



ILA British Branch Spring Conference Non-State Actors and Changing Relations in International Law

Lancaster University, 8-9 April 2016

Programme

Friday 8th April

08.15-09.00 Registration and Coffee, Lancaster House Hotel (LHH) Conference Centre

09.15-10.15 Welcome from Professor Sigrun Skogly (Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) and Dr James Summers (Director of the Centre of International Law and Human Rights, Lancaster Law School). Biology Lecture Theatre

Opening Speech: Professor Cedric Ryngaert (University of Utrecht)

Biology Lecture Theatre

10.15-10.30 Coffee, LHH Conference Centre

10.30-12.00

Panel 1.1

Exploring the State/Non-State Boundary

LHH Conference Centre Training Room 2

Chair: Professor James Sweeney (University of Lancaster)

Gil Avriel (Legal Advisor, National Security Council, Office of the Prime Minister, Israel)
Terminology and the Evolution of Non-State Actors

Dr Natalia Cwicinskaya (Adam Mickiewicz University)

International Human Rights Law and Territorial Non States Actors: cases of the Council of Europe region

Tomas Vail (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer)

Brčko Arbitration

Panel 1.2

Non-State Actors and the Sources of International Law

LHH Conference Centre Training Room 3

Chair: Professor Steven Wheatley (University of Lancaster)

Agata Kleczkowska (Polish Academy of Sciences)

Armed non-state actors and international customary law

Dr Eva Kassoti (Hague University of Applied Sciences)

The Legal Nature of Unilateral *Ad Hoc* Commitments by Non-State Armed Actors in Internal Armed Conflicts: The Continuing Relevance of State Consent

Sondre Torp Helmsersen (University of Oslo)

The Impact of Scholarship on the Development of International Law

12.00-13.30 Lunch LHH CC TR1

ILA Council Meeting
LHH CC TR2

13.30-15.00

Panel 2.2

Panel 2.1

Using Private Actors for Public Functions

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Chair: Dr Saskia Vermeulen (University of Lancaster)

Non-State Actors and Responsibility

LHH Conference Centre Training Room 3

Chair: Dr Sophia Kopela (University of Lancaster)

Michael Mulligan (British University in Egypt)

‘Non-State Actors and Changing Relations in International Law’: The East India Company and International Law

Tatyana Eatwell (Doughty Street Chambers)

Governments of National Reconciliation and State Responsibility for the Internationally Wrongful Acts of Insurgent Groups

Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui (National University of Ireland)

Exploring the future of individuals as subjects of international law: example of the Canadian private sponsorship of refugees programme

Dr Katharine Fortin (University of Utrecht)

Armed groups: the relevance of Article 9 of the Draft Articles on State Responsibility for Internationally Wrongful Acts

Klara Polackova van der Ploeg (Graduate Institute Geneva)

Law of the Sea and the Other Entities: Parallel Rights and Obligations in the Deep Seabed Regime

Paloma Blázquez Rodríguez (Pérez-Llorca)

Does an armed opposition group have an obligation to make reparations to its victims? Construing an obligation to provide reparations for violations of international humanitarian law

15.00-15.15 Coffee, LHH Conference Centre

15.15-16.45

Panel 3.2

Panel 3.1

Non-State Actors and the Implementation of Obligations

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Chair: Christophe Bondy (Volterra Fietta)

Dispute Settlement and Non-State Actors

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Chair: Charles Claypoole (Latham and Watkins)

Javier Garcia Olmedo (Max Planck Research School for Successful Dispute Resolution/ University of Luxembourg)

Redefining the nature of investment treaties rights and the position of the investor in the international legal order

Dr Adamantia Rachovitsa (Qatar University)

ICANN Using Public International Law as a Panacea for Internet Governance Issues?

Professor Valentina Vadi (University of Lancaster)

Exploring the Borderlands: The Role of the Individual in International Cultural Law

Emily Choo (National University of Singapore)

The Impact of Non-State Actors’ Intervention in Investor-State Arbitration

Federica Cittadino (EURAC)
Shaping the Convention on Biological
Diversity: The Rising Importance of
Indigenous Peoples

Mike A. Becker (University of Cambridge)
'Pay No Attention To That Man Behind the
Curtain': NGOs and the Decision to Pursue
Dispute Settlement at the International Court
of Justice

16.45-17.15 Coffee, LHH Conference Centre

17.15 Coach leaves for Lancaster Castle

**18.15-19.15 Panel Discussion "Non-State Actors and the Future of International Law",
Shire Hall, Lancaster Castle**

Professor Andrea Bianchi (Graduate Institute, Geneva)
Theories, Actors and Change: The Importance of Being Earnest
Penelope Nevill (20 Essex Street Chambers)
The Relationship between Business and International Law
Dr Marco Odello (University of Aberystwyth)
Non-State Actors between Fragmentation and Globalisation

19.30-22.00 Conference Dinner, Storey Institute, Lancaster
After-Dinner Speaker: Sir Michael Wood (20 Essex Street/International Law Commission)

Saturday 9th April

09.00-09.30 Coffee, LHH Conference Centre

ILA Annual General Meeting, LHH
Conference Centre Training Room 2

09.30-11.00

Panel 4.1

Corporations and Human Rights

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Chair: Professor Mary Footer (University of
Nottingham)

Dr Ioana Cismas (University of Stirling)
Business and Human Rights: The Curious
Dual Disconnect between Legal Theory and
Practice, and Primary and Secondary Rules

Dr Lee McConnell (University of
Northumbria)
Delimiting a Binding Treaty on Business and
Human Rights

Dr Osuntogun Abiodun Jacob (University of
Ibadan)
Liability Of Non-State Actors For Human
Rights Violations: An Examination of the
African Union's Approach

Panel 4.2

**Organised Armed Groups in International
Law**

LHH Conference Centre Training Room 3

Chair: Jiries Saadeh (Fietta)

Dr Richard Burchill (TRENDS)
Armed Non-State Actors as Threats to
International Peace and Security

Dr Shane Darcy (National University
Ireland)

Fighting the Enemy Within: Counter-
Intelligence by Organised Armed Groups and
the International Law of Armed Conflict

Omar Naqib (Freshfields Bruckhaus
Deringer) and Mark Wassouf (Doughty
Street Chambers)

Recent practice in the use of force against
Non-State Armed Groups: is a parallel
regime of Self-Defence underway?

11.00-11.10 Coffee, LHH Conference Centre

11.10-12.40

Panel 5.1

The Human Rights Obligations of International Organisations

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Chair: Rae Lindsay (Clifford Chance)

Peter Quayle (Office of the General Counsel, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)

Certainly not a Super-State: Determining the Human Rights Obligations of International Organizations

Dr Simone F. van den Driest (University of Leiden)

The Human Rights Obligations of UN Peacekeeping Operations

Gintarė Pažereckaitė (University of Vilnius)

An elephant in the room: the scrutiny of the United Nations in the practice of the European Court of Human Rights

Panel 5.2

Combatting Terrorism and Non-State Actors

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Chair: Professor Christopher May (University of Lancaster)

Dr Ioannis Kalpouzos (City University London)

Criminal Rebel Groups: Labelling-Punishing-Targeting

Dr Anna-Marie Brennan (University of Liverpool)

Prosecuting Members of Transnational Terrorist Groups under Article 25 of the Rome Statute: A Network Theory Approach to Accountability

Professor Jeffrey Davis (University of Maryland)

NGOs in Terrorism Cases: Balancing Security and International Human Rights Law

12.50-13.30 Closing Speech: Sir Nigel Rodley (Human Rights Committee/University of Essex) Biology Lecture Theatre

13.30-14.00 Lunch, LHH Conference Centre

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