynote Speaker]: “Neo-colonialism: The Backbone of Underdevelopment in Africa” 2nd The Legacy of Colonialism in Today’s Africa Workshop, New York City Bar, 18 May 2021.**
- **[Convener]: “Global Poverty, Human Rights and Development: 21st Century and Beyond” Helsinki Science Initiative April 2021.**
- **“International Law and the Resource Curse Problem in Sub-Saharan Africa”**
663rd International conference on Law and Society - ICLS New York, USA, 2020
- **“Sovereignty, Political Elites and the Crisis of Poverty in Postcolonial Africa: A Sketch”**
11th International RAIS Conference on Social Sciences, Johns Hopkins University (18-19 Nov. 2018)
- **“Africa for Sale: The Crisis of Poverty, International Law and the Politics of Land Grabs”**, African Society of International Law 6th Annual Conference 2017 (Dar Es Salaam)
- **“Non-State Actors and the Privatisation of Africa”, Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop, 2016 in Cape-Town, South Africa. (Writing Workshop paper)**

- **“Land Grabs in Africa: Economic Imperialism?”**, conference organizer and participant, *Faculty of Law, University of Dschang, Dschang, Cameroon* (in collaboration with Harvard IGLP and Santander), July-August 2015 (publication forthcoming 2018)
- **“International Law and the Economic scramble for Africa: Revisiting the Politics of Humanitarianism”**, *Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop, 2015, Doha, Qatar. (Writing Workshop paper)*
- **“The Gulf States, Kafala System and the Crisis of International Law”**, *Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy Conference, 2014, Boston, USA*
- **“Development Reconsidered: International Law and the Civilizing Mission in Africa”**, *Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop, 2014 in Doha, Qatar*
- **“International Law, Civilizing Mission and African Economic Development in Historical Context”**, *3rd International Public Law Conference , Bangkok-Thailand: (November 11-15,2013).*
- **“Between Promise and Peril: International Law and the framing of Development initiatives for Africa”**, *9th Annual International Conference on Law, 16-19 July 2012, Athens, Greece.*
- Poster: **“Violence on the Girl Child during Armed conflicts: Legal Deficiencies & New Thinking”** (International Graduate Legal Research Conference , London, July 2009).
- **“Interdisciplinary Research: A case study of Policy Instruments and Regulations to Address Environmental Changes in Cameroon”** (NELN, Breaking Down the Barriers, Workshop in Iceland August 24-25, 2009)
- **“Climate change, human rights and land displacement: Three sides of the same coin”**, *IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science, Havard (2009)*
- **“A right to pollute? Inconsistency in environmental Governance”**, (NELN Coherence and Consistency in Environmental Governance, OSLO 2009)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Centre for Law and Sustainability (CLS) – Bolton (Since 2023) - Director
- Centre for Law and Empowerment (CLE) – Bolton (Since 2023)
- Manchester International Law Centre (MILC), (Since 2021)
- Manchester Law Society, The University of Manchester (Since 2022)
- Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science (HELSUS), (since 2020)
- Helsinki Inequality Initiative (INEQ), (since 2020)
- African Society of International Law (Since 2017)
- Finnish Development Research Network (Since 2015)
- Harvard Law School IGLP Alumni (Since 2014)
- History and the Law (Since 2014)
- American Society of International Law (Since 2012)
- Nordic Environmental Law, Governance and Science Network (NELN+); (Since 2008)

ACADEMIC AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Law Fund, Faculty of Law University of Helsinki, 2018-2020
- Chancellor's Research Grant (University of Helsinki), 2018, 2019, 2020
- Harvard Law School IGLP Doha-Santander Grant: 2015-2016
- Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID)--African Cooperation fellowship, 2017-2018
- Jenny ja Wihurin Scholarship, 2016-2017
- Faculty of Law Postgraduate Dissertation Grant, 2015-2016