



SEMINAR

THE INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL FUNCTION

18-19 MARCH, 2011, AMSTERDAM

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - 18 MARCH 2011

- 09.00 - 09.30 Coffee
- 09.30 - 10.30 **Introduction - presentation of conference topic and structure & short round table discussion**
Chair: Prof. Yuval Shany (Hebrew University)
- 10.30 - 11.00 Break
- 11.00 - 12.30 **International courts as dispute settlers or law enforcers**
Chairs: Prof. Ruth Mackenzie (University of Westminster) and Prof. Thordis Ingadottir (Reykjavik University)
Background paper by: Prof. Anna Spain (University of Colorado)
Commentators:
1) Judge Nina Vajic (European Court of Human Rights)
2) Prof. Samantha Besson (University of Fribourg)
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 - 15.00 **Role of international courts as law-interpreters or developers**
Chair: Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (University of Geneva)
Background paper by: Ingo Venzke (Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Law, NYU)
Commentators:
1) Prof. Georges Abi-Saab (Emeritus Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Former Judge ICTY, Former Member of the Appellate Body, WTO)
2) Prof. Armin von Bogdandy (Max Plank Institute for International and Comparative Law)
- 15.00 - 15.30 Break

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15.30 – 17.00

International courts as fact-finders

Chair: Prof. Philippe Sands QC (University College London)

Background paper by: Dr. Makane Mbengue (University of Geneva)

Commentators:

- 1) Judge Bruno Simma (International Court of Justice)
- 2) Prof. Jose Alvarez (NYU)

17.00 – 18.00

Drinks

19.00

Dinner

DAY 2 – 19 MARCH 2011

09.00 – 10.30

The international judicial function of national courts

Chair: Prof. André Nollkaemper (University of Amsterdam)

Background paper by: Antonios Tzanakopoulos (University of Glasgow)

Commentators:

- 1) Justice Jonathan Mance (UK Supreme Court)
- 2) Prof. David Caron (Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley, President ASIL)

10.30 – 11.00

Break

11.00 – 12.30

Concluding panel:

Sharing experience on the exercise of judicial functions

among international courts (short presentations & round table discussion)

Chairs: Prof. Cesare Romano (Loyola Law School LA)

Participants:

- 1) Prof Monica Pinto (University of Buenos Aires)
- 2) Judge Antonio Cassese (Special Tribunal for Lebanon, President)
- 3) Judge Allan Rosas (Court of Justice of the European Union)
- 4) Judge Tullio Treves (International tribunal for the Law of the Sea)
- 5) Prof. Georges Abi Saab (former WTO AB, Emeritus Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)
- 6) Judge Shireen Fisher (Special Court for Sierra Leone)
- 7) Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (International Court of Justice)
- 8) Prof. Philippe Sands QC (University College London)

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

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