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## Letter from the Director

Dear Reader

Greetings from a rather wet and windy Cambridge. Although the weather outside is pretty miserable, inside, the Centre remains a hive of activity.

We have just held a welcome coffee for our new group of visitors and the first Friday lecture of the term has taken place. This week also sees the second of the 'Reflections on International Law' series, which is being delivered by Professor Christoph Schreuer, with Professor Ursula Kriebaum as commentator.

Looking ahead to Easter Term, the Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lectures 2026 will be delivered by Professor Dapo Akande. Details on these and other talks are outlined in the pages that follow. Please do join us, whether in person or online, for one of our events.

I wish you all the best for 2026.

Sandesh Sivakumaran

Director



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## Fellows' News

**Prof Surabhi Ranganathan**, Deputy Director of the Centre, has been awarded the prestigious Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award 2025, a prize of 1.5 million euros. The award recognizes her groundbreaking work on ocean governance and the law of the sea, particularly its political challenges. The award ceremony took place in Berlin on 2 December 2025.

The Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award is a joint initiative of the Max Planck Society and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. It is given to outstanding international researchers for their exceptional academic achievements. Supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the award alternates between the natural and engineering sciences, life sciences, and the humanities and social sciences.

Prof Ranganathan's research focuses on the growing competition for deep-sea resources, like the manganese nodules found in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone between Hawaii and Mexico. These nodules are rich in manganese, nickel, copper, cobalt, and rare earth elements, making them highly valuable to the electronics and energy industries. Currently, the international law of the sea successfully protects this sensitive deep-sea ecosystem from exploitation by commercial companies.

For Prof Ranganathan, the race for these resources is a lens through which to examine international law, geopolitical interests, and the lingering effects of colonization. A lawyer currently researching at the University of Cambridge, she has spent years studying the legal frameworks of deep-sea mining, global competition, and fair collaboration. Her work also explores the libertarian ideals found within modern economic systems.

Her unique, interdisciplinary approach - combining international law with history and political science - was noted as being exceptionally novel, timely, and highly relevant to society.

With the prize money, Prof Ranganathan plans to launch a project called "Ways of Worldmaking: The Global South and the (Re)Imagination of Global Ocean Governance". In collaboration with HU Berlin and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, the project will re-examine the law of the sea from a global perspective, with a focus on decolonization.



*Responding to her award, Prof Ranganathan said:*

*"I am grateful and excited to have this opportunity to call attention to contemporary and historical currents of creative legal intellection and worldmaking in regions around the Indian Ocean. Much of the prize money will go towards establishing post-doctoral fellowships in Berlin, and I look forward to advertising these next spring."*

## New Fellows

**Dr Malavika Rao** joined the Centre as a Fellow last year. She is a postdoctoral researcher in international law at the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG) at the University of Cambridge. Her research is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, and focuses on international migration law, climate change and the right to food.



Malavika completed her PhD in 2024 at the Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID) on the application of the principle of non-refoulement in international law to food deprivation, and she is currently working on a book based on this research. Her PhD received the 'Ladislas Mysyrowicz Prize' in September 2025, an award established in honour of Professor Ladislas Mysyrowicz for an excellent master's dissertation or PhD thesis devoted to the study of refugees.

In August-September 2025, Malavika undertook a research visit to the University of the South Pacific's Emalus Campus in Vanuatu, where she examined the role of indigenous communities and kastom (customary) governance in shaping evacuations and internal displacement in the context of natural disasters. She plans to explore how these arrangements are recognised, if at all, within international law, and what this means for effective disaster response and displacement frameworks.

Malavika is also a NextGen Humanitarian Scholar with the *CHH-Lancet Commission on Health, Conflict and Forced Displacement*, and has co-authored a chapter on legal frameworks pertaining to health and displacement during armed conflict for the Commission's forthcoming report, due in 2026.

**Mohamed Moussa** joined the Centre as a Fellow in 2025. He is University Assistant Professor in EU Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge and a Fellow of Murray Edwards College. Mohamed teaches across the constitutional and international dimensions of EU law, including how these shape EU trade and investment law and the possibility of constitutionalism beyond the state at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. His scholarship examines concepts such as federalism, sovereignty and supranationalism, and the ways in which authority is allocated and contested in multilevel legal orders.



Mohamed has a forthcoming monograph (April 2026), which explores how the jurisdictional allocations of power in the EU and the United States can mitigate polarisation surrounding contemporary 'culture wars'. His wider research addressed the role of international human rights treaties before national courts, the role of values in the EU and other federal systems, the relationship between rights and powers in federal and supranational systems, and the intellectual origins of vetoes, including proposals for reform of the UK House of Lords.



**Dr Lovleen Bhullar** is an Assistant Professor in Environmental Law in the Department of Land Economy, a Fellow of Queens' College and became a Fellow of the Centre in 2025. Previously, Dr Bhullar was an Assistant Professor in Birmingham Law School (2020-2024) and a Research Fellow in Regulation and Antimicrobial Resistance at Edinburgh Law School (2018-2020).



Dr Bhullar is interested in the role of law and policy in addressing antimicrobial resistance, climate change, environmental degradation and water pollution, with a focus on the global majority regions. Her most recent publication is a co-edited volume titled Oxford Handbook of Environmental and Natural Resources Law in India (OUP 2024).

Over the past couple of years, she has contributed to the development of a framework climate law for a state in India, and she was a member of the community of practice of the Environment and Human Rights workstream of the Prevention Project hosted by NYU. Dr Bhullar is on the editorial boards of the Journal of Environmental Law, the Law, Environment and Development (LEAD) Journal, and Environmental Policy and Law.

Dr Bhullar holds an LLB degree from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, an LLM in Environmental Law and a PhD from SOAS – University of London, and an MSc in Environmental Policy and Regulation from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



# Lent Term 2026 Friday Lunchtime Lectures

**Venue: Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law  
5 Cranmer Road, Cambridge, CB3 9BL**

**Further details and registration: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/all>**

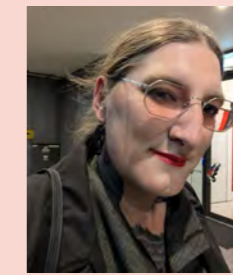
*(Sandwich Lunch for attendees from 12.30 pm in the Old Library)*



**1 pm, Friday 23 January**

**Marxist Insights for International Law**

**Prof Antonios Tzanakopoulos**  
*University of Oxford*



**1 pm, Friday 20 February**

**Reading International Law as Stories**

**Prof Tamsin Paige**  
*University of Deakin*



**1 pm, Friday 30 January**

**Russia, the Soviet Union, and Imperial Continuity in International Law**

**Prof Lauri Mälksoo**  
*University of Tartu, Finland*



**1 pm, Friday 27 February**

**Submarines and Underwater Maritime Autonomous Vehicles: New Wine in Old Bottles?**

**Prof Natalie Klein**  
*UNSW*

**1 pm, Friday 6 February**



**The Systemic Function of General Principles**

**Mads Andenas KC**  
*University of Oslo*  
**Prof Johann Ruben Leiss**  
*University of Oslo*



**1 pm, Friday 6 March**

**Athenia, or the Nuremberg Trial at Midpoint**

**Prof Diane Marie Amman**  
*University of Georgia*



**1 pm, Friday 13 February**

**Due Diligence at a Crossroads: The Old Road, the New Road, and the Bridge Between**

**Dr Penelope Ridings**  
*Barrister and Member of the International Law Commission*



**1 pm, Friday 13 March**

**The Secret Life of the Legal Adviser: Strategies of International Law-Making**

**Prof Michael Byers**  
*University of British Columbia*

## Reflections on International Law Series: 'The Abandoned Investor'

Prof Christoph Schreuer, University of Vienna

Wednesday 28 January 2026: 5 pm - 6.15 pm

(Followed by a drinks reception in the Old Library)

Commentator: Prof Ursula Kriebaum, University of Vienna

Chair: Dr Joanna Gomula, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

Venue: Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall



Lecture summary: Under classical international law home States of investors would be expected to look after the interests of their nationals by exercising diplomatic protection. Investment arbitration has given investors the possibility to pursue their own interests and has at the same time depoliticized investment disputes. More recently the tide seems to turn with home States taking positions that work to their investors' detriment. This trend manifests itself through interpretations of investment treaties and even agreed termination of these treaties. The lecture will discuss these developments.



Further information: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2026/01/reflections-international-law-series-abandoned-investor-prof-christopher-schreuer-university-vienna>

## A Conversation with Prof Philippe Sands KC

Monday 9 February 2026: 3 pm - 4 pm

Venue: Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall

Prof Philippe Sands KC will touch on a range of topics, including the place of international law in today's world and the role of the international lawyer. He would also welcome questions from the audience.

Chair: Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran

Further information: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2026/02/conversation-philippe-sands-kc>



## Salvador Allende Lecture 2026 Centre of Latin American Studies

'On Impunity: From East West Street to 38 Londres Street'

Prof Philippe Sands KC

Monday 9 February 2026: 5.15 pm - 6.15 pm

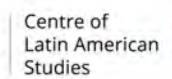
Venue: Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall



Philippe Sands KC is Professor of Law at University College London and Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard. He is a practising barrister at 11KBW, appears as counsel before the International Court of Justice and other international courts and tribunals, and sits as an international arbitrator.

His books include *East West Street: On the Origins of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide* (2016), *The Ratline: Love, Lies and Justice on the Trail of a Nazi Fugitive* (2020) and *The Last Colony: A Tale of Exile, Justice and Britain's Colonial Legacy* (2022). His new book, *38 Londres Street: On Pinochet in England and a Nazi in Patagonia*, was published in April 2025. He is translated into more than 30 languages.

Further information: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2026/02/salvador-allende-lecture-2026-impunity-east-west-street-38-londres-street-philippe-sands-kc>



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## 'The Anatomy of an Investment Treaty Case'

Camilla Gambarini, Withers

Monday 16 February 2026: 2 pm - 3 pm

Venue: Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall



Camilla Gambarini is a Special Counsel in the public international law and international arbitration team of Withers in London.

Dual qualified as Avvocato (Italy) and Solicitor Advocate (England & Wales), Camilla's expertise in public international law covers boundary disputes, cultural heritage, human rights, international environmental law, international humanitarian law, international investment law, law of the sea, natural resources, sanctions, sovereign immunity, statehood issues and treaty law. Camilla regularly assists clients in pro bono human rights cases before constitutional courts, the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and regional human rights courts, particularly in the field of reproductive rights. She has advised NGOs and States before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the International Court of Justice in relation to the Advisory Opinions on Climate Change. For her work in public international law, Chambers UK ranks Camilla as "Up and Coming".

Further information: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2026/02/anatomy-investment-treaty-case-camilla-gambarini-withers>

## Evening Lecture: 'The End (and Future) of States'

Prof Monica Hakimi, Columbia Law School

Thursday 26 February 2026: 5 pm - 6 pm

Venue: Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall



Lecture summary: This talk draws attention to—and offers a theory that ties together and explains - two globally transformative trends. First, states across the world are facing extraordinary threats, ranging from interstate aggression to violent nonstate groups to internal legitimacy crises and climate change. Second, international law is ill-suited to help them manage these threats.

Further information: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2026/02/evening-lecture-end-and-future-states-prof-monica-hakimi-columbia-law-school>

## Evening Lecture: 'Geopolitical Challenges, International Law and the Role of Armed Forces'

Commodore Ian Park, UK Royal Navy

Tuesday 24 February 2026: 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm

Venue: Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall



Lecture summary: The world is facing profound geopolitical challenges. Across the globe wars rage, societies fracture and tensions rise. In our interconnected world few remain unaffected by the consequences of conflict. In this talk, Ian Park considers contemporary geopolitical challenges and areas of future tension and critically assesses key weaknesses of states and how armed forces and international law might address these weaknesses.

Ian Park is a Commodore in the UK Royal Navy, a barrister and Head of Navy Legal. He has served in seven ships and deployed worldwide in support of the Royal Navy's contribution to defence. He has also deployed as a legal adviser on operations to Afghanistan and, on many occasions, to the Middle East. Ian is a graduate of St. John's College, Cambridge, has a doctorate in international law from Balliol College, Oxford and has lectured at Harvard Law School, Cambridge University, Oxford University, The Academy of Military Sciences, Beijing, Hanoi University, USSH Hanoi, and Freiburg University amongst other institutions. Ian has written or contributed to five books including the monograph 'The Right to Life in Armed Conflict' (Oxford University Press, 2018) and presently teaches part-time at Yale Law School.

Further information: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/press/events/2026/02/evening-lecturegeopolitical-challenges-international-law-and-role-armed-forces-ian-park-royal-navy>

## Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture 2026

Prof Dapo Akande  
*University of Oxford*

Lecture 1: 1 pm - 2 pm Monday 8 June 2026  
Lecture 2: 1 pm - 2 pm Tuesday 9 June 2026  
Lecture 3: 1 pm - 2 pm Wednesday 10 June 2026  
Q&A: 2 pm - 3 pm Wednesday 10 June 2026

Venue: Berkowitz Finley Lecture Hall, Lauterpacht Centre

(Sandwich lunch provided at 12.30 pm in the Old Library on all days)



## Third Max Planck-Cambridge Prize Awarded

Dr Fabian Eichberger, Centre Fellow



The Third Max Planck-Cambridge Prize Ceremony on 14 November 2025 celebrated outstanding scholarship in public international law and honoured Eliav Lieblich, Professor of International Law at Tel Aviv University, as the 2025 prize recipient.

The Max Planck-Cambridge Prize is a joint initiative of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg. Awarded biennially, the prize highlights the relevance of fundamental research in the field of international law in a phase of reconfiguration of the global order. Its aim is to identify an outstanding mid-career legal scholar whose contributions to the study of international law have enriched the field and are likely to continue and develop further.

The selection committee – comprising Drs Orfeas Chasapis-Tassinis, Matilda Gillis and Mayaan Menashe and Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran from the Lauterpacht Centre, as well as Drs Jannika Jahn, Luke Dimitrios Spieker and Robert Stendel, and Prof Anne Peters from the Max Planck Institute – agreed that Professor Lieblich is an outstanding, innovative, and highly original scholar whose work continues to engage, surprise, and inspire the international law community. In particular, the committee highlighted his influential contributions to the law on the use of force, international humanitarian law, and the history and theory of international law.

The ceremony, held at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, opened with words of welcome

by Professor Sandesh Sivakumaran, Director of the Centre. This was followed by a laudatio delivered by Professor Anne Peters, Managing Director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. Professor Peters praised Professor Lieblich's scholarship as analytically rigorous, methodologically reflective, and intellectually ambitious. She emphasised his ability to combine doctrinal analysis with historical and theoretical perspectives, as well as his sustained engagement with the theoretical, normative, and practical challenges surrounding the regulation of war, occupation, and new forms of armed conflict.

These introductory remarks were followed by an interview with Professor Lieblich, conducted by Dr Fabian Eichberger and Dr Liana Minkova, both postdoctoral researchers and Fellows of the Lauterpacht Centre. The interview explored Professor Lieblich's academic trajectory, key intellectual influences, and the development of his research agenda, while also addressing broader questions concerning the future of international law and the role of scholarship in times of backlash against the international legal order.



## Busy Term for the Cambridge International Law Discussion Group (CILDG)

Helin Laufer, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge

The Cambridge International Law Discussion Group (CILDG) serves as a central forum for scholarly exchange within the international law community at Cambridge. Meeting weekly during term time, the group brings together PhD researchers in public international law and Fellows of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (LCIL) for discussion, debate, and the presentation of works in progress. Sessions are held at the LCIL in a collegial environment that encourages constructive engagement with new ideas and developing research.

The CILDG is co-convened by Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran, Director of the Lauterpacht Centre, alongside PhD candidates Helin Laufer and Alina Papanastasiou. Together, they coordinate a diverse programme that reflects the breadth of contemporary international legal scholarship, offering speakers an opportunity to present draft articles, conceptual pieces, and chapters, and to receive thoughtful feedback from peers.

This term's schedule highlights the richness of the group's discussions. The series opened on 15 October with Professor Sivakumaran's presentation on the prohibition on gender-based violence against women under international law. He discussed the interplay between the CEDAW Committee's General Recommendation 19, the subsequent practice of states parties in the application of CEDAW, and customary international law. On 22 October, the group welcomed the new cohort of international law PhD students, who introduced their projects before Keilin Anderson delivered a paper on countermeasures for breaches of provisional measures.

On 29 October, Dr Tor Krever presented his work on the figure of the pirate and the origins of universal enmity, tracing its development in early modern legal thought. The following week, on 5 November, the group hosted a well-attended workshop with distinguished members of the Bar. Emilie Gonin, Andrew Brown, Catherine

Drummond, and Grace Ferrier joined for a lively discussion on practising international law at the Bar, followed by a reception in the Old Library.

The programme continued on 12 November with Dr Lena Holzer's presentation on assemblage theory as a queer-feminist methodological approach to international law, illustrated through examples from international civil aviation.

On 19 November, Helin Laufer examined the applicability of investment treaties in times of armed conflict, analysing termination provisions under investment treaties, as well as termination and withdrawal processes under the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and customary international law.

In the final weeks of term, Professor Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan presented on international law and technology, followed by Renatus Otto Franz Derler's discussion of general principles of law and the persistent objector rule on 3 December.

The CILDG remains a lively and inclusive space for exchanging ideas, refining research, and fostering intellectual community within international law at Cambridge. We look forward to continuing these rich conversations and deepening our shared engagement in Lent Term with the evolving landscape of international law.

## Inaugural Lecture of the Hatton Chair in Climate Law: 'The Globalisation of Climate Law'

Renatus Otto Franz Derler, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge

On 22 October 2025, Prof Harro van Asselt delivered his Inaugural Lecture of the Hatton Chair in Climate Law on the topic 'The Globalisation of Climate Law'. Following the lecture, a panel discussion took place, moderated by Prof Jorge E. Viñuales, with panellists including Francisco Sindico, Prof Joana Setzer, Prof Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh, and Prof Annalisa Savaresi.

The inaugural lecture opened with the question of whether climate law is 'travelling' in the context of globalisation, which shapes law through what is often assumed to be a unidirectional process. Prof van Asselt then discussed the nature of climate law, underscoring its inherently interdisciplinary character, particularly the need to take account of climate science. Similarly, climate law must be understood as permeating and transforming other areas of law, such as contract law, insurance law, international law, construction law, and many others. Climate law also has an inherent temporal dimension, as it addresses the interests of both present and future generations. Issues of causation were identified as one of the central challenges that must be overcome.

After outlining these basic premises of climate law, Prof van Asselt proceeded to address the question of why climate law is globalising in the first place. He offered four main explanations. First, there has been an evident growth of environmental law, which facilitates the development and spread of climate law. Examples include the diffusion of environmental impact assessments, net-zero targets, and emissions trading systems (ETS). Net-zero goals influence not only governments but also private actors, thereby further advancing climate law through multiple actors.

Second, comparative law provides another explanation for the increasing prominence of climate law. Comparative analysis highlights similarities and differences between legal systems, reveals varying priorities, identifies failures, and helps determine which laws and policies are effective in supporting the globalisation of climate law. An example of the global spread of climate policies is emissions trading systems, which originated in North America and, following the development of the EU ETS, have been adopted in multiple



jurisdictions. However, this globalisation also raises concerns about legal transplants, as such mechanisms may not always function effectively in different legal and institutional contexts.

Third, the globalisation of climate law is a consequence of policy diffusion through law, particularly through processes of norm diffusion. Fourth and finally, transnational law plays an important role in facilitating climate law, notably through the translation and circulation of judicial decisions across jurisdictions. For example, the translation of *Lliuya v RWE* into other languages enhances the accessibility and global reach of climate law.

By outlining these arguments, the lecture highlighted several avenues through which the globalisation of climate law may be further examined. These include studying the roles of different actors and the objectives they pursue, assessing how legal ideas may hinder climate action, questioning whether climate law is always desirable, and analysing the effects of adopting foreign legal concepts. With these points in mind, the lecture concluded, followed by a panel discussion and a Q&A session. The lecture wrapped up with a formal dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge.



## The Eli Lauterpacht Lecture 2025:

### 'Hard Law in Times of Liquid Modernity: Treaty Law and Practice in the 21st Century'

A Summary by Daniel Nicholas Pakpahan, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge

The Eli Lauterpacht Lecture was established after Sir Eli's death in 2017 to celebrate his life and work. This lecture takes place on a Friday in Michaelmas Term. On Friday 28 November 2025 the lecture was given by Dr Santiago Villalpando, Legal Advisor and Director of the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs.



In his lecture, Dr Villalpando challenged the notion that treaties are in decline. Far from fading away, treaties remain central but have evolved to adapt to a faster, increasingly fragmented, and more competitive normative environment.

Drawing on Zygmunt Bauman's concept of 'liquid modernity', Dr Villalpando situated treaties within a contemporary global context characterised by fluidity and rapid change. Bauman famously described modern society as one in which stable and enduring social structures have become increasingly unstable and mutable. Against this backdrop, the lecture examined how treaties—traditionally regarded as archetypes of solid and durable law-making—are responding to the liquidity of the global legal order.

The lecture unfolded in three parts: the first part discussed the rise of informal or flexible arrangements of norm creation, including memoranda of understanding, joint statements, and political declarations, alongside an apparent shift away from codification conventions at the United Nations. These developments are often interpreted as evidence of a decline in treaty-making. Dr Villalpando contended, however, that this perception is overstated. Many so-called 'informal' instruments still qualify as treaties per the definition in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. Moreover, treaty registration statistics and patterns of multilateral negotiation over the recent decades point not to decline, but to continued vitality.

The second part identified the real challenges confronting treaties today. These include the

accelerated formation of customary international law, which could now happen in a matter of years rather than decades or centuries, as well as the explosion of soft law, e.g., declarations, guidelines, frameworks, codes of conduct. In Dr Villalpando's view, the combined effect of the two events posed the biggest challenge to treaties' traditional primacy in norm creation. He pointed to how the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Law Commission's Articles on State Responsibility have repeatedly been cited in international adjudication, allowing their provisions to crystallise into custom without ever taking treaty form.

The third part of the lecture explored how treaties have responded and adapted to those challenges. Treaties remain indispensable in many scenarios, such as to create international organisations and dispute-settlement bodies; to secure financial commitments; to harmonise the definition of and penalty for international crimes under domestic law; and to provide smaller states with a platform to meaningfully shape international law. At the same time, treaties themselves are becoming more 'liquid', as evidenced in the drafting techniques and institutional arrangements associated with multilateral environmental agreements.

Dr Villalpando concluded by urging international lawyers to continue to emphasise the relevance of treaties, and to 'convey the message of hope that the international legal order can offer tools to rebuild our world'.

A recording of this lecture is available at:  
<https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/lecture-recordings>



### Save the Date!

The Eli Lauterpacht Lecture 2026 will take place at 1 pm, Friday 20 November 2026

Speaker: Prof Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler

Venue: Berkowitz/Finley Lecture Hall, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

### 3<sup>rd</sup> LCIL Conference on International Dispute Settlement

Summary by Renatus Otto Franz Derler, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge

On 24 October 2025, the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on International Dispute Settlement: Remedies in International Disputes. The conference addressed a timely and pressing issue: the provision of effective remedies.

In recent years, the world has confronted some of its most significant challenges through processes of adjudication, yet questions remain as to whether the remedies granted are appropriate and effective. In the practice of international courts and tribunals, there is considerable evidence of innovation in remedies: from the development of provisional measures in the Gaza Strip proceedings before the International Court of Justice (ICJ); to a renewed focus on approaches to compensation in a series of recent cases before the Court; to controversies surrounding the determination of compensation in investment arbitration; to reparations for ecological and climate harms and for victims of armed conflict. Despite their practical importance, remedies have until recently been comparatively neglected in legal scholarship. This is now changing, particularly as the International Law Commission (ILC) plans to revisit the topic of compensation in its next programme of work.

The conference opened with remarks by the co-convenor, Prof Campbell McLachlan (University of Cambridge), who introduced the topic and the first keynote speaker, Prof Jan Klabbers (University of Cambridge). Prof Klabbers began by examining remedies not merely as instruments for individual redress, but as tools capable of serving the broader interests of humankind, particularly through strategic public interest litigation. He highlighted this trend by tracing the development of public interest litigation in both scholarship and the case law of international courts and tribunals. Prof Klabbers also offered reflections on why States intervene in such cases, noting that public interest litigation can generate political momentum, often described as 'lawfare'.

The programme continued with three panels, beginning with a session chaired by Dr Federica Paddeu (University of Cambridge) on remedies as a 'playbook', addressing both their limitations and opportunities. The first speaker, Prof Eirik Bjorge (University of Bristol), explained the differences between the understanding of remedies in domestic and international legal systems, arguing



that remedies in international law should be construed broadly rather than restrictively. The second speaker, Dr Manuel Casas (Twenty Essex), offered insights into how remedies are addressed in practice, noting that many decisions concerning remedies are effectively settled prior to trial. Prof Veronika Fikfak (UCL) further illuminated the discussion by drawing on the practice of the European Court of Human Rights, where the right to a remedy is often provided not through a judicial determination but via the Registry, which facilitates remedies for victims. This approach contrasts with that of other international human rights courts, such as the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, where individuals are afforded a direct opportunity to present their case before the court.

The second panel, chaired by Prof Michael Waibel (University of Vienna), explored remedies in environmental and natural resource claims. Margherita Cornaglia (Landmark Chambers) argued that the most meaningful remedy for climate change is prevention, namely, not exacerbating climate harm, with monetary remedies playing a secondary role. Amy Sander (Essex Court Chambers) provided an in-depth analysis of causation issues arising in the recent Climate Change Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice. Prof Payam Akhavan (University of Toronto/Twenty Essex) examined the remedies that small island developing States may claim in light of the advisory opinions of International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the ICJ, drawing in particular on the perspective of Tuvalu. He highlighted the



courts' emphasis on the continued existence of States and proposed remedies such as ecosystem restoration, land reclamation, and coastal adaptation measures.

The third panel, chaired by Prof Sandesh Sivakumaran (Director of the Lauterpacht Centre), focused on remedies in the contexts of human rights and armed conflict. Chanaka Wickremasinghe (FCDO) analysed cases under the Genocide Convention currently before the ICJ, demonstrating how international humanitarian law has taken centre stage in certain proceedings. Prof Marko Milanovic (University of Reading) offered insights into



the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, particularly its expansive approach to extraterritoriality. The panel concluded with Dr Justina Uriburu (University of Manchester), who examined the remedial practice of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and explained why it has developed so distinctively compared to other human rights courts.

The conference concluded with remarks by the co-convenor, Prof Jorge E. Viñuales (University of Cambridge), who introduced the second keynote speaker, Prof Joan Donoghue, Goodhart Visiting Professor of Legal Science (University of Cambridge). Prof Donoghue offered a broad conceptual overview of avenues for further inquiry into remedies in international law, addressing remedies both within and beyond judicial and arbitral systems, the ILC's core approach to remedies, and areas in which the ILC's work on remedies may be further developed.



## Investment Law and Arbitration

A five-day advanced training in international investment law and arbitration.

Monday 23 - Friday 27 March 2026

### Programme Summary

International investment law has become a major area of international dispute settlement. The law on international investments and arbitration has attracted much attention recently, and saw a number of important developments that will leave their mark in the years to come.

Investment arbitration raises challenges distinct from those raised in other forms of international dispute settlement, including complex questions of how to value assets and how to develop and position an arbitration practice in a highly competitive arbitration market. At the end of the five days, participants will be equipped with a unique background in the substantive, procedural and strategic aspects of bringing or defending an investment arbitration.

This five-day programme provides an advanced introduction to international investment law in the context of public international law and practice focusing on recent developments. It offers the opportunity to learn from Cambridge law and business school academics, as well as leading practitioners drawn from major law firms and barristers' chambers. It is designed both for junior practitioners who are developing a practice in international investment law and for more senior lawyers who wish to re-orient themselves to investment arbitration. Participants will receive a certificate of participation on successful completion of the course.

### Who is the Programme for?

Whether for lawyers in private practice, in government departments, or in-house counsel, a thorough understanding of the building blocks of international investment law and how it is embedded in general international law is becoming increasingly important.

- Lawyers in private practice who are developing a practice in international investment arbitration, and who seek to consolidate their knowledge of international investment law and general international law.
- In-house counsel or government lawyers working on investment arbitrations.
- Lawyers in private practice who aspire to expand their practice to include investment arbitration (e.g. lawyers specialised in commercial law or international commercial arbitration).

### Topics

- Treaty interpretation: the VCLT framework and specificities in investment arbitration
- Business strategy for your arbitration practice
- Jurisdiction and admissibility; parallel proceedings
- Procedural Choices
- Expropriation and non-discrimination; fair and equitable treatment
- The arbitral tribunal: selection, appointments and challenges
- State responsibility, including attribution, defences and carve-outs
- Contract-based arbitration
- How finance professionals value assets and companies
- Diversity and unconscious biases
- Reform of ISDS
- Climate change and investment treaties

### Learning objectives and benefits

- Understand how to use fundamental building blocks of general international law (state responsibility and treaty interpretation) in investment arbitration.
- Learn about substantive and procedural aspects of investment arbitration from fifteen leading practitioners and academics at the University of Cambridge.
- Experience first-hand a unique, customised programme delivered by the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the premises of one of the world's best universities and a world-leading research centre in international law.
- Develop a thorough grounding in central substantive treatment standards (expropriation, non-discrimination and fair and equitable treatment), and procedural aspects of investment arbitration.



### Instructors are expected to include:

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### Dates & fees

Monday 23 - Friday 27 March 2026

£6,500

Fees include all programme materials, daytime refreshments, 5 nights accommodation, Cambridge-based activities, an opening dinner and a formal gala dinner in a historic Cambridge College.

Participants are expected to attend the full programme. The programme is capped at 20 participants. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please note: the organisers reserve the right to change any details of the programme without notice.

### For further details and how to book

Further details and/or to apply, please send a CV to Andrijana Mišović:  
[andrijana.misovic@univie.ac.at](mailto:andrijana.misovic@univie.ac.at)





The research team working on the Customary International Humanitarian Law Project of the British Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) enjoyed a successful term. The project has been hosted at the Lauterpacht Centre since its start in 2007.

The project provides geographically representative information in the field of international humanitarian law (IHL) by updating the practice part of the ICRC's award-winning online Customary IHL Database. The Database contains the 161 rules of customary IHL identified in the ICRC's 2005 seminal Study and the practice related to these rules. Its aim is to provide accurate and extensive information in the field of customary IHL and to make this information readily accessible online. The Database covers national practice of States from all over the world, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, as well as practice found in international materials.

In October 2025, the database was updated with new practice from two States: Canada for the year 2014, and Nigeria for the year 2015. While the practice section continues to make worldwide

practice available in English, since December 2019, the rules section of the database has been available in six additional languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Also in October 2025, the research team presented the Project to visiting members of the organisation International Lawyers for Africa, which was a valuable opportunity to disseminate knowledge of international humanitarian law, as well as to promote the Database and the Study.

The team continues to enjoy being a part of the Lauterpacht Centre, contributing to its marketplace of ideas, as well as benefitting from the wide expertise of its members, and looks forward to another term ahead.



Antoana Nedyalkova  
Senior Research Fellow



Andrea Farres-Jimenez  
Research Fellow



Harriet Macey  
Research Fellow



Dr Carlos Juliano Simões-Ferreira  
Research Fellow

## Brandon Research Fellowship in International Law 2026-2027

The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law is pleased to invite applications for the 2026-2027 Brandon Research Fellowship, funded by generous gifts by Mr Michael Brandon MA, LLB, LLM (Cantab), MA (Yale) (1923–2012) and by Mr Christopher Brandon.

The successful scholar will become a *Brandon Scholar* and as such will be one of the community of visiting scholars at the Lauterpacht Centre. The Brandon Fellowship is a postdoctoral research fellowship and has a maximum value of £5,200. The award is intended to cover fees and costs associated with a stay of a minimum of one acceptance period at the Lauterpacht Centre (approximately 11-13 weeks).

### Requirements

The Brandon Scholar will:

- Undertake a project, specified on application, on some aspect of public or private international law or international arbitration while based at the Lauterpacht Centre.
- Produce a report of their work in English at the end of their stay and deposit with the Centre any publication resulting from the work undertaken. The support received from the Brandon Research Fellowship at LCIL should be acknowledged in the publication.
- Candidates must be fluent in English and at least one other language of French, German or Spanish.

Preference will be given to candidates who are nationals of members of the European Union; members of the Commonwealth; Argentina; Brazil; Chile; China; Japan; Panama; Serbia; Switzerland; and the United States of America.

### How to apply

Applications should consist of the following documents (saved in pdf format):

- a completed application form (including an outline of the proposed research);
- the candidate's CV (curriculum vitae) (maximum 4 pages);
- two letters of reference (sent as a pdf and not password protected)

Application guidance notes and an application form can be downloaded from:

<https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/brandon-research-fellowship-2026-2027>

The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 7 April 2026**.

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### Lorand Bartels

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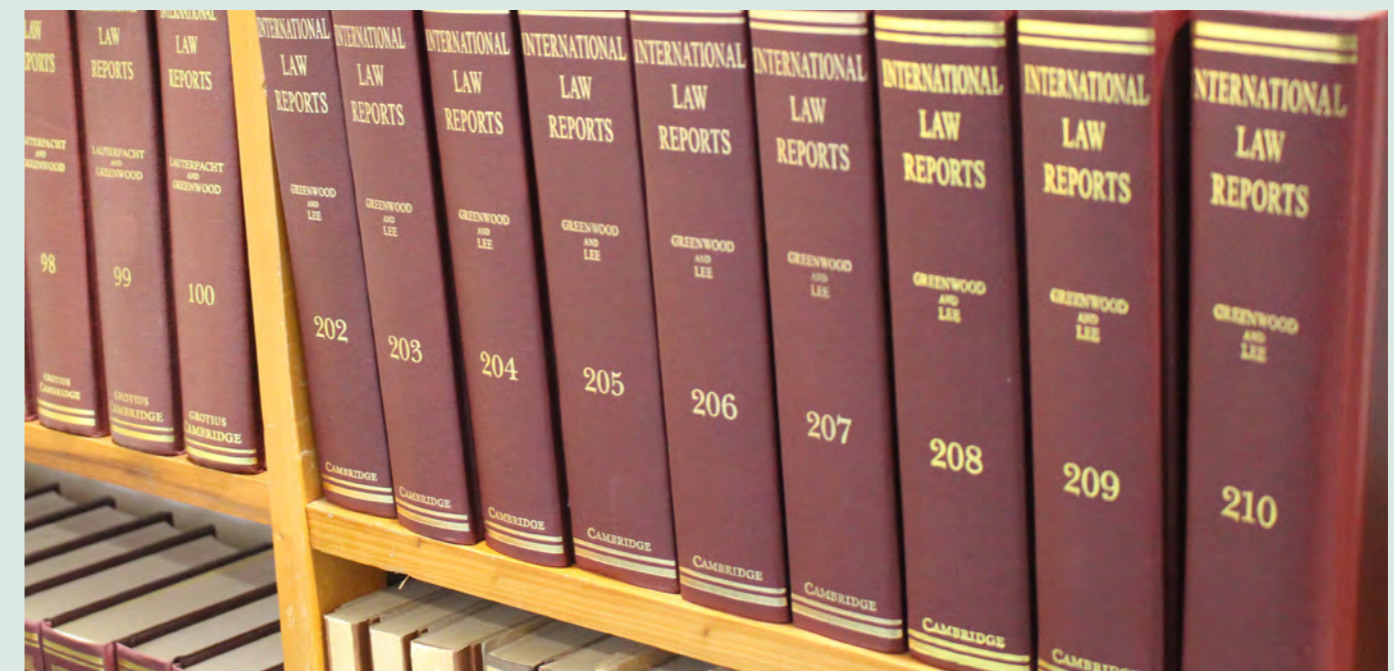


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The series is also available online via Cambridge Core as well as Justis. Volume 211 is now available.

Further information: <https://www.icil.cam.ac.uk/publications/international-law-reports>



## Visiting Scholars' Programme

The Lauterpacht Centre welcomes academic visitors and Postgraduate students from around the world bringing a mutual research benefit to the individual and the Centre. Visitors are a key aspect of the Centre's activity and stay for periods varying from an academic term to a few months over the summer research period.

Visitors have the opportunity to pursue their own research in the tranquil setting of the Lauterpacht Centre where they can also meet other visiting scholars, and Centre Fellows who act as mentors during their visit.

Visitors are encouraged to participate in the Centre's activities. There are usually around 21-23 visitors at any one time.

Visiting scholars are invited to attend the Centre's regular term time Friday Lunchtime lectures given by Cambridge University academics and invited speakers. Lectures are always followed by a Q&A discussion. The Centre also arranges other lectures and conferences, most notably the annual Hersch Lauterpacht Memorial Lecture and the Eli Lauterpacht Lecture.

Visitors are also welcome to attend open lectures and talks on international law and related subjects within the University.

During their stay visitors often take the opportunity to present their work to each other and Centre Fellows, finding the feedback of great value to their research.

Visitors also enjoy the community feel of the Centre and enjoy meeting each other, Centre Fellows and guests during the daily coffee time in the kitchen of no 5 where they can discuss their work and make new connections.

The Centre offers a variety of bench space to visitors across no 5 and 7 Cranmer Road, and also offers accommodation of four double ensuite rooms on the second floor of Bahrain House for visitors who share a communal kitchen on the ground floor. These rooms are much sought after and are full every term.

If you are considering a period of research at the Centre please visit [How to Apply to be a Visiting Scholar](#).



*"I had a lovely time at the Centre. Everyone, especially the staff, was so friendly and helpful! Of course I also made significant progress on my phd - in this regard, the roundtable talk was a really helpful framework."*

*"My stay at the LCIL has been a truly remarkable experience. Beyond the invaluable access to information, it has offered the rare privilege of engaging with an extraordinary community of visitors and fellows and testing and refining my views through exchanges with leading experts. The atmosphere of the Centre itself encourages deep reflection and research, while the environment of Cambridge provides constant inspiration and makes the experience all the more enriching."*



*"The Lauterpacht Centre is not only a unique global hub for international law research and practice; it is also a welcoming home for all who wish to build excellent professional relationships with peers, offering an institutional environment that has virtually no parallel. I am grateful to Sandesh (Centre Director), Chriselia, Karen, and Vanessa (the administrative team)."*

*"Visiting the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law has undoubtedly been a cornerstone in my PhD journey. The time at the LCIL was marked by inspiring conversations with fellow visitors, enriching lunchtime lectures, and insightful interactions with the Centre's fellows. Each of these experiences made my time at the LCIL invaluable. The memories and insights I gained continue to enhance my research and broaden my perspective. The staff at the Centre deserves a special mention for their exceptional support and organization. Their dedication contributed to the unique environment at the Centre, which strikes a perfect balance between fostering productivity and calmness, clearing the mind for new thoughts and ideas. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to spend time at the Lauterpacht Centre and hope to return one day."*





The Centre is always delighted to hear from its former Visiting Scholars. Please send us your news to [communications@lciil.cam.ac.uk](mailto:communications@lciil.cam.ac.uk). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Dr Oktawlan Kuc, University of Warsaw (May 2024)**

Last month, my new monograph was published by Routledge titled "The Supreme National Tribunal and International Criminal Law. Polish Perspectives on Prosecuting War Criminals" - <https://www.routledge.com/The-Supreme-National-Tribunal-and-International-Criminal-Law-Polish-Perspectives-on-Prosecuting-War-Criminals/Kuc/p/book/9781041004721> which may be of interest for some of your Fellows or alumni.



**Prof Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg (Michaelmas Term 2024) and By-Fellow at Hughes Hall**

Whilst at the Centre, Prof Wiener worked on 'The Oxford Handbook of Norms Research in International Relations' which was published in December 2025 by Oxford University Press (OUP) and edited by Sassan Gholiagha, Phil Orchard and Antje Wiener.

The publication provides a state-of-the-art overview of past, current, and future norms research in International Relations. It provides a comprehensive overview of the toolbox that has developed over this time, mapping the field's development based on key conceptual milestones, notable theoretical moves, and developments with regard to the field's contribution to social science theory development on the one hand and politics and policymaking in world politics on the other. Further information: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-handbook-of-norms-research-in-international-relations-9780198915874?cc=de&lang=en&#>.



**Patrycja Grzebyk, University of Warsaw (Winiarski Scholar - Summer 2015)**

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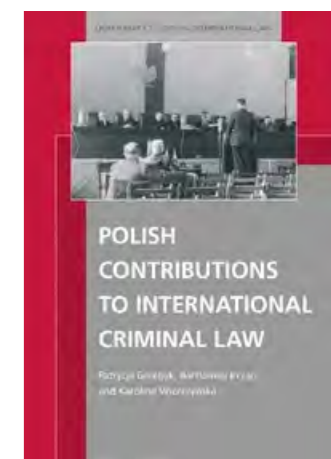
**Bartłomiej Krzan, University of Wrocław (Winiarski Scholar - Summer 2010)**

Patrycja, Karolina and Bartłomiej published the book 'Polish Contributions to International Criminal Law' (Brill 2025) in open access. The book delves into the substantial and enduring influence of Polish representatives on the development of international criminal law for decades.

The authors meticulously document the crucial and distinct role played by Polish diplomats in crafting relevant international treaties and analyze the intricacies of cooperation regarding the prosecution of war criminals following both World Wars.

Additionally, the book examines Polish national regulations that have impacted international law itself, alongside the jurisprudence of Polish courts concerning international crimes. Notably, some of these judgments are referenced in the works of international commissions and tribunals, demonstrating their continued relevance in contemporary discussions on immunities and the scope of responsibility for international crimes.

The Polish version of the book was awarded in 2025 the Best History Book Prize of the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs: <https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/deputy-prime-minister-sikorski-presents-winners-with-best-history-book-prize>



Left to Right: Patrycja Grzebyk, Deputy Prime Minister Radosław Sikorski, Karolina Wierczyńska and Bartłomiej Krzan

## Academic Visitors for Lent Term 2026

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	Institution	Research Title
Mr Gracious Avayiwoe	The University of Hong Kong	On the Merit of Interpretive Inconsistencies at the International Court of Justice
Ms Leonie Brassat	Max Planck Institute for Comparative Law, Heidelberg	The lawfulness of military operations to rescue and evacuate nationals from abroad (the 'protection of nationals' doctrine) under the ius ad bellum
Ms Martina Coxova	Charles University, Czech Republic	General Principles in International Administrative Tribunals: Between Coherence and Fragmentation - A Case Study on Acquired Rights
Ms Kheda Djanaraliev	Centre de droit international de la Faculté de Droit et Criminologie de l'Université libre de Bruxelles	How does the passage of time impact the interpretation and application of the rules of international law governing situations of prolonged occupation?
Ms Weiyao Han	Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong	Third World Approaches to International Law and International Dispute Resolution - "The South and the Convention: A TWAIL-Informed Shift in International Dispute Resolution Lawmaking"
Prof Alexandre Hermet	Sciences Po Toulouse, France	Sources of Law; relationship between International Law and International Relations Self-Generation of Political Rules
Mr Sinan Karabas	University of Hamburg	Constitution and Noise. The constitutional treatment of noise conflicts in the context of environmental law
Dr Federico La Vattia	University of Catania	Governance and Accountability in AI-Driven Cyberwarfare: IHL and ICL in the Age of Autonomous Weapon Systems
Ms Camille Lefebvre	Leiden University	Rethinking State Responsibility in Migration Governance: A TWAIL-centred approach
Ms Sophia Lulay	Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich	The Brussels Effect Reconsidered: Norm Diffusion, Legal Extraterritoriality, and the International Legal Dimensions of the EU Artificial Intelligence Act
Mr Paolo Mazzotti	Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg, Germany)	International Investment Law: Non-Economic Values in EU Free Movement Law and International Investment Law
Prof Zvenyslava Opeida	National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine	Research interests include international trade law, WTO, trade remedies and regulation of the state intervention in the market (such as public subsidies)
Mr Rodney Ramsden	Independent Researcher	Asset Freezing & Cross Border Legal Impediments: Development of a Framework for a Global Asset Freezing Database
Prof Chie Sato	Meiji University School of Law	Significance of "due diligence" obligation under UNCLOS in the Era of Diversified Ocean Use

	Institution	Research Title
Mr Julian Simcock	Independent Researcher, Formerly, White House National Security Council	Contemporary Multilateralism, UN Resolutions & AI
Mr Maxim Smets	KU Leuven Faculty of Law and Criminology, Belgium	Restitution of African Belongings in International Law: Colonial-Era Takings and the Myth of Legality
Dr Mawuto Tossa (Brandon Scholar)	University of Lome, Togo	Reconciling Investment Facilitation and Climate Action: The Contribution of African Regional Organisations
Dr Aloka Wanigasuriya	University of Southern Denmark	Legal Ingenuity for Accountability: Delivering on the Promise of International Justice in Conflicts
Ms Liyuan Yu	Peking University	Artificial Intelligence Risk-Based Governance: Developing The International Legal Framework
Ms Qian Zhang	Guanghua Law School, Zhejiang University	Study on the International Investment Legal Protection Mechanism for the Right to Development of Host State Residents.
Dr Wim Zimmerman	Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria	The Limits of International Lawyering within Government: Legal Advisors and International Crimes



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### The Eli Lauterpacht Fund

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### The James Crawford Fund for teaching and research of International Law

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## Lauterpacht Linked Partner Programme

The Lauterpacht Linked Partner Programme gives practitioners unique and exclusive access to people, events and research associated with the Centre, in exchange for their financial and proactive support to the Centre's infrastructure and activities. Membership of the programme is open to select law firms, barristers' chambers, major companies with an interest in international law and foreign ministries.

We thank our Lauterpacht Linked Partners for their continued support.

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Save the Children  
**Christmas Jumper Day**



Farewell coffee for our Michaelmas Term visitors and Christmas Jumper Day on 11 December for the charity, Save the Children. Thank you for organising Karen, and thank you everyone for your participation and support. A total of £127 was raised!



Michaelmas Term Academic Visitors and Cambridge PhD students enjoyed a formal dinner at Darwin College - November 2025. Lovely photo, everyone!



Halloween coffee time in no 5



Welcome coffee for new and continuing visiting scholars in the Lent Term 2026. We hope you enjoy your time with us and your visit is productive!



2 December 2025 - Workshop in the Old Library with visiting scholars and Prof Jan Klabbers





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