The Law of the List

UN counterterrorism sanctions and the politics of global security law

Sullivan, G.

Creative Commons License (see https://creativecommons.org/use-remix/cc-licenses):
Other

Citation for published version (APA):

General rights
It is not permitted to download or to forward/distribute the text or part of it without the consent of the author(s) and/or copyright holder(s), other than for strictly personal, individual use, unless the work is under an open content license (like Creative Commons).

Disclaimer/Complaints regulations
If you believe that digital publication of certain material infringes any of your rights or (privacy) interests, please let the Library know, stating your reasons. In case of a legitimate complaint, the Library will make the material inaccessible and/or remove it from the website. Please Ask the Library: https://uba.uva.nl/en/contact, or a letter to: Library of the University of Amsterdam, Secretariat, Singel 425, 1012 WP Amsterdam, The Netherlands. You will be contacted as soon as possible.
The Law of the List: UN Counterterrorism Sanctions and the Politics of Global Security Law

Gavin Sullivan
THE LAW OF THE LIST: UN COUNTERTERRORISM SANCTIONS
AND THE POLITICS OF GLOBAL SECURITY LAW

ACADEMISCH PROEFSCHRIFT

ter verkrijging van de graad van doctor

aan de Universiteit van Amsterdam

op gezag van de Rector Magnificus

prof. dr. ir. K.I.J. Maex

ten overstaan van een door het College

voor Promoties ingestelde commissie,

in het openbaar te verdedigen in de Agnietenkapel

op dinsdag 21 maart 2017, te 12:00 uur

door Gavin Sullivan

geboren te Sydney, Australië
Promotiecommissie:

Promotor: Prof.dr. Marieke de Goede, Universiteit van Amsterdam

Copromotor: Prof. dr. Mariana Valverde, University of Toronto

Overige Leden: Prof. dr. Deirdre Curtin, Universiteit van Amsterdam
               Prof.dr. Marlies Glasius, Universiteit van Amsterdam
               Prof.dr. Rifve Jaffe, Universiteit van Amsterdam
               Dr. Julien Jeandesboz, Université Libre de Bruxelles
               Prof.dr. Kim Lane Scheppele, Princeton University
               Prof.dr. Wouter Werner, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Faculteit der Maatschappij- en Gedragswetenschappen
# Table of Contents


*Acknowledgements*  
*Abbreviations*  
*List of Cases*  
*List of Figures*  
*List of Interviews*  

## 1. Introduction: The Law of the List

Four Walls of Scholarship  
Studying Global Security Law in Motion  
Notes on the Method Assemblage  
Structure of the Book  

## 2. Global Listing Technologies and the Politics of Counterterrorism Expertise

The List as a Technology  
The Technics of Global Counterterrorism and the Politics of Rendering Technical  
Threat Emergence and the Global Optic  
Interoperability and the Politics of Formatting  
What’s in a List? Inscription, Translation and Pre-emptive Security Governance  

## 3. The List as Multiple Object: A Critical Genealogy of the UN1267 Ombudsperson

The Legal List: Asserting Rights and Pursuing Accountability in the Courts  
The Humanitarian List: Academic Expertise and the Ethics of Targeted Sanctions  
The Living List: the Al-Qaeda Monitoring Team as Accountability Reform Advocates  
The Compliant List: Global Constitutionalism and the UN Special Rapporteurs  
The Credible List: the Security Council P5 Making the Global Exception Durable  
The Assembled List: the Ombudsperson as Boundary Object and Figure of Expertise  
Multiplicity and Experimentation in Global Exceptional Governance  

## 4. Complexity in the Courts: Mapping the Spatiotemporal Dynamics of the List

Non-synchronous Law and the Use of Intelligence-as-Evidence  
Dis-located Law: Taking Listing Decisions Beyond the Vanishing Point of Review  
Spatiotemporal Dynamics and Global Legal Assemblage  

## 5. Conclusions

The Law of the List: Key Arguments  
Original Contributions of the Study  
From Al-Qaeda to ISIL: The Global Law of Endless War  

Bibliography  
Summary  
Samenvatting
Acknowledgements

A book is always a multiplicity. There have been many that have helped this research come to life. I have been privileged to have had two excellent supervisors, both at the cutting-edge of their research fields, whose ideas have helped assemble this text and who have both been ideal mentors. Marieke de Goede has nurtured and developed this project with me from the beginning. It was her innovative work on pre-emptive security that first inspired me to come back to university to undertake this research. Her method of combining empirical analysis with conceptual innovation is energising and has left a lasting impression on how I think and write, for which I am immensely grateful. She has engaged with my work critically and pragmatically and has helped me learn how to publish and teach. And she afforded me time and understanding when I needed it, allowing me to juggle my professional and family lives without crisis. Mariana Valverde has also inspired and shaped this project in countless ways. We first met through our shared love of Peter Goodrich’s book, *Languages of Law*. Since then she has shown me - both through her work and engagement with my own research - what critical, dynamic and inventive socio-legal research can look like. Her empirically-nuanced body of work on the knowledge practices and spatiotemporal dimensions of legal governance is a continuing source of inspiration and runs through the different chapters of this book. She has been intellectually generous, frank and has helped me to not be too wordy when I didn’t need to be. Both Marieke and Mariana were also merciful with their comments in the final stages, which helped bring the project to completion.

Amir Attaran and Kim Lane Scheppele inspired me, both intellectually and politically, to undertake critical empirical research on global security law. Both supported and encouraged my early research on terrorist blacklisting at a time when it was sorely needed, for which I am grateful. Amir urged me to make whatever I do ‘forensically valuable’ for others seeking to understand and challenge this global regime down the line. Kim was one of the first to grasp the constitutional and political significance of the Security Council’s post-9/11 ‘anti-terrorism campaign’ and has been both friend and intellectual mentor throughout. Without the engagement of friends and colleagues in Amsterdam this project would never been realised. I particularly wish to thank Julien Jeandesboz, Geoff Gordon and Francesco Ragazzi for the innumerable discussions over coffee, lunch and drinks. You made undertaking this research more exciting and far less isolating than it could have otherwise been – my apologies if I talked about my PhD too much. Wouter Werner has been an important interlocutor and collaborator throughout this project, who has always engaged with and supported my research and been a pleasure to work with. Merijn Oudenampsen has been a solid friend who has had my back for years, for which I am immensely grateful and bestow upon thee the honour of ‘paranymph’!

I was invited to a number of events throughout this project that allowed me to present work-in-progress and get a clearer sense of how my research could draw from and speak to current debates. Wouter Werner at VU University Amsterdam coordinated the COST Action IS1003 *International Law between Constitutionalisation and Fragmentation. The Role of Law in the post-national constellation*, which hosted numerous workshops (in Amsterdam, Malaga, Lund, Copenhagen and Weimar) from 2012 – 2014 that helped shape the contours of this book. I am grateful to Peer Zumbansen and Prabha Kotiswaran for inviting me to participate in the inspiring Transnational Law Summer Institute (TLSI) at Kings College London in 2015 and 2016 and for showing an ongoing interest in my work. Francesca Galli from Maastricht University asked me to a workshop on terrorist listing in Brussels in 2012 that helped influence chapter 4. Deirdre Curtin invited me to a transnational law workshop at the University of Amsterdam in 2013 that forced me to situate my research in relation to postnational legal theory debates. Thanks to Susanne Krasmann and Sven Opitz for organising the *Materiality of Law and Global Politics* event at the University of Hamburg in 2014 that helped clarify my relation
This project began in 2011 two months before the birth of my first daughter, Nova, and at the end of 2014 my second daughter, Aelle, was born. Writing a PhD with two little children is a challenge. But it is with deep love and gratitude that I thank both my extraordinary kids for being with me throughout this project. They certainly made it harder at times by stealing my sleep, time and attention. But they bring joy and unbridled enthusiasm and with them I experience the world differently each day. And for that I am immensely grateful. When Nova told me a character in one of her made-up stories was called ‘Ever’ after ‘your book, because it goes on for ever’, I knew it was time to end it and submit. I want to also acknowledge the contribution of my parents, Rhonda and Peter Sullivan, who have always supported and encouraged me in what I want to do, however uncertain it may seem at the time. My sister, Tracey Sullivan, also helped along the way - including by transcribing some of my interviews! And without the affective labour of my mother-in-law, Guadalupe Alzaga, this project would have never finished. Thank you for nurturing my kids when this project demanded more of my time. My deepest thanks go to my partner and accomplice, Valery Alzaga, for her unwavering support, love of learning and belief in the importance of what I’m doing. During this project we have crossed three countries, had two kids, changed careers and cut through innumerable problems together with creativity, verve and grace. She critically engaged with and helped shape the ideas of this book in countless ways and reminded me of its underlying politics, when I had forgotten.
Abbreviations

AG – Advocate General
ANT – Actor-Network Theory
API – Advanced Passenger Information
AVSEC - Aviation Security Plan of Action
CSIS – Canadian Security Intelligence Service
CTC – Counter Terrorism Committee
ECJ – European Court of Justice
ECtHR – European Court of Human Rights
EGC – European General Court
EU – European Union
EUI – European University Institute
FOIA – Freedom of Information Act
FTF – Foreign Terrorist Fighter
GAL – Global Administrative Law
GDS – Global Distribution Systems
HRC – Human Rights Committee
IATA – International Air Transport Association
ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICCPR – International Convention on Civil and Political Rights
IO – International Organisation
IR – International Relations
NGO – Non-Governmental Organisation
OFAC – Office of Foreign Assets Control
PNR – Passenger Name Record
R2P – Responsibility to Protect
SARPS – Standards and Recommended Practices
SCAD – Security Council Affairs Division
SCR – Security Council Resolution
SIAC – UK Special Immigration Appeals Commission
STS – Science and Technology Studies
TPN – Transnational Policy Network
UK – United Kingdom
UN – United Nations
UNSC – United Nations Security Council
US – United States
USAP – Universal Security Audit Programme
WTO – World Trade Organisation
List of Cases

International and Regional

Court of Justice of the European Union

Case C-155/79 Australian Mining and Smelting Europe Ltd. v Commission [1982] ECR 1575 (170)
Case T-315/01 Kadi v Council and Commission [2005] ECR II 3649 (90)
Case T-228/02, Organisation des Modjahedines du peuple d’Iran v Council of European Union [2006] ECR II 4665 (160)
Joined Cases C-402 P and 415/05 P Kadi and Al Barakaat v Council and Commission [2008] ECR I 6351 (5, 90, 161)
Case T-85/09, Kadi v Commission [2010] ECR II 5177 (90, 157)
Case C-27-09 P French Republic v PMOI [2011] ECR I 13427, Opinion of AG Sharpston (163)
Joined Cases C-584/10 P, C-593/10 P and C-595/10 P Commission, Council and United Kingdom v Kadi [2013] Nyr (17, 91, 158)
Case T-306/10, Yusef v Commission [2014] Nyr (171)

European Court of Human Rights

A and others v United Kingdom App. No. 3455/05 (ECHR, 19 February 2009) (166)
Al-Dulimi and Montana Management Inc. v Switzerland App. No. 5809/08 (ECHR, 26 November 2013) (89, 124)
Al-Khawaja and Tahery v United Kingdom App. Nos. 26766/05 and 22228/06 (ECHR, 15 December 2011) (156)
Nada v Switzerland Appl. No. 10593/08 (ECHR, 12 September 2012) (88)

United Nations Human Rights Committee


National

Canada

Abdelrazik v Canada (Minister of Foreign Affairs) 2009 F.C. 580 (5, 85)

Germany

Oberlandesgericht (OLG), OLG Hamburg, Decision of 14 June 2005, reprinted in (2005) 58 Neue Juristische Wochenzeitschrift 2326 (143)
Solange I (29 May 1974) BVerfGE 37 (7)
Solange II (22 October 1986) BVerfGE 73 (7)

Switzerland

Youssef Mustapha Nada v SECO, Staatssekretariat fur Wirtschaft (Schweizer Bundesgericht) (14 November 2007), 1A.45/2007/daa (88)

United Kingdom

R v Goldstein [1983] 1 WLR 151 (120)
R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex p Simms [2000] 2 AC 115 (87)
Secretary of State for the Home Department v Rehman [2001] UKHL 47 (163, 169)
A and others v Secretary of State for the Home Department (No 2) [2005] UKHL 71 (143, 144, 148, 171)
HM Treasury v Ahmed and Others [2010] UKSC 2 (3, 86)
Youssef v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs [2016] UKSC 3 (128)
Bank Mellat v HM Treasury [2013] UKSC 38 (169)

United States

Hamdan v Rumsfeld, 548 US 577 (143)
List of Figures

Figure 1  Excerpt from the UN1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions List  4
Figure 2  Social Network Map of Al-Qaida according to the UN1267 list entries  13
Figure 3  Narrative Summary of Reasons, showing ‘associations’ with other listed individuals.  50
Figure 4  ‘Equilibrium of Possibilities’ diagram provided by Monitoring Team member in interview, June 2014  53
Figure 5  The ‘Staircase to Terrorism’ model used by the Belgian government’s Community Policing Preventing Radicalisation and Terrorism initiative  55
Figure 6  Interpol-United Nations Special Notice (Public Version), 2006. Reproduced in UN Doc. S/2006/154 (10 March 2006) 29.  66
Figure 7  Abousfian Abdelrazik at a press conference in Montreal, 15 June 2011  85
Figure 8  Participants in Watson Institute workshop on UN Sanctions Reform Brown University, 16 - 17 July 2004.  98
Figure 9  Kimberly Prost, UN1267 Ombudsperson 2010 - 2015  143
List of Interviews

Primary Interviews

Interview A  Interview with former member of the 1267 Monitoring Team
New York, November 2012

Interview B  Interview with current member of the 1267 Monitoring Team
New York, June 2014

Interview C  Interview with former member of the UN1267 Sanctions Committee
New York, June 2014

Interview D  Interview with former member of the UN 1267 Monitoring Team
October 2013 (Location omitted to preserve anonymity)

Interview E  Interview with International Civil Aviation Organization official
Montreal (via Skype), March 2014

Interview F  Interview with former member of the 1267 Monitoring Team
New York (via Skype), June 2014

Interview G  Interview with Watson Institute scholar
Toronto, March 2014

Interview H  Interview with former UN Secretariat official
New York, June 2014

Interview I  Interview with former member of the Monitoring Team
New York (via Skype), August 2014

Interview J  Interview with former UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Director
London, April 2013

Interview K  Interview with the former UN 1267 Ombudsperson, Kimberly Prost
New York, November 2012

Interview L  Interview with the former UN 1267 Ombudsperson, Kimberly Prost
New York, June 2014

Interview M  Interview with member of European Commission Legal Service
Brussels, November 2012

Interview N  Interview with member of the European General Court
Luxembourg, March 2013

Interview O  Interview with member of the European External Action Service (EEAS)
Brussels, March 2013

Interview P  Interview with member of European Court of Justice
Luxembourg, March 2013

Interview Q  Interview with member of Council of the European Union
Brussels, March 2013
Interview R

Interview with a member of the Commission Legal Service
Brussels, October 2013

Additional Interviews

Interview with member of the German Mission to the UN
New York, November 2012

Interview with member of the Swiss Mission to the UN
New York, November 2012

Interview with two members of the UK Mission to the UN
New York, November 2012

Interview with member of the US Mission to the UN
New York, November 2012

Interview with lawyer representing targeted individuals
London, March 2013

Interview with former member of the UK Sanctions Unit
London, April 2013

Interview with member of the UK FCO Sanctions Team
London, April 2013

Interview with lawyer representing targeted individuals
London, May 2013

Interview with lawyer representing targeted entities
Washington DC, June 2014

Interview with member of the German Mission to the UN
New York, June 2014

Interview with member of the US Mission to the UN
New York, June 2014

Interview with expert from INTERPOL
New York (via Skype), September 2014

Interview with expert from International Air Transport Association (IATA)
Montreal (via Skype) October 2014