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Cambridge Alumni on the International Court of Justice

Judge Awn Al-Khasawneh, recently re-elected as a Judge of the Court, has also been made an Honorary Fellow of Queens’ College. Our congratulations to him in both respects. Also warmest congratulations to Professor Christopher Greenwood on his election to the Court, to replace Dame Rosalyn Higgins, who is retiring at the end of a most successful term as President.

Chris Greenwood will continue as co-editor (with Sir Elhu Lauterpacht) of the International Law Reports, the full archive of which is now available both in print and online via the Justis Platform.

Conference Co-Sponsored by the Lauterpacht Centre and the Polish Embassy in London

On 5-6 November 2008 a conference was held at the Polish Embassy in London to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the birth of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht. The conference, under the theme of “Sir Hersch Lauterpacht – a Lawyer of Two Cultures”, was organized by the Polish Embassy, in co-operation with the Lauterpacht Centre. The participants were welcomed by HE Barbara Tuge-Erecinska, whose statement was followed by a speech by Dame Rosalyn Higgins, President of the International Court of Justice. Professor Adam Rotfeld, former Foreign Minister of Poland, gave a keynote address.

At the first session, the life and work of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht (presented by Martti Koskenniemi, University of Helsinki) was set against the background of the lives of three Polish judges at the PCIJ and ICJ: Michal Roztworowski, Bohdan Winiarski and Manfred Lachs. The second session focused on the impact of Sir Hersch’s work on the theory and practice of international law, in particular, the rules of interpretation of treaties, as well as the notions of sovereignty and recognition. Problems relating to the Polish-German border, legal title and the use of force were discussed at the next session on states and borders. This was followed by a panel on human rights, which focused on the jurisprudence of the European Court for Human Rights and the International Criminal Court. The last session dealt with a new area of international law, unknown in the times of Sir Hersch: international investment disputes.

The conference was attended by scholars based in Poland and other institutions in the United Kingdom and Europe. The Polish participants included Krzysztof Skubiszewski (Iran-US Claims Tribunal), Anna Wyrozumska (University of Lodz), Eugeniusz Piontek (University of Warsaw), Roman Kwiecien (University of Lublin), Aureliusz Wlaz (University of Bialystok), Lech Garlicki (European Court for Human Rights), Wladyslaw Czapinski (Polish Academy of Sciences) and Marcin Kaldunski (University of Torun).

The UK-based participants (many of them with Polish connections) included Malgosia Fitzmaurice (University of London), Philip Allott (University of Cambridge), Anthony Carty (University of Aberdeen), Ryszard Piotrowicz (University of Aberystwyth), Adam Lazowski (University of Westminster), Zachary Douglas (University of Cambridge), as well as Drs Roger O’Keefe and Joanna Gomula from the Lauterpacht Centre.
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