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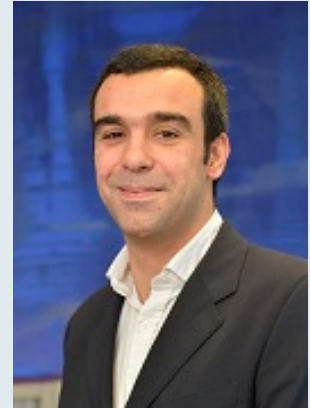


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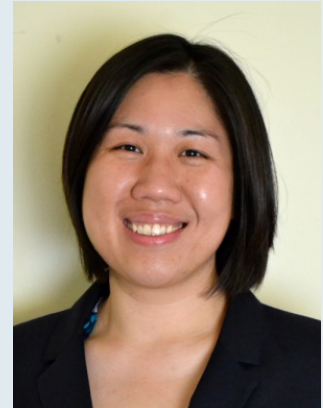
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- International Criminal Court in The Hague – Permanent premises review
- The UN Refugee Centre (UNHCR) – Inventory management process review.

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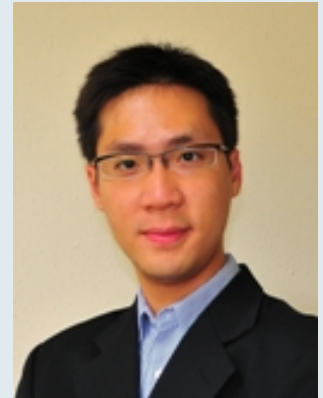
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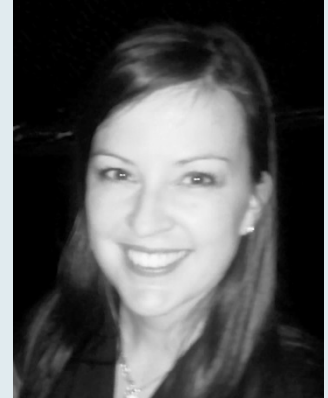
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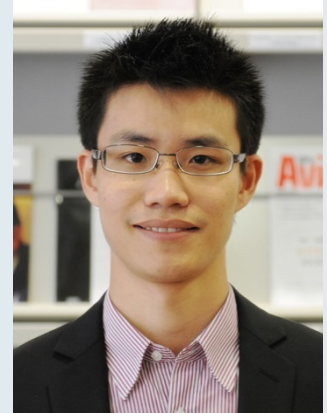
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