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Paul Guggenheim Prize 2016

The Paul Guggenheim Prize 2016 has been attributed *ex aequo* to

Dr Danae Azaria, author of the monograph entitled [“Treaties on Transit of Energy via Pipelines and Countermeasures”](#) (Oxford University Press, 2015) and to

Dr Nina Burri for her work entitled [“Bravery or Bravado? The Protection of News Providers in Armed Conflict”](#) (Brill, 2015).

The jury considered both monographs of equally high quality, which deal with currently relevant topics and can be considered reference works in the field of international law in the spirit of the Paul Guggenheim Prize.

The Paul Guggenheim Prize (of CHF 15'000), which has been created in 1981, aims at encouraging young scholar in the field of international law. Its objective is to reward a young specialist in that field, author of a first monograph of outstanding quality on a subject of general interest and expected to make a real contribution to the science of international law. The Prize is awarded every two years.

Dr Azaria's study reviews the treaty law concerning the transit of energy via pipelines. It also examines the function of countermeasures in the law of international responsibility in this type of treaties. The author phrases her ambitions in the introductory words of the book: “Today, states attach to pipelines the importance they attached to rivers in the nineteenth century, to railways at the beginning of the twentieth century, and to international canals since the nineteenth century”. This timely study explores the relatively unexplored recent treaty practice concerning the transit of energy. “The book of Danae Azaria makes a genuine, real, impressive contribution for finding solutions to practical problems arising in the interconnected world of modern international law”, remarked a jury member who assessed the book. Since 2013, [Dr Azaria](#) is Lecturer at the Faculty of Laws at University College London (UCL). From September to December 2016, she was a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge. She holds a PhD and LLM from UCL, a LLM from the National and Capodistrian University of Athens, and completed her undergraduate studies in law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Dr Nina Burri's work deals with the topic of news providers that are increasingly involved in military conflicts and become victims of their own story. Dr Burri's study offers a comprehensive analysis on how international law protects professional and citizen journalists. Using examples from recent armed conflicts in Iraq, Libya, Gaza and Syria, Dr Burri explores the means, methods and risks of contemporary war coverage and examines the protection of news providers by international humanitarian law, international criminal law and human rights law. The jury member who evaluated Dr Burri's book notes that «this book convinces by its rich material, the broad scope and depth of the legal discussion as well as the careful weighing of the different factors enabling the author to reach generally acceptable solutions tested against recent practice. It constitutes an important contribution to the discussion of this problem ». Dr Burri holds a PhD from the University of Zurich and has been a Visiting Scholar at the Lauterpacht Centre for International law at the University of Cambridge and at the Institute of International Humanitarian Law in San Remo. She has previously worked as a legal clerk in the domestic judiciary, for UNESCO, Swiss TV and the Swiss Federal Departement of Foreign Affairs.

The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 11 July 2017, at the Graduate Institute, in presence of the President of the Paul Guggenheim Foundation, Professor Lucius Caflisch. The jury of the Paul Guggenheim Prize was chaired by Professor Bernard Dutoit. Members of the jury included : Frédérique Coulée, Pierre-Marie Dupuy, Gerhard Hafner, Charles-Edouard Held, Motjaba Kazazi, José Antonio Pastor Ridruejo, Alexander Linos Sicilianos and Daniel Thürer.

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