

FOREWORD

International law devotes a great deal of attention to frontiers—from the physical and legal boundaries that describe the outer limits of national jurisdiction to the normative constraints that determine the lawfulness and legitimacy of the actions of state and nonstate actors alike. The 2016 Annual Meeting theme, *Charting New Frontiers in International Law*, invited participants to map the myriad ways in which international law responds to the forces that are reshaping the frontiers of the international order.

Over four days, nearly 1,200 participants had the opportunity to choose among forty substantive programs, and to hear more than two hundred speakers explore the many dimensions of the theme, from the annihilation of frontiers through aggression, to the erasure of frontiers through mass migration; from the protection of cultural heritage on earth, to the extraction of minerals on distant worlds, at the ultimate frontier of outer space.

Highlights of the meeting included the Eighteenth Grotius Lecture, delivered by President Michelle Bachelet of Chile, and our very first Assembly, featuring a keynote address by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, together with the presentation of honors and awards, memorials, and the election of incoming leaders. The Fourth Annual Charles N. Brower Lecture on International Dispute Resolution was delivered by Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, and our Friday keynote was the first major policy address by Brian Egan, the newly-confirmed Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State. The Hudson Medal Luncheon featured an intimate conversation between our honoree, Richard Bilder, and former International Court of Justice Judge Thomas Buergenthal, who received the Hudson Medal in 2002. We also held the inaugural Detlev F. Vagts Roundtable on Transnational Law, featuring a discussion of “Transnational Professional Ethics” by a distinguished panel convened by Catherine Rogers, made possible through a generous gift from the Vagts Family. The closing plenary on “Countering Violent Extremism” included remarks by Ernst Hirsch Ballin, former Minister of Security and Justice of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and a panel sponsored by the Embassy of the Netherlands, the Hague Institute for Global Justice, and the City of The Hague.

The committee made extraordinary efforts throughout to ensure that the speakers would be of the highest quality and would provide diversity with respect to gender, ethnicity, nationality, and perspective. The results speak for themselves.

The success of the meeting is due to the creativity and commitment of many people, including President Lori F. Damrosch, Annual Meeting co-chairs Tendayi Achiume, Dawn Yamane Hewett, and Ina Popova, and the dedicated and hardworking members of the Program Committee. Particular thanks are due to the editor of these *Proceedings*, Erin Lovall, our Director of Education and Research, Wes Rist, our meeting planner, Eden Capuano, and her team at Voila! Inc., and all the members of the Society’s talented and industrious staff.

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