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Dear Friends of the IFHV,



here comes the first IFHV newsletter of 2019! Let me first point your attention to a new exciting cooperation between our Bofaxe and the “Völkerrechtsblog”, one of Germany’s most esteemed blogs in international law! Our Bofaxe will now also appear on “Völkerrechtsblog”, making them available globally to a much larger audience (read more below). Second, in March 2019, the IFHV hosted an international high-level **workshop** on the interplay of IHL and investment arbitration, bringing together leading experts of both fields of law (read more on the right).

As always: Enjoy the read!

Pierre Thielbörger (Executive Director, IFHV)

Collaboration between Völkerrechtsblog and IFHV



Since March 2019, the IFHV proudly engaged in a new collaboration with the **Völkerrechtsblog**. Our **Bofaxe**, academic snapshots of up-to-the minute news in international law as written by researchers from the IFHV and affiliated scholars since 1988, will from now on also be published on this leading blog on international law. IFHV’s **Maximilian Bertamini** and **Rouven Diekjobst** kicked off the collaboration with a Bofax on the recent tensions between Pakistan and India

(<https://voelkerrechtsblog.org/trading-blows/>).

New Humanitarian Strategy of German Federal Foreign Office presented

On 4th of April, **Prof. Pierre Thielbörger** chaired a discussion panel marking the presentation of the **German Federal Foreign Office’s (Auswärtiges Amt)** strategy on humanitarian aid abroad for the period of 2019 to 2023. Prof. Thielbörger’s panel session dealing with humanitarian aid in flux, global humanitarian developments and the



challenge of humanitarian access was held at the Foreign Office’s Berlin headquarters and was attended by around 200 guests, including members of the Bundestag as well as representatives of ministries and humanitarian organizations.

International Humanitarian Law and International Investments

From 1st to 2nd of March, the IFHV’s Tobias Ackermann, together with Sebastian Wuschka, organised an expert workshop on



“**The Role of International Investment Law in Armed Conflicts, Disputed Territories, and ,Frozen‘ Conflicts**” at RUB, kindly sponsored by the Research School Plus. In the panels chaired by **Prof. Dr. Marco Sassöli** (University of Geneva), **Prof. Dr. Pierre Thielbörger** (IFHV) and **Dr. Isabella Risini** (RUB), leading scholars and practitioners presented and discussed their research. Speakers included **Prof. Dr. Christina Binder** (University of the German Federal Armed Forces Munich) and UN Human Rights Committee member **Prof. Dr. Vasilka Sancin** (University of Ljubljana).

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New Researchers at the IFHV

The IFHV welcomes Shaira-Hena Osman (PhD candidate), Maximilian Bertamini (PhD candidate), Vanessa Blicke (student assistant), Rafael Bohlen (graduate assistant), Svea Brück (student assistant), Rouven Diekjjobst (student assistant), Judith Prasse (student assistant) and Stephan Schultz (student assistant) (more photos on p. 3, bottom). Great to have you with us!



Vanessa Blicke



Svea Brück



Shaira-Hena Osman

Welthungerhilfe in the Central African Republic

In February, IFHV's **Prof. Dr. Katrin Radtke** visited the Central African Republic where she looked at a number of projects conducted by the NGO **Welthungerhilfe** in and around the capital Bangui. As one of a few organizations in this highly volatile context, Welthungerhilfe has recently started to implement sustainable development projects in order to promote the link between relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD).



PhD scholarship for Benedikt Behlert

In February, IFHV research associate **Benedikt Behlert** has been awarded a prestigious PhD scholarship by the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, the German Academic Merit Foundation, for his PhD project "The Necessity of a Conversation between the Administration and the Individual - The Relevance of Procedure to International Human Rights" supervised by **Prof. Dr. Pierre Thielbörger**. **Congratulations!**

Two Visiting International Professor (VIP) Fellows at the IFHV

The IFHV was awarded a VIP fellowship by the Research School Plus and welcomes **Dr. Valentina Azarova**. She is a member of the Manchester International Law Centre (MILC) and a lecturer and research fellow at Koç University in Istanbul. During her stays at the IFHV, Dr. Azarova will contribute to research at RUB by giving scientific advice and supervision to some of the IFHV's PhD students and also support research within the Bochum IHL Clinic.

Equally as a VIP fellow, **Prof. Dr. Robin Geiß** (University of Glasgow) spent several days at the IFHV in January. He held a guest lecture on cyber security in which he highlighted possible responses of international law to cyber attacks, global hacker campaigns and hybrid operations in view of manipulating public opinion. Prof. Geiß also discussed a range of doctoral projects with several of our PhD candidates.



Prof. Dr. Robin Geiß

RESORT making progress

In April, the IFHV's research project "Resilience through social cohesion - The



role of organisations" (**ResOrt**) has completed the first half of its research period. In the current project phase, **Prof. Dr. Dennis Dijkzeul**, **Carolin Borgmann** and **Isabel Franzke** conduct workshops, interviews and a postal survey in the study areas of Münster and Ostbevern together with partners from the **University of Wuppertal** and the **German Red Cross** General Secretariat. On March 26 at a workshop in Münster, they discussed, with a variety of partners, local challenges, crises and disasters, as well as local resources, potential strategies and actions to strengthen social cohesion and intra- and intergovernmental cooperation.

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Workshop on Water Scarcity in Central Asia



From February 25th to March 1st, a workshop was held at the IFHV on the issue of water scarcity in Central Asia, together with KIMEP university in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The event was funded by the DAAD's East-West-Dialogue program, which allowed us to invite students and professors from KIMEP. As Central Asian countries are the scene of a large number of (water) conflicts at both international and national levels, the workshop focused on legal, economic and environmental aspects of water scarcity and illustrated water conflicts and cooperation using concrete examples. Following the workshop, students from Kazakhstan as well as some of our NOHA students will undertake research stays for up to three months in Central Asia and Germany respectively.

Jessup Moot Court Success

RUB's team at this year's **Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition** placed fourth in the German national rounds in Hamburg (21-23 February 2019). The IFHV's **Rouven Diekjobst** and **Judith Prasse** were part of the team which was jointly coached by Professor Puttler's chair and the Center for International Affairs of the law faculty. The team only had to surrender to the later national champion, Hertie School of Governance, in the semi finals. The IFHV congratulates the team and the chair of Professor Puttler on the great success!



Judith Prasse



Rouven Diekjobst

New DAAD Visiting Professor

The IFHV welcomes DAAD Visiting **Professor Dorota Heidrich** for the upcoming summer semester. Prof. Dorota Heidrich is the Deputy Director of the Institute of International Relations at the University of Warsaw. Her research focus is on IHL, the protection of vulnerable groups, migration and on the legal practice of international courts. Prior to her university position, Prof. Heidrich was an advisor to the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lower Chamber of the Polish Parliament. At the IFHV, Prof. Heidrich will teach in the NOHA Master and hold special classes for PhD students.



Prof. Dr. Dorota Heidrich

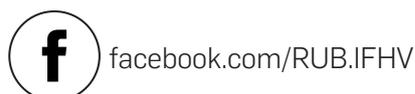
Meet our students – Florian

“The open atmosphere of the Institute welcomed us warmly after our IP-week in Warsaw. It seemed like every staff member was always supportive and helpful; this assurance gave us all an easy start, allowing our diverse class to happily start referring to Bochum as home for the upcoming semester. Our first four months of the program have been filled with educational content, exciting trips and remarkable experiences - life-long friendships have their origin in the holy walls of the IFHV. The challenging moments didn't impact the positive perception of our time in the Ruhrgebiet. It was good to see that work pays off and that an initial tension ultimately always gives way to relief. It will be exciting to follow up our class' second semester experiences across Europe, as we build on our learning at the IFHV and obtain new insights into a variety of subjects.”



Florian Stodolny

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Humanitäres Völkerrecht / Journal of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (HuV / JILPAC)

JILPAC is the new academic journal published by the IFHV in cooperation with the Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag (BWV). It publishes papers on international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee law, and peacekeeping law. We are currently welcoming submissions for our next issue.

You can find the latest call for papers at: http://www.ifhv.de/documents/huvi/cfp_2019_en.pdf

WorldRiskReport

From 2018 onwards, the IFHV jointly with Bündnis Entwicklung Hilft publishes the WorldRiskReport. As an essential part of the WorldRiskReport, the WorldRiskIndex indicates the risk of disaster in consequence of extreme natural events for 172 countries. You can find further information at: <https://weltrisikobericht.de/>

Journal of International Humanitarian Action (JIHA)

This open access academic journal is meant for academics, policy makers, and practitioners. It is multidisciplinary, accepting articles so far to range from refugees' healthcare access to insights on the Milosovic trial. To read more or learn how to contribute to JIHA, visit: <http://bit.ly/JIHAH>

Bofaxe

Bofaxe – that is the IFHV's scientific snapshot of up-to-the minute news in international law. The staff of the IFHV write Bofaxe regularly. Bofaxe now also appear on www.voelkerrechtsblog.org.

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