



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

Lancaster University, 8-9 April 2016

## Programme

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**08.15-09.00** Registration and Coffee LHH CC TR1

**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 LT

Opening Speech: Professor Andrew Clapham (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)

**10.15-10.30** Coffee LHH CC TR1

**10.30-12.00**

### Panel 1.1

**Exploring the State/Non-State Boundary**  
LHH CC TR2

Gil Avriel (Legal Advisor, 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 CC TR3

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 2.1**

**Using Private Actors for Public Functions**

LHH CC TR2

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

Kuzi Charamba (McGill University)

Challenging the Public/Private Divide: The Development of Accreditation Markets for Enhanced State Regulation of Private Military and Security Companies

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

**15.00-15.15** Coffee LHH CC TR1

**15.15-16.45**

**Panel 3.1**

**Non-State Actors and the Implementation of Obligations**

LHH CC TR2

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

Professor Valentina Vadi (University of Lancaster)

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

Federica Cittadino (EURAC)

Shaping the Convention on Biological Diversity: The Rising Importance of Indigenous Peoples

**Panel 2.2**

**Non-State Actors and Responsibility**

LHH CC TR3

Tatyana Eatwell (Doughty Street Chambers)  
Governments of National Reconciliation and State Responsibility for the Internationally Wrongful Acts of Insurgent Groups

Dr Katharine Fortin (University of Utrecht)

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

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

**Panel 3.2**

**Dispute Settlement and Non-State Actors**

LHH CC TR3

Dr Adamantia Rachovitsa (Qatar University)  
ICANN Using Public International Law as a Panacea for Internet Governance Issues?

Emily Choo (National University of Singapore)

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

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 CC TR1

**18.15-19.15** Shire Hall, Lancaster Castle

**19.30-21.30** Conference Dinner, Storey Institute, Lancaster

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**09.00-09.30** Coffee LHH CC TR1

ILA Annual General Meeting LHH CC TR2

**09.30-11.00**

**Panel 4.1**

**Corporations and Human Rights**

LHH CC TR2

**Panel 4.2**

**Organised Armed Groups in International Law**

LHH CC TR3

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

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

Dr Shane Darcy (National University  
Ireland)  
Fighting the Enemy Within: Counter-  
Intelligence by Organised Armed Groups and  
the International Law of Armed Conflict

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

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?

**11.00-11.15** Coffee LHH CC TR1

**11.15-12.45**

**Panel 5.1**

**The Human Rights Obligations of  
International Organisations**

LHH CC TR2

**Panel 5.2**

**Combatting Terrorism and Non-State  
Actors**

LHH CC TR3

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 Ioannis Kalpouzos (City University  
London)  
Criminal Rebel Groups: Labelling-  
Punishing-Targeting

Dr Simone F. van den Driest (University of Leiden)  
The Human Rights Obligations of UN Peacekeeping Operations

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

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

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)**  
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**13.30-14.00** Lunch LHH CC TR1

Following lunch there will be an additional panel discussion on the British referendum on EU membership. Details TBC

14.00-16.00 Panel Discussion: Britain's EU Referendum

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