



Open Call for Papers: *The International Court of Justice and Chagos*

Prof. Thomas Burri (University of St. Gallen) and Dr. Peter H. Sand (University of Munich) announce an international workshop on the ICJ's Advisory Opinion on Chagos, to be held on 19-20 October 2018 at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. We are calling, in particular, upon scholars at an early stage of their career to express their interest in contributing to the workshop.

*Background:* The United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 71/292 on 22 June 2017 requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the status of the Chagos archipelago in the Indian Ocean (case *Legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965*). Oral hearings at The Hague are scheduled to begin on 3 September 2018, and the final ICJ opinion is expected in March 2019. Our workshop will provide an external academic forum for reflection in light of the ICJ proceedings. The following scholars have confirmed their participation in the workshop:

- Prof. Garth Abraham, St. Augustine College, South Africa;
- Dr. Stephen Allen, Queen Mary University of London, UK;
- Prof. Susan Farran, Northumbria University Newcastle, UK;
- Prof. Irimi Papanicopolu, Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, Italy;
- Prof. Antoni Pigrau Solé, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain;
- David R. Snoxell, Coordinator, Chagos Islands (BIOT) All-Party Parliamentary Group, UK;
- Prof. Antonios Tzanakopoulos, University of Oxford, UK;
- Dr. Michael Waibel, University of Cambridge, UK.

**Call:** We are now calling upon scholars to consider contributing a paper on the Chagos issues before the ICJ. In particular, we hope to attract contributions from scholars at an early stage of their career, such as postdoctoral, doctoral or master students whose research on legal or interdisciplinary aspects relevant to the advisory opinion is not yet out in print. Contributions may be in English, French or Spanish. We

would appreciate receiving a brief abstract (not exceeding 400 words) generally indicating the focus of the proposed submission, while taking into account that details may have to await the availability of further material in the course of the ICJ hearings in September 2018.

*Schedule:*

- Abstracts of papers due: **5 August 2018**;
- Selection of papers by the organizers: **13 August 2018**;
- Final papers due: **7 October 2018**;
- Workshop (short presentations/discussions, video-recorded): Friday, **19 October 2018** – Saturday, **20 October 2018**;
- Publication of workshop outputs: **late 2018/early 2019**.

*Information required from authors:* brief abstract of proposed paper; one-page CV, including affiliations and main publications; indication of need for travel support.

*Costs:* No conference fees. The workshop is financed by public funds from the University of St. Gallen, which will cover local accommodation and travel costs.

*Contact:* Please answer the call by way of e-mail to the organizers stating the subject “ICJ and Chagos”, c/o Prof. Dr. Thomas Burri, <[thomas.burri@unisg.ch](mailto:thomas.burri@unisg.ch)>. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you have questions. The call is also available at <https://www.unisg.ch/en/universitaet/schools/law/aktuelles>.