



International Research Seminar “Management of Natural Resources in Autonomy Statutes”

Palais des Nations (Room XXII), Geneva, 4 June 2012, from 10.00 to 14.00

Background

On **11 April 2007**, the Kingdom of Morocco tabled with the Secretary-General of the United Nations a document entitled “Moroccan Initiative for Negotiating an Autonomy Status for the Region of Sahara” meant to put an end to the current impasse on the negotiations regarding the status of Western Sahara.¹ In order to promote discussion on some aspects of this proposal, Morocco initiated, among others, three international academic seminars:

- One on **6 October 2009** in Geneva (Switzerland) at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), which published a synthesis of that event in its *Geneva Paper No. 12*² ;
- The other on **21-22 February 2011** in Dakhla (Morocco), on the Human Rights and Democracy dimensions of the Moroccan Initiative, whose results were presented to a roundtable on 17 March 2011 in the margins of a meeting of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, and were published by the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.
- A third one on **22 March 2012** on “Governance in Autonomy Statutes: Institutions and Mechanisms”.

Morocco organises a new international research seminar on **4 June 2012** on “Managing Natural Resources in Autonomy Statutes”. This event, like the previous ones, aims at promoting the importance of the Moroccan Initiative as an unprecedented model for managing autonomy in the context of North Africa but also likely to serve as reference in other countries of the Global South. This seminar will indeed offer an opportunity to compare current practices in some autonomous territories or regions with the mechanisms for natural resource management proposed in the Moroccan Initiative. It is however important to note that the international negotiations on the status of Western Sahara are being conducted within the framework of the United Nations and that this seminar does not intend to appear as a substitute of such negotiations.

The contributions to both 2012 seminars will be published by Morocco.

¹ See: United Nations, Document S/2007/206 of 13 April 2007 (available at: <http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/MINURSO%20S2007206.pdf>).

² “Can Autonomy Fulfil the Right to Self-Determination?”, *Geneva Paper No. 12*, 2010 (<http://www.gcsp.ch/Resources-Publications/Publications/GCSP-Publications/Geneva-Papers/Conference-Series/Can-Autonomy-Fulfil-the-Right-to-Self-Determination>).



Programme

Monday, 4 June 2012

- 10.00 – 10.15 Introduction by the Chairman of the Seminar: Mr **Jean-Louis Roy**, Visiting Researcher, Research Centre in Public Law, University of Montréal (Québec-Canada), Head, World Human Rights Observatory: *“The Provisions of the Moroccan Initiative on the Autonomy of the Sahara Region Related to Natural Resources”*
- 10.15 – 11.45 Presentations on regional autonomy statutes:
- Aceh: Dr **Achim Wennmann**, Researcher, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Graduate Institute, Geneva: *“Wealth Sharing from Natural Resources: Transferable Insights from Aceh”*
 - Greenland: Dr **Lise Lyck**, Lecturer and Director, Center for Tourism and Culture Management, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen: *“Development of the Greenland Home Rule Model and its Relevance to an Autonomy Statute for the Sahara Region”*
 - Iraqi Kurdistan: Professor **Saad N. Jawad**, Department of international Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE): *“Comparing the Experience of Iraqi Kurdistan with the Moroccan Initiative for the Sahara Region”*
 - New Caledonia: Dr **Séverine Blaise**: *“The Management of Natural Resources in New Caledonia: Some Tracks for the Moroccan Initiative on the Sahara Region?”*
 - Quebec, Nunavik and Nunavut: Professor **Alain-G. Gagnon**, Department of Political Science, University of Quebec, Montreal: *“The Place of Quebec and Power Sharing in the Canadian Federal System - Findings about Management of Natural Resources in Nunavik and Nunavut For a Comparison with the Moroccan Initiative on the Autonomy of the Sahara Region”*
- 11.45 – 12.00 Conclusions of the Chair: Mr **Jean-Louis Roy**
- 12.00 – 14.00 Traditional Moroccan Buffet Lunch

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Séverine BLAISE

Séverine Blaise, born in 1975, is Lecturer at the Department of Law, Economics and Management of the University of New Caledonia in Nouméa. Her main areas of research are Economics of Development and International Economics, and her minor areas are Economics of Sustainable Development and Economics of Culture. Among others she works on efficiency of aid in the process of development of East Asia and the Pacific countries, including the phenomenon of regionalisation and the complementary role of direct foreign investment; she focuses on the originality of Japanese aid as well as the links



between the flows of public and private capital in the region. She received a Doctorate in Economics from the University of the Mediterranean (Aix-Marseille) in 1999-2004; she also holds a Master's degree in Economics of Development from in the Institute of Economic Research of the Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, and a post-graduate degree (DEA) in International and Industrial Economics of the University of the Mediterranean (1997-1998) Since 2007, she teaches at the University of New Caledonia, is a researcher at the Centre for New Studies on the Pacific, and a Visiting Lecturer at the National Australian University in Canberra. She also held several positions as a trainer, researcher or lecturer in France, Japan and Australia. Her Doctorate thesis was on "Efficiency of Development Aid: The Case of East Asia" and her Master's thesis on: "The Effectiveness of Japan's Aid: A Microeconomic Evaluation in China". Her publications include: *Economie*, Editions Foucher, Coll. Expertise Comptable, 2nd éd., DCG5, 2009 and 1st éd. 2009 (with René Teboul); "L'après Kyoto : quelle approche face au changement climatique ?", *Mondes en Développement* 39-2011/2, n°154. ; "De l'aide à la coopération économique : pour un ré-examen de la politique d'aide japonaise", *Tiers-Monde*, N°186 April-June 2006, p.315-336 ; "On the Link between Japanese ODA and FDI in China: A Microeconomic Evaluation Using Conditional Logit Analysis", *Applied Economics*, 2005, 37, p.51-55; "La Répartition de l'aide et des investissements directs étrangers japonais en Chine : une Analyse microéconomique", *Région et Développement*, 20-2004, p.13-44 ; "Du concept de développement durable : panacée ou oxymore ?", *Les Cahiers de l'Association Tiers-Monde*, N°126, 2011 ; "Japanese Aid as a Prerequisite for FDI: the Case of Southeast Asian Countries", *Asia Pacific Economic Papers*, N°385, Australia-Japan Research Centre, The Australian National University, 2009 ; "Official Development Assistance, Foreign Direct Investments and Regionalisation: A Comparison France-Japan", Chap. 9 in G. Benhayoun, R. Bar-El and E. Moustier (eds), *Unimed-Forum: Regional Cooperation Perspectives*, L'Harmattan, 2005, p. 185-206; "L'Evolution de la Consommation de Biens Culturels au Japon", Chap. 10 in R. Teboul (eds), *Les Mutations technologiques, institutionnelles et sociales dans l'économie de la culture*, L'Harmattan, 2004; "Linking Pre-1954 and Post-1954 Series for Estimating North Vietnam and South Vietnam Long-Term Economic Performances, 1935-75", in J-P Bassino, J-D Giacometti et K. Odaka (eds), *Quantitative Economic History of Vietnam 1900-1990*, Tokyo: Hitotsubashi University, 2000, pp. 409-428 (with Jean Pascal Bassino). Dr Blaise also holds the following functions: occasional contributor to *World Development*; Member of the Steering Committee of the Project "Natural Capital and Growth in New Caledonia", initiated by the French Agency for Development, Nouméa; Member of the Scientific Board of Axis III of the New Caledonian Agronomic Institute (IAC) "Rurality and Public Policies."

Alain-G. GAGNON

Alain-G. Gagnon is a full professor of political science at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) and has held the Canada Research Chair in Quebec and Canadian Studies since 2003. From 1982 to 2003, he taught at the universities of Queen's, Carleton and McGill. He is the founding director of the *Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la diversité au Québec* (CRIDAQ) and the director of the *Groupe de recherche sur les sociétés plurinationales* (GRSP). An internationally renowned researcher and political scientist, Alain-G. Gagnon actively contributes to the debate on the organization and future of western societies. His work spans different fields of analysis, from regional development to the sociology of intellectuals, political economy and the questions of federalism and nationalism. His engagement is demonstrated in both his teaching of young researchers and his participation in public debate. His work has profoundly influenced researchers on federalism in Belgium, Spain, the United Kingdom and Canada. Alain-G. Gagnon pioneered the comparative study of small nations and plurinational societies, a fast-growing field today, and has become one of the most influential experts on these issues. The collective work he co-directed with James Tully, *Multinational Democracies*, has become a must-read for political scientists. It assesses the capacity of different multinational states to combine justice and stability in the management of national and cultural diversity. His work on the multination, and in particular his book titled *The Case for Multinational Federalism: Beyond The All-Encompassing Nation*, earned him the Josep Maria Vilaseca i Marcet award from the Generalitat de Catalonia in 2007. Recently he directed a major work on Canadian federalism which gave shape to what can be called the Quebec school of federalism. The book entitled *Le fédéralisme canadien contemporain* has been released by University of Toronto Press under the title of *Contemporary Canadian Federalism* and is now also available in Catalan and Spanish, and a German version is in the works. With his colleague Michael Burgess, from Kent University (Canterbury,



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Professor Saad N. Jawad joined the Middle East Centre (MEC) of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) as a Senior Visiting Fellow in December 2010. He is a prominent Iraqi political scientist who taught at the University of Baghdad for more than 30 years. His interests include Iraqi Kurds, the war in Iraq and its effect on the Middle East and the regional influence of Iraq's neighbours. Dr Jawad has published an MEC Research Paper examining the Iraqi constitution, due in 2011. He is the author, most recently, of chapters in *The Decision Making in the Arab Regimes* (Nevine Mos'ad (ed.), Centre for Arab Unity Studies, July 2010) and *Towards a Historical Democratic Front in the Arab Countries* (Ali K. Alkawari and A. Madi, (eds.) Centre for Arab Unity Studies, March 2010).

Lise LYCK

Lise Lyck is the Director of the Centre for Tourism and Culture Management (TCM) at the Copenhagen Business School since 2003, and an economist from the Copenhagen University. Until 1984, she was head of section in Statistics Denmark for price and income statistics and macro-econometric modelling. She has constructed the first national account for Greenland. She is an expert in Autonomy Models, especially the ones related to the Danish Realm (Slesvig-Holstein, Iceland, The Faroe Islands and Greenland) and to autonomy in Åland Islands and the models applied in Canada. She was a member of the Scientific Commission for Greenland for 8 years dealing with social science research. She conducted international research projects concerning the Arctic. Her publication list counts more than 200 publications, including: "Regionalization Experiences from Overcoming the Missing Links of Europe", in *The Role of Regions*, Herrschel, Tassilo, Tallberg, Pontus (eds.), Kristianstads Boktryckeri, Sweden (2011); *Government and Governance Development in Greenland* (2009); "Gouvernement et développement de la gouvernance au Groenland", *Telescope* Vol. 15 no3 automne, Université du Québec (2009); *Creative Industries, Youth Entrepreneurship and Tourism as Development Factors for the Baltic Sea Region and Barents Region*, St. Petersburg, Russia (2009); "On Arctic Regionalisation" Frederiksberg : Copenhagen Business School. Center for Tourism and Cultural Management (2009); "On Arctic Regionalisation", contribution to book on regionalisation, Aalborg University (2009); "Air Routes", "Economic Development", *Economic Policy*, "Greenland Technical Organization (GTO)", "Mining", "Trade" and "Transport" in Mark Nuttal (ed.): *Encyclopedia of the Arctic*, Routledge (2005); "The Faroe Islands: The Birth of a New Microstate?," in Clive Archer and Pertti Joenniemi (Eds.): *The Nordic Peace*, Ashgate Publishing Limited, Aldershot England (2003); "Greenland and the Challenges for the Danish Realm", in Clive Archer and Pertti Joenniemi (Eds.): *The Nordic Peace*, Ashgate Publishing Limited, Aldershot England (2003); "Cultural Tourism: A New Selling Point for Faroese Tourism?," Nordic Council Culture Tourism Conference in the Faroe Islands, (2003); "Arctic Economies and Globalisation" in *North Meets North, Northern Research Forum*, Stefansson Arctic Institute and University of Akueyri, Iceland (2001); "Greenland and Arctic Economic and Political Issues". *Nordic Press* (2001); "Regions and Regionalisation as Strategic Instruments for a Peaceful Co-existence", *Regional Contact*, XIII, No. 14, (1999); "Arctic International Trade - A Study Focused on the Greenlandic International Trade". *New Social Science Monographs* (1999); "Dependency, Autonomy, Sustainability in the Arctic", in *Sustainable Development for Post-Sovereign Small Economies*". Ashgate Publishing (1999); "External and Domestic Environment for Industrial Strategies and Management in Greenland", in *Development in the Arctic*, Tom Greiffenberg, Dansk Polarcenter, Copenhagen (1999); etc.

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Jean-Louis Roy is visiting researcher at the Research Centre in Public Law of the University of Montréal (CRDP) and a member of the Board of the Centre for International Studies and Research (CERIUM). One of the main architects of the institutions of international Francophonie, Mr Roy was, from 1990 to 1998 the Secretary General of the Agency of Francophonie, uniting 49 States and governments. In the 1980s, he was the Director of the Montreal daily newspaper *Le Devoir*, and then Delegate-General of the government of Quebec in Paris. From 2002 to 2008, Mr Roy was the chairman of *Droits et Démocratie* (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development). As a historian, he authored in particular *L'Europe au XXI^e*, *La Francophonie : Le Projet communautaire* and *Une Nouvelle Afrique à l'aube du XXI^e siècle*.



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Achim Wennmann is a researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) at the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. He holds a Doctorate in International Relations of the Graduate Institute. Previously, he obtained a *Diplôme d'Études Supérieures* (DES) at the Graduate Institute, and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations with Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom. Prior to the CCDP, Dr. Wennmann coordinated training courses for young government officials in the South Caucasus, and worked on peace policy and the decentralisation of governance in Georgia at the Graduate Institute. He also worked with the Small Arms Survey in support of the Geneva Declaration for Armed Violence and Development. Currently, he is also Executive Coordinator of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. At the CCDP, Dr. Wennmann conducts research on the economic dimensions of peace mediation, hybrid political orders, the political economy of conflict and armed groups, and the financing of terrorism. He authored *Managing the Economic Dimensions of Peace Processes: Resource Wealth, Autonomy, and Peace in Aceh* (with J. Krause, 2011); *The Political Economy of Peacemaking* (Routledge, 2011); and co-edited (with Mats Berdal) *Ending Wars, Consolidating Peace: Economic Perspectives*.