

**Centre for International Governance and
Dispute Resolution Launch, including launch of
the Cambridge Companion to the International
Court of Justice**

9 June 2023, from 17:00

**8th Floor Bush House, Strand campus,
King's College London**

Official event schedule

17:00 – 18:00

What next for the International Court of Justice (ICJ)?

Launch of the Cambridge Companion to the ICJ.

Event description

Over our lifetimes, the ICJ has come to occupy an increasingly visible and prominent role in international relations. The character, jurisdiction, and effectiveness of the ICJ are considered and assessed in the newly-published *Cambridge Companion to the International Court of Justice* (CUP, 2023). In conversation, the panel of influential academic and legal practitioners will reflect on the historical and contemporary role of the ICJ, and will consider immediate and medium-term challenges for the Court, including the intervention of a significant number of States to the Genocide Convention in *Ukraine v Russia*, and recent requests for advisory opinions, in relation to the *Occupied Palestinian Territory*, and the *Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change*.

Event speakers

Kate Parlett

Kate Parlett is a barrister at Twenty Essex specialising in public international law and international arbitration. She is co-editor, with Carlos Espósito, of the *Cambridge Companion to the International Court of Justice*. Kate's practice covers all aspects of public international law. She has appeared as advocate and counsel before the International Court of Justice in disputes concerning land and maritime boundaries, allegations of genocide, transboundary environmental harm, the law of the sea, and treaty and other international obligations. Kate also appears before ICSID and UNCITRAL tribunals in investment treaty disputes, and before domestic courts on issues of international law, including immunities and justiciability of acts of foreign States. She also sits as arbitrator in international commercial disputes across a range of sectors and institutional rules.



Professor Carlos Espósito

Carlos Espósito is Professor of Public International Law at the *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*. He has taught at numerous universities and institutions around the world, including at the Hague Academy of International Law and as a visiting professor of law at the Universities of California, Berkeley. He has appeared as an advocate before the International Court of Justice. Carlos was Vice President of the European Society of International Law and was formerly counsel and deputy legal advisor at the International Law Department of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation



Professor Roger O'Keefe



Roger O'Keefe is Professor of International Law at Bocconi University in Milan. Previously he was Professor of Public International Law at University College London, before which he taught for fifteen years at the University of Cambridge, where was Senior Lecturer in Law, Deputy Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, and Fellow of Magdalene College. He is joint General Editor of the Oxford University Press series Oxford Monographs in International Law and a member of the Public International Law Advisory Panel of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.

Amy Sander

Amy is a barrister at Essex Court Chambers (London), specialising in public international law. With extensive advocacy experience before international forums (including the International Court of Justice and in UNCLOS proceedings), she is on the A Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown (the Attorney General's Public International Law Panel) and a member of the BIICL PIL Advisory Panel. Amy is recommended in the Legal Directories as a leading junior for public international



law (Chambers and Partners and Legal 500). She is co-author of the fourth edition of Law of the Sea (Churchill, Lowe and Sander: 2022).

Professor Yuval Shany

Prof. Yuval Shany is the Hersch Lauterpacht Chair in International Law and former Dean of the Law Faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He was a member of the UN Human Rights Committee from 2013 to 2020 (he served between 2018-2019 as Chair of the Committee). He is a senior research fellow at the Israel Democracy Institute (where he was a vice president between 2018-2022), and head of the CyberLaw program of the Hebrew University's Federmann Cyber Security Research Center. He currently also serves as co-director of the Center for Transnational Legal Studies at King's College in London. He has published on international courts and tribunals, international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law. In recent years, his research focuses on international law in cyberspace and digital human rights.



18:15 – 19:15

Official launch of the Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution

Event description

The Dickson Poon School of Law is launching the Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution (CIGAD) during turbulent times, from interstate conflict to the climate emergency, the world faces challenges that require unprecedented levels of cooperation and a strong system of international governance. Yet the system of international governance established after World War II is in turmoil. International institutions are increasingly deadlocked or dysfunctional, and our rules-based system is under attack. Conflict proliferates and systems of dispute resolution must adapt. CIGAD will help tackle the myriad challenges that international governance and dispute settlement currently face. For this purpose, it will bring together academics, policymakers and practitioners, working with a growing network of global partners in collaborative research projects. The Centre provides students with the opportunity to participate in world-leading research and to engage in discussions on the critical issues facing the international community.

The first official event is a roundtable bringing together world-renowned experts with a variety of backgrounds to explore the breadth and depth of the difficulties international governance and dispute resolution are facing under the title: **“International Governance and Dispute Resolution: Times of Polarization - Or Business as Usual?”**

Event Speakers

Ms Sally Langrish



Sally Langrish was appointed Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Legal Adviser (Director General, Legal) on 1 May 2022. Sally first joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office Legal Directorate in 1995, working on a range of international and European Union (EU) law issues. She has been posted overseas to the UK's Permanent Representation to the EU and the British Embassy Brussels. From 2013 to 2016 Sally worked at the Department for

Business, Innovation and Skills, being promoted to Legal Director in 2015. In 2016 she became Legal Director to the newly formed Department of International Trade, establishing its legal team to forge the UK's independent trade policy following the EU Referendum. Before she joined the Civil Service, Sally qualified as a barrister and has a law degree from University College London.

Judge María Teresa Infante Caffi

María Teresa Infante Caffi is a Professor at the Faculty of Law and of the Institute of International Studies, University of Chile from 1980, and a Professor of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile. In 2020, she was elected as a judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). She is a diplomat and previously served as Chile's Ambassador to the Netherlands. Throughout her career she has held different positions at the national level and abroad. She was co-counsel of Chile before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) of The Hague in the Peru-Chile case, National Director of Borders and Limits of Chile, and she was part of a group of 35 experts who advised Chile on lawsuit by Bolivia before the ICJ.



Professor H el ene Landemore



H el ene is professor of political science (with a specialization in political theory) and faculty fellow with Yale's Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS), where she is a leader of Democratic Innovations. She is the author of *Democratic Reason* (Princeton University Press: 2013, Spitz prize 2015) and *Open Democracy* (Princeton University Press 2020). Her research was recently featured in the *New Yorker* and on Ezra Klein's *New York Times* podcast. H el ene has also served as an advisor on participatory policymaking to the governments of Finland, France, Belgium, and Argentina. She is currently serving as expert consultant for the French CESE

(Economic, Social and Environmental Council)'s experimentation with randomly selected citizens, and is also a member of the core group of female academics behind the Democratizing Work movement.

Lord Verdirame, KC

Lord Guglielmo Verdirame KC is a Professor of International Law at The Dickson Poon School of Law and the Department of War Studies. Before coming to King's, he was a Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law; a Fellow of Merton College, Oxford; and a Visiting Professorial Fellow at Harvard Law School and a Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School. He practises as a member of the Bar in public international law and international arbitration. He has acted as counsel in many high-profile cases before international courts and tribunals, including before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the European Court of Human Rights. Lord Verdirame KC was appointed to a life peerage in October 2022. He will sit in the House of Lords as a non-affiliated member.



Professor Philippa Webb



Philippa Webb is Professor of Public International Law at King's College London and Co-Director of the Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution (CIGAD). Philippa served as the Special Assistant and Legal Officer to Judge Rosalyn Higgins GBE QC during her Presidency of the International Court of Justice and held positions in the International Criminal Court and United Nations Headquarters. Her publications include: *The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law* (OUP 2020, with Amal Clooney) with the accompanying *travaux préparatoires* to Article 14 of the ICCPR (2021), *Oppenheim's International Law: United Nations* (OUP 2017,

with Rosalyn Higgins, Dapo Akande, Sandy Sivakumaran, and James Sloan), *The Law of State Immunity* (OUP 2015, with Lady Hazel Fox QC) and *International Judicial Integration and Fragmentation* (OUP 2015). Her work has been cited by the leading national courts in the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and South Africa and has twice been awarded the American Society of International Law's Certificate of Merit.

Professor Holger Hestermeyer

Holger Hestermeyer is a Professor of International and EU Law and Co-Director of the Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution at King's College London. Holger has served as specialist adviser to the House of Lords EU Select Committee and to the House of Lords EU Foreign Affairs sub-committee. Before joining King's, he worked as a R f rendaire in the cabinet of Advocate General Pedro Cruz Villal n of the Court of Justice of the EU. Holger is a past Vice-President of the Society of International Economic Law. His research on international, EU and comparative constitutional law has been awarded, amongst others, an Otto Hahn Award and the ISUS prize.

