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**LAUTERPACHT CENTRE CONFERENCE ON  
INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

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## ADJUDICATING INTERNATIONAL CRISES

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## **1. Introduction and theme**

The dockets of international courts and tribunals are remarkably busy with cases concerning some of the most politicised and divisive international crises. From traditional disputes about territorial and/or maritime delimitation, immunities or diplomatic law, to allegations of international crimes in Ukraine, Gaza, Darfur, Syria and Myanmar, to the civilisational threat of climate change, the disputes brought to international adjudication differ greatly in nature and scale. While adjudication is actively sought, it is sometimes also fundamentally contested in its very principle, as illustrated by the international tensions arising from the activity of the International Criminal Court. What is noteworthy is the increasing resort to formal judicial processes, rather than less formal or more political options, even in those cases where the political situation makes the implementation of a judicial decision highly unlikely. Underlying this increasing resort is an effort to secure an outcome which gives legal legitimacy to a certain political position. At a time where the rule of law seems challenged in its core, the active resort to international adjudication thus suggests a much more nuanced engagement with international law. The 2nd LCIL Conference on International Dispute Settlement will seek to flesh out these nuances, with particular attention to the practice of international law.



## 2. Conference programme

*Welcome coffee*

### **Opening and context (9:15–10:15hs)**

*Introduction to the Conference: Adjudicating International Crises*, Prof. Jorge E. Viñuales (Cambridge)

*Opening keynote lecture*, Prof. Campbell McLachlan KC (Cambridge), followed by a discussion moderated by Prof. Jorge E. Viñuales

*Coffee break*

### **Resort to adjudication in an international crisis context (10:30–12:00hs)**

Roundtable moderated by Prof. Jorge E. Viñuales, with the participation of Dr Tatyana Eatwell (Doughty Street Chambers), Professor Michael Waibel (Vienna), Professor Margaretha Wewerkinke-Singh (Amsterdam) and Sir Michael Wood KC (Twenty Essex)

*Lunch break*

### **International crises and the return of classical international law (13:00–14:30hs)**

Roundtable moderated by Prof. Marc Weller (Cambridge), with the participation of Mr Sean Aughey (Essex Court Chambers), Professor Pietro Pustorino (LUISS), Professor Kimberley Trapp (UCL) and Dr Jamie Trinidad KC (Cambridge).

*Coffee break*

### **International crises and international crimes (15:00–16:30hs)**

Roundtable moderated by Dr Federica Paddeu (Cambridge), with the participation of Professor Yvonne McDermott Rees (Swansea), Émilie Pottle (Temple Garden Chambers), Dr Hannah Woolaver (Cape Town)

*Brief refreshment break*

### **Closing segment (16:45-17:45hs)**

Closing keynote lecture: Prof. Philippe Sands KC (UCL), followed by a discussion moderated by Prof. Sandesh Sivakumaran (Cambridge)



### 3. Speaker biographies

#### Opening lecture with keynote

##### Professor Jorge E Viñuales



**Jorge E Viñuales** holds the Harold Samuel Chair of Law and Environmental Policy at Cambridge and is the founding Director of the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG). He is also a Research Professor of International Law at LUISS, Rome, a Member of the Institut de Droit International, the Chairman of the Compliance Committee of the UNECE/WHO-Europe Protocol on Water and Health, a member of the arbitrator panels of ICSID and of the Shanghai, Shenzhen and Hong Kong international arbitration centres, and the former Director-General of the Latin-American Society of International Law. He has published widely in his specialty areas, including most recently his books *The International Law of Energy* (CUP 2022), *Cassese's International Law* (OUP 2020, with P.

Gaeta and S. Zappala), *The UN Friendly Relations Declaration at 50: An Assessment of the Fundamental Principles of International Law* (CUP 2020), ICSID Reports, vols. 18, 19 and 20 (CUP 2020-2022, co-ed with M. Waibel). Jorge regularly serves as arbitrator, counsel, co-counsel and expert in inter-State, investment and commercial disputes. He also advises governments, companies, international organisations or major NGOs on different matters of international law. In the last four years, he has advised the Republic of Vanuatu in its successful bid to bring climate change before the ICJ.

##### Keynote: Professor Campbell McLachlan KC



**Campbell McLachlan KC** is (as from 1 July 2024) Professor of International Dispute Resolution in the University of Cambridge and Fellow of Trinity Hall. His latest book is *The Principle of Systemic Integration in International Law* (OUP 2024). He is a member of the Institut de Droit International. He is appointed (on the nomination of New Zealand) to the Permanent Court of Arbitration and of the ICSID List of Arbitrators, where he frequently sits as president or arbitrator on international tribunals. In January 2024, he delivered the General Course

at The Hague Academy of International Law *On the Interface between Public and Private International Law*, which will be published in 2025.

## **Roundtable 1: Resort to adjudication in an international crisis context**

### **Sir Michael Wood KCMG KC**



**Sir Michael Wood KCMG KC** is a barrister at Twenty Essex, London, where he practices in the field of public international law, including before international courts and tribunals. He was Legal Adviser to the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office between 1999 and 2006, having joined as an Assistant Legal Adviser in 1970. He was a member of the UN International Law Commission from 2008 to 2022, and is an Honorary Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge.

### **Dr Tatyana Eatwell**



**Tatyana Eatwell** is a barrister, practising from Doughty Street Chambers, London, with expertise in international human rights law and public international law. She advises and represents individuals, governments, international and non-governmental organisations, on a wide range of issues, including diplomatic protection, human rights and counterterrorism, the law of armed conflict, genocide, torture, the right to self-determination, and the law of State responsibility. She holds a PhD in Public International Law from the University of Cambridge.

### **Professor Michael Waibel**



**Michael Waibel** is a Professor of International Law at the University of Vienna. His teaching and writing focus on international law, international economic law, sovereign debt and international dispute settlement. He received the Deák Prize of the American Society of International Law, the Book Prize of the European Society of International Law and a Leverhulme Prize for his research. He is Co-General Editor of the ICSID Reports (with Jorge E Viñuales) and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of International Economic Law (with Kathleen Claussen and Sergio Puig).



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### Professor Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh



**Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh** holds positions as Associate Professor of Law at the University of Amsterdam and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Fiji. She authored *State Responsibility, Climate Change and Human Rights under International Law* (Hart Publishing 2019) and is co-editing the forthcoming *Cambridge Handbook on Climate Change Litigation*. She is a member of the Bar of Vanuatu and practices from Blue Ocean Law, a boutique international law firm based in Guam. Currently, she serves as counsel for Vanuatu in the advisory proceedings on climate change before the International Court of Justice and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

## Roundtable 2: International crises and the return of classical international law

### Professor Marc Weller



**Marc Weller** is Professor of International Law and International Constitutional Studies in the University of Cambridge. He served as Senior United Nations Mediation Expert and as Senior Legal Advisor in many international peace negotiations.

### Mr Sean Aughey



**Sean Aughey** is a barrister at Essex Court Chambers in London specialising in public international law ('PIL') and international arbitration. He is regularly instructed in international cases and has appeared before numerous international tribunals including the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and investor-state arbitration tribunals. Sean is a member of the UK Attorney General's PIL B Panel of Counsel.



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### Dr Jamie Trinidad KC



**Jamie Trinidad KC** is a fellow and director of studies in law at Wolfson College, Cambridge, a fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre, and a barrister practising in Gibraltar and London. His research focuses on questions of self-determination, territory, and decolonisation.

### Professor Pietro Pustorino



**Pietro Pustorino** is Full Professor of International Law and Co-Director of the Center for International and Strategic Studies (CISS), Luiss Guido Carli, Rome. Pietro is the author of many books and articles on different issues of public international law: international personality, succession of States and failed States, human rights, non-international armed conflicts, self-determination of peoples, immunity of States and international organizations, environment and climate change, principle on non-intervention, use of force and responsibility of States. In 2023 published an *Introduction to*

*International Human Rights Law* (Springer 2023). Pietro has been visiting professor of international law at several universities both in Europe and around the world. In addition to his academic career, Professor Pustorino has been legal advisor of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on various matters of public international law and, in 2020-2021, he was a member of the Committee of Experts set up by the Ministry of the Environment to support the G20 2021 meeting on Climate and Energy issues.

### Professor Kimberley Trapp



**Kimberley Trapp** is Deputy Dean and Professor of Public International Law at UCL. She previously served as Vice-Dean (International) and held academic positions at the University of Cambridge. With a BA, BCL, and LLB from McGill and an LLM and PhD from Cambridge, Kimberley clerked at the International Court of Justice and won the Yorke Prize for her doctoral thesis, later published as *State Responsibility for International Terrorism* (OUP 2011). She advises NGOs and governments on international law, has published widely, and serves on editorial boards including the Cambridge International Law Journal and Journal on the Use of Force and International Law.



### Roundtable 3: International crises and international crimes

#### Dr Federica Paddeu



**Federica Paddeu** is an international lawyer with a cum laude law degree from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in Caracas, an LLM (first class honours, Clive Parry Prize) and a PhD (Yorke Prize) from the University of Cambridge, as well as a Post-Graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching from the University of Oxford. Her primary research interests include the law of State responsibility, the use of force, and international investment law, with additional expertise in exceptions in legal theory and practice. Her work has been published in top journals like the British Yearbook of International Law and American Journal of International Law. Her monograph, *Justification and Excuse in International Law*, was published by CUP in 2018. Before Cambridge, she worked at Baker & McKenzie in Caracas and is a member of Blackstone Chambers Academic Research Panel. She is admitted to practice in Venezuela.

#### Professor Yvonne McDermott Rees



**Yvonne McDermott Rees** is a professor at the Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law, University of Swansea. She has worked for the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and as a consultant for UNHCR, OIOS, and OSCE. Yvonne holds law degrees from the National University of Ireland, Galway, an LLM (cum laude) in Public International Law from Leiden University, and a PhD from the Irish Centre for Human Rights. Her doctoral thesis, which received a Special Mention for the Rene Cassin Thesis Prize, was published as *Fairness in International Criminal Trials* by OUP in 2016. She is an Academic Benchers at the Inner Temple and a Legal Advisor to GLAN.

#### Ms Émilie Pottle



**Émilie Pottle** is recognised as a leading junior in the field of international criminal law. She has an established practice in international human rights law and related areas. Émilie is currently instructed as junior counsel in a case in the UK concerning genocide under the International Criminal Courts Act 2001. Émilie was junior counsel for the Crown in the landmark case of *R v TRA* [2019] SC 52 concerning the interpretation of the UN Torture Convention. The case arose out of a domestic prosecution for torture carried out during the civil war in Liberia. Émilie provides advice to government agencies and NGOs on domestic prosecutions for international crimes and completed her thesis on the obligation to prosecute offences of genocide in national courts. Émilie was part of the team defending Said Gaddafi before the International Criminal Court. She has acted in cases before the ICTY and ICTR.





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### Dr Hannah Woolaver



**Hannah Woolaver** is an Associate Professor of Public International Law at the Law Faculty of the University of Cape Town. Her research and teaching interests lie in public international law, especially the relationship between international law and domestic law, the law on the use of force, and international criminal law. Dr Woolaver earned her LLB from Durham University, BCL at the University of Oxford, and PhD at the University of Cambridge.

## Closing lecture with keynote

### Professor Sandesh Sivakumaran



**Sandesh Sivakumaran** is Professor of International Law at the University of Cambridge, Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, and Fellow of St Edmund's College, Cambridge. He is a Senior Fellow at the Lieber Institute for Law and Warfare, United States Military Academy (West Point) and Fellow of the University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre. He is the author of *The Law of Non-International Armed Conflict* (OUP 2012), co-author of *Oppenheim's International Law: United Nations* (OUP 2017) and *Cases and Materials on International Law* (9th edn, Sweet and Maxwell 2020), and co-editor of *International Human Rights Law* (4th edn, OUP 2022).

### Keynote: Professor Philippe Sands KC FRSL FBA



**Philippe Sands KC FRSL FBA** 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*, will be published in April 2025. He is translated in more than 30 languages.



## 4. Logistical information

We are aware that many attendees will not be familiar with Cambridge. Accordingly, we provide the following information to assist you in planning your visit. Please note that the details below comprise mere suggestions as a matter of courtesy, and we do not have a business relationship with any of the entities below. We are unable to provide individual assistance with regard to travel or accommodation arrangements, and bears no liability in connection to the services mentioned below.

### 4.1 Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

The conference will be held in the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge located on 5 Cranmer Road, Cambridge CB3 9BL, UK (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/noMiXi8onVn9z2Xf8>).



Several taxi services local to Cambridge also offer pickups, including:

- CamCab Ltd: [www.camcab.co.uk](http://www.camcab.co.uk)
- A1 Cabco Taxis: [www.a1cabco.co.uk](http://www.a1cabco.co.uk)
- Panther Taxis: [www.panthertaxi.co.uk](http://www.panthertaxi.co.uk)

It is advisable to book a taxi in advance.

### 4.2 Cambridge train station

Regular trains run between Cambridge, London King's Cross and London Liverpool Street Station. The most convenient place to book train tickets is on Trainline: <https://www.thetrainline.com/>.

However, be aware that the train station is located outside the city centre (about a 35-minute walk to the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law). There is, however, a taxi rank at the train station where you can easily get a cab. The cost to take a cab from the station to the Lauterpacht Centre is usually around £12.

Please note that traffic is extremely heavy in the morning in Cambridge, so, depending on when you arrive to Cambridge, your best option may be to walk to the Lauterpacht Centre to arrive on time.