Public International Law Program 2020
Instructor Biographies

LAW 670 – Introduction to Public International Law
(Week 1 with Law 673)

Ms. Alison Mitchell is a lawyer and diplomat at Global Affairs Canada. She is specialized in the law of armed conflict, international human rights law, international criminal law, targeted sanctions, and the law of the sea. She is currently the deputy director of the Polar and Nordic Relations Division in Ottawa. Since joining the department in 2006, Ms. Mitchell has had assignments to Canada’s embassy in Washington, D.C., to NATO in Brussels, to UN Headquarters in New York, and to the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar, Afghanistan. In 2012-2013, she spent a year on exchange with the Canadian Armed Forces in the Office of the Judge Advocate General. She previously served as an assistant legal officer in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in The Hague in 2005-2006 and clerked for Mr. Justice Marshall Rothstein at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2007.

Ms. Mitchell received a B.A. from Queen’s University in 2001, an LL.B. from the University of Ottawa in 2005, and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from New York University in 2012.

LAW 665 – International Protection of Human Rights and Refugees

Professor Ardi Imseis is an Assistant Professor of Law at Queen’s Faculty of Law and Associate Academic Director of the International Law Programs at the BISC. He is a Member of the United Nations Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen, a commission of inquiry mandated by the UN Human Rights Council to investigate violations of international human rights and humanitarian law committed in the conflict in Yemen since September 2014. Between 2002 and 2014, he served in senior legal and policy capacities with the UN in the Middle East (UNRWA & UNHCR), and he was formerly Senior Legal Counsel to the Chief Justice of Alberta.

Professor Imseis has provided expert testimony in his personal capacity before various high-level bodies, including the UN Security Council, and to members of the UK House of Lords and the French Senate. His scholarship has appeared in a wide array of international journals, including the American Journal of International Law, the Harvard International Law Journal, and the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies. Professor Imseis is a former Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Human Rights Fellow, Columbia Law School, Editor-in-Chief of the Palestine Yearbook of International Law (Brill) (2008-2019), and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellow. He holds a Ph.D. (Cambridge), LL.M. (Columbia), LL.B. (Dalhousie), and B.A. (Hons.) (Toronto).
LAW 664 – The Law of Armed Conflict and International Crimes

Professor Phillip Drew is the Assistant Dean Juris Doctor and Graduate Legal Studies at Queen’s Faculty of Law. A graduate of Queen’s Law (JD’00 and LLM’12), he holds a Doctorate in Law (Dr. Iuris) from the University of Frankfurt (Oder). He has been teaching IHL at the BISC since 2011, and he is an Honorary Associate Professor at Australian National University College of Law, where he teaches International Humanitarian Law, Peacekeeping Operations Law, and Maritime Security Law.

Internationally recognized as a leading authority on the use of force in military operations, Professor Drew draws on 30 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces to enhance student educational experience. Having served as an Intelligence officer in the First Gulf War, Rwanda, and on several other missions, and then as a lawyer advising on counter-terrorism and counter-piracy missions with the Canadian Navy in the Middle East, he teaches from a first-hand perspective, incorporating real-life experiences and scenarios into his class-room materials. His innovation in the classroom has been recognized with the Teaching Excellence Award from the College of Law at Australian National University in 2018 and by his standing as a finalist for Australian Legal Educator of the year in 2019.

In addition to his scholarship in Humanitarian Law, Professor Drew researches and writes on the cultural underpinnings of genocide. While a JD student at Queen’s, he wrote an award-winning paper on the topic of criminal justice reform in post-genocide Rwanda. In 2011 he was awarded the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation for his work assisting with the development of rule of law programs for militaries around the world.

Mr. Norman Farrell is the Prosecutor of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL). Prior to his appointment as the Prosecutor of the STL in March 2012, Mr. Farrell was the Deputy Prosecutor of the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Before being appointed Deputy Prosecutor he held various positions in the ICTY, as well as being Senior Appeals Counsel for the Office of the Prosecutor at the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). Prior to working for the United Nations, Mr. Farrell was the Legal Advisor on International Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva. He also worked as the ICRC’s Regional Legal Advisor for East Africa covering Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania, and spent 2 years in Sarajevo as a delegate with the ICRC. Prior to commencing his international law career, he worked for eight years as counsel in the Crown Law Office (Criminal) in Toronto and has argued before the Ontario Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Farrell has a B.A. (Hons) and an LL.B. from Queen’s University and an LL.M. from Columbia University. Mr. Farrell has lectured extensively on IHL and international criminal law in various countries including the USA, Canada, Sweden, Bosnia, Cambodia and Indonesia.
Ms. Katrina Gustafson is currently Senior Litigation Counsel with the Enforcement Branch of the Ontario Securities Commission, a role she has held since January 2019. From 2005 to 2018 she worked as a Prosecutor with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia where she conducted numerous trials and appeals of individuals charged with war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. From 2002 to 2004 Ms. Gustafson was an associate at the New York office of Shearman and Sterling and between 2001 and 2002 she clerked for Justice Iacobucci at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Ms. Gustafson received an LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 2001. In 2004-2005 she was a Hauser Global Scholar at New York University, where she completed an LL.M. with a specialization in international law.