

THE SCIL INTERN EXPERIENCE

FORMER SCIL INTERN, LILY TSEN, DESCRIBES HER INTERNSHIP WITH SCIL

As a SCIL intern I had the good fortune of:

- attending a ABC radio interview with Dr Ben Saul on the issue of anti-terrorism laws in the context of censorship;
- attending lunchtime seminars hosted by the Lowy Institute for International Policy;
- co-authoring a submission with Dr Saul to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on a status of forces agreement between Australia and the Philippines;
- conducting legal and policy research into the legality in international law of proposed agreements to export uranium to India and Russia;
- attending the Sydney Summit on Russia (at which I was very fortunate to rub shoulders with international human rights lawyer Robert Amsterdam, Russian media reporter Mr Grigory Pasko, Senators Lyn Allison and Christine Milne, amongst other distinguished invitees);
- attending lunch with Justice Salim Joubran of the Israeli Supreme Court and prominent members of the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce;
- spending time getting to know the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Dr Luis Moreno Ocampo, including his views on the new system of international justice in the wake of the International Criminal Court (a definite highlight! Dr Ocampo is very charismatic!);
- drafting questions for use in a public forum facilitated by Dr Saul which sought the views of Australia's 22nd Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, ICJ Australia President John Dowd AO QC, and Professor George Williams, on Australia's anti-terrorism legislation in light of international human rights principles;
- reviewing articles for publication in the Australian Journal of Human Rights;
- conducting research into energy and human security concerns from an international law



- perspective in the Asia region;
 - conducting research on Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations;
 - conducting research on international law and policy and Antarctica, etc.
- I also assisted SCIL to host a number of talks by distinguished guest speakers, including:
- the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, Mr Ian Carnell;
 - Barrister for two of the 'Bali 9' and Van Nguyen, Mr Julian McMahon; Mr Julian Burnside QC; and the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Nicholas Cowdery AM QC.

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