Third-Year Student Paper Accepted for Publication

Boston College Law School
A paper written by BC Law third-year student Amy Lai for Professor David Wirth’s International Organizations seminar has been accepted for publication by the Hong Kong Journal. The paper, entitled “Taking the Hong Kong Tour Bus Hostage Tragedy in Manila to the ICJ? Developing a Framework for Choosing International Dispute Settlement Methods,” involves the unresolved dispute between China/Hong Kong and the Philippines regarding the August Hong Kong tour bus hostage tragedy in Manila.

"Some people suggested taking the dispute to the International Court of Justice, not realizing that in practicality it would be very difficult to do so," Lai said. "My paper discusses the hostage tragedy and its aftermath, as well as explores the factors that should be considered in deciding whether to take a case to the ICJ, which hopefully serves as a framework for nations in disputes."

The Hong Kong Journal is based in Washington D.C. and generously funded by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The current editor for the journal is Robert Keatley, who formally worked with The Wall Street Journal. People who been previously published in the journal include professors and top government officials.

Lai was born in Hong Kong, and received her graduate degree in the U.K. from Cambridge University. She has been an intern on the Second Circuit, at Greater Boston Legal Services, a Human Rights Center in Cape Town, South Africa, as well as served as research assistant for Prof. Richard Albert. She has also worked as a summer associate with a law firm. She intends to pursue a career in copyright and entertainment law.


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