



Present at the destruction: the US President's impact on the rule of law



COVER FEATURE: The Trump administration was clear from the outset that it would put America first and retreat from the cooperative, rules-based world order. Three years into Donald Trump's presidency, *Global Insight* assesses the damage to foreign affairs, free trade, climate action and human rights.

Editorial: [Retreat from a liberal world order is undermining rule of law](#)

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Podcast: [American diplomat Richard Haass on Trump's global policy](#)

IBA Annual Conference 2019: Opening Ceremony addresses



SEOUL HIGHLIGHTS: In his keynote address, Ban Ki-moon, eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations, underlined the crucial role of lawyers in combating the erosion of the rule of law. IBA President Horacio Bernardes Neto stressed the importance of multilateralism in his opening remarks to delegates.

Film: [Ban Ki-moon addresses Opening Ceremony audience](#)

SPPI Showcase: the economic benefits of legal aid



SEOUL HIGHLIGHTS: The SPPI Showcase Session at the IBA Annual Conference launched a report by the IBA and the World Bank examining the economic benefits of legal aid programmes. Legal aid is a fundamental principle of a fair society and astute economics, saving government expenditure.

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A conversation with... Hyeonseo Lee, North Korean defector



SEOUL HIGHLIGHTS: Hyeonseo Lee escaped from North Korea in 1997, spending ten years in China evading the authorities before gaining asylum in South Korea. She talks to IBA Executive Director Mark Ellis about her experiences growing up, her journey and her mission to help the North Korean people.

Film: [Hyeonseo Lee, North Korean defector and best-selling author](#)

Hong Kong stands up for the rule of law



SEOUL HIGHLIGHTS: In their acceptance speeches for the 2019 IBA Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Legal Practitioner to Human Rights, joint Hong Kong recipients Dr Margaret Ng and Martin Lee SC JP highlighted the importance of defending freedom, democracy and the rule of law.

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Global leaders: David Miliband and the International Rescue Committee



FEATURE: The 2019 Stockholm Human Rights Award winners were David Miliband and the International Rescue Committee, the organisation he leads. In conversation with IBA Executive Director, Mark Ellis, Miliband spoke about migration, the climate crisis and the need for passion in confronting populism.

Film: [David Miliband's in-depth interview and award ceremony](#)

The climate crisis: time for an international court for the environment



FEATURE: As the climate crisis deepens, there remains a troubling lack of international consensus on practical and legal responses to protect the environment and the people who will be worst affected. *Global Insight* highlights the pressing need for international law to stand up for the planet.

Podcast: [The climate crisis - turning the tide](#)

The fight against corruption: Europe's black hole



FEATURE: Recent scandals in the finance sector have re-focused attention on the enormity of the challenge that remains in the fight against corruption in all its forms, with Europe a particularly prominent black hole for dirty money. *Global Insight* makes the case for greater cooperation, disclosure and global standards.

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Digital surveillance's threat to human rights



COLUMN: The landscape for potential human rights abuses by digital surveillance is changing as methods used grow ever more powerful. *Global Insight* considers this technological evolution and the need for regulatory frameworks to adapt to lift the veil on a notoriously clandestine industry.

News analysis: [Is it time for a digital constitution?](#)