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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, 2025)
* *Handbook of African Economic History (*Editor, Palgrave Macmillan, 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, 2025)

“From Colonisers to Guardians: International Law and the African Mandates under the League of Nations (1919-1945)” [Submitted] *Journal of the History of International Law* (2025)

* + "Nineteenth Century Cession Treaties with African Rulers and the Ambivalence of International Law" (*Oxford university Press Handbook of African Legal History (OUP: 2025)*
  + Non State Actors as drivers of International Law: Role of Empire Builders in the Colonisation of Africa' **[**Book Chapter**]** *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* (2025)
  + "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] 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 IcelandAugust 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 Consistencyin 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