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## Report on the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting 2016



I was very excited to be offered an opportunity to be part the American Society of International Law's Annual Meeting in Washington DC, where the most pressing issues in contemporary foreign affairs, such as the Iranian Nuclear Deal, the emergence of cyber wars, the conflict in the China Sea, and the migrant crisis in Europe have been discussed. As a doctoral student at UC Berkeley School of Law writing a dissertation on the use of force in international law, I could not ask for a better way to strengthen my research than to attend panel discussions particularly focused on the intersection of international law and security. The heated debate among panelists with different career backgrounds during "The Iran Nuclear Deal as a New Model of International Lawmaking?" panel has proved to me that it is difficult, if not impossible, to understand international law without putting it in its strategic, historical and political context.

I had the opportunity to listen to and speak with some exceptional international law scholars, judges and practitioners coming from the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the International Committee of the Red Cross among others. Several panelists shared with me valuable academic career advice strengthening my belief that international law and academia are my future calling. In conversations with several Editors-In-Chief of the most prestigious law journals and books, I received hands on advice on enhancing the impact of academic work by increasing the prospects of my future articles to be published and referenced.

The highlight of the ASIL's Annual Meeting in DC was attending the panel of New Voices and New Professional Networking Reception and networking with young and prospective new international law scholars as well as Berkeley Law alumni with whom I share the passion for international law.

It was an honor for me to represent UC Berkeley School of Law as a JSD student. I am very grateful to the Advanced Degree Program Office for their support along with the support of the Miller Institute. For all students who would like to work in the field of international law, attending the Annual Meeting of ASIL is of utmost importance.

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