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Re-Imagining International Law: Opening the Pandora's Box

OPENING REMARKS:

PROF. DR. VESSELIN POPOVSKI

Faculty Coordinator of Jindal Society of International Law

From 2004 till 2014 worked as Senior Academic Officer at the United Nations University in Tokyo. Prior to that was Senior Legal Expert for the EU project 'Legal Protection of Individual Rights in Russia' (2002-2004), Lecturer at the University of Exeter, UK (1999-2002), PhD student at King's College London (1996-1999), and Bulgarian diplomat (1988-1996) serving in Sofia, New York and London. Member of the Advisory Board of the 'Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies'; and the Editorial Boards of Journal 'International Studies Review' and 'Sustainability Science'. Contributed to two major international initiatives: the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty and its Report 'Responsibility to Protect' (2001), and the Princeton Project on Universal Jurisdiction, producing 'The Princeton Principles of Universal Jurisdiction' (2001).



GUEST SPEAKERS

PROF. MALGLOSIA FITZMAURICE

Topic - Multilateralism in International Environmental Law

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice holds a chair of public international law at the Department of Law, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL). She specialises in international environmental law; the law of treaties; and indigenous peoples. She publishes widely on these subjects. Her latest publications are a monograph Whaling and International Law, Cambridge University Press, 2015 and (co-edited with Dai Tamada) Whaling in Antarctic: Significance and Implications of the ICJ Judgment, Brill/ Nijhoff, 2016 and Treaties in Motion: (with Panos Merkouris) The Evolution of Treaties from Formation to Termination (Cambridge Universality press, 2020)



She has delivered a lecture on the International Protection of the Environment at the The Hague Academy of International Law. Professor Fitzmaurice was invited as a Visiting Professor to and lectured at various universities, such Berkeley Law School; University of Kobe; Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I). She is Editor in Chief of International Community Law Review journal and of the book series published by Brill/Nijhoff Queen Mary Studies in International Law.



SIR MICHAEL WOOD

Topic - Re-Imagining International Law: What Might Have Been, What Might Be

Sir Michael Wood is a member of the UN International Law Commission, and a Senior Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge. He is a barrister at Twenty Essex Chambers, London, where he practises 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.

COMMENTATOR

Ankit Malhotra: Co-Founder and President of Jindal Society of International Law

Topic - A Universal International Rule Making Order

LECTURE - III





Topic - International Human Rights Litigation in Domestic Courts

Christina Hioureas is a Partner in International Litigation & Arbitration at Foley Hoag LLP and is Chair of the firm's United Nations Practice Group, a group which she co-founded. Hioureas acts as counsel and arbitrator in international commercial arbitration (ICC, ICDR/AAA, Swiss Rules, LCIA, UNCITRAL), investment arbitration (UNCITRAL, ICSID), and mediated disputes (ICC Dispute Resolution Board). She also represents States in public international law disputes and advises States on matters before the United Nations and its bodies.

Hioureas is an elected Term Member to the Council on Foreign Relations as a Term Member and the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law. She also serves on the teaching Staff of the University of Piraeus, Department of International & European Studies – Energy Strategy, Law & Economics Program (2018 to present). She also serves as a delegate to the International Law Association Committee on International Law and Sea Level Rise. Hioureas has received recognition in publications including Chambers Global – Public International Law (2020), Chambers USA – Arbitrators (2020), Global Arbitration Review (2015-16, 2019), Legal 500 (2014-15), Legal 500 Latin America (2015), and Who's Who International Arbitration – Future Leaders (2018-2020).

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Topic - Diplomatic Immunity and the Case of Al-Juffali

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Topic - The Development of the Contemporary Law of the Sea and Current Issues

Professor Dr. Helmut Tuerk is a native of Linz, Austria. He obtained a Doctorate in Law from the University of Vienna in 1963 and thereafter a Postgraduate Diploma frrom the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium. He joined the Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1965, serving as Legal Advisor, Deputy Secretary–General, Ambassador to the United States of America as well as to the Holy See. He further held the position of Director–General of the Office of the Austrian Federal President. From 2005 to 2015 he was a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany, also serving a term as Vice–President. Subsequently he was elected President of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, and also held the position of Chairman of the Review Committee. He is the author of numerous publications in the field of international law, in particular the law of the sea.

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Topic - Submarine Cables and the International Legal Framework

LECTURE - IV





Topic - Need and Prospects for a U.N. Convention on Crimes against Humanity

Sean D. Murphy is the Manatt/Ahn Professor of International Law at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Since 2012, he has been a Member of the U.N. International Law Commission, which appointed him Special Rapporteur for Crimes against Humanity. From 1987 to 1998, he served in the U.S. Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser working inter alia on matters relating to international humanitarian law, the law of the sea, and international dispute settlement. Since entering academia, Professor Murphy has served as counsel, arbitrator or ad hoc judge in inter-State and investor-State cases, including before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and the International Criminal Court. A former President of the American Society of International Law, Professor Murphy has published widely, including his treatise on Principles of International Law (3d ed. 2018).

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Topic - Human Rights, Warzones and COVID-19

LECTURE - W





Topic - Evolving role and mandate of International Financial Institutions

Vikram Raghavan is Lead Counsel at the World Bank's Legal Department in Washington, D.C. He is the Bank's legal advisor for conflict, refugees, and macroeconomics. Among other things, he works on the Bank's development mandate, loan conditionality, conflict and fragility, refugees and displacement, humanitarian crises and disasters, international law, military coups, sanctions, graduation, and sovereign debt.

Over his eighteen-year career, Vikram has been involved in Bank operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Yemen, and West Bank and Gaza.

Besides his legal work, Vikram frequently speaks about the Bank's evolution as a development institution. He recently received the Bretton Woods@75 Award for contributions to the Bank Group's institutional knowledge and memory. He was also involved with the World Development Report: Conflict, Security, and Development (2011).

Vikram retains a private interest in Indian constitutional law and history. He created Law and Other Things, a widely read legal blog, and contributes articles to Indian newspapers and journals. He authored Communications Law in India, which has been cited by India's Supreme Court and co-edited Comparative Constitutionalism in South Asia. Last year, he edited and published George Gadbois's Supreme Court of India: The Beginnings. He is writing a narrative non-fiction account of how India became a constitutional republic in 1950.

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Topic - IMF and European Union

LECTURE - WI





Topic - Fragmentation and Cross-Fertilization of International Law

Giuditta Cordero-Moss is a professor at the University of Oslo. Her fields of expertise are primarily Private International Law, Norwegian and Comparative Law of Obligations, International Commercial Law, International Commercial Arbitration. She is often invited by universities and organisations, including the Hague Academy of International Law – where she held a series of lectures on Party Autonomy in International Commercial Arbitration (2014). She is an appointed or elected member of numerous organisations, among others: the European Group for Private International Law (since 2017), the International Academy of Comparative Law (titular member since 2017, associate member since 2010), the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (since 2016). From 2017 to 2020 she was the President of the Administrative Tribunal, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, where she was a judge from 2007 to 2020.

She was appointed by the Norwegian Ministry of Justice to be the sole member of the Commission preparing a Norwegian bill on choice of law for contractual and for non-contractual obligations (2017-2018). She holds positions in numerous organisations, among others: Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law (since 2019), Alternate Member of the International Court of Arbitration, International Chamber of Commerce (since 2018), member of the Council, Arbitration Chamber of Milan (since 2017), member of the Norwegian Governmental Tariff Board (since 2015), Vice Chairman of the Board of the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway (since 2014), member of the Board of Directors of the Arbitration Institute, Oslo Chamber of Commerce (since 2010), delegate for Norway at the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration (since 2007). She was the general editor on Norway's largest law review, Lov og Rett from 2011 to 2020.

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Topic - Fragmentation of International Law

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Topic - Governance on the High Seas: How to Address National Exploitation of Global Resources in the 21st Century

John A. Burgess, professor of practice for the LL.M. program, teaches courses on the law of the sea, and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. Prior to his retirement in 2013, Burgess practiced law at the global law firm of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr for 37 years, and during that time, chaired the firm's corporate and international practice groups, and served on its management committee. He has represented for profit, NGO, and university clients in a range of transactions throughout Western Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He was regularly listed in Best Lawyers in America and Massachusetts "Super Lawyers" in areas of international trade, finance, mergers and acquisitions, and securities law.

A graduate of Yale University (B.A. in history) and Harvard Law School (J.D.), he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a fellow of Branford College at Yale University, an overseer at WBUR-FM and former president of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. Burgess has lectured on international mergers and securities law at the University of Iowa and Peking University School of Transnational Law, has participated in panels or seminars relating to law of the sea in Taipei and Reykjavik and is a permanent lecturer at St. Gallen University in Switzerland.

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Topic - Controlling High Sea in Middle East

LECTURE - WIII





Topic - Common Law and Civil Law jurisdictions in the context of Family Law

William specialises in international divorce, financial relief (including pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements) and private law children cases. A number of his clients are ultra-high net worth individuals and members of high profile aristocratic and international families.

William has advised on divorce cases and pre- and post-nuptial agreements often valued in the hundreds of millions or billions and is regularly working opposite other Band 1 lawyers from the leading firms. William has won several awards over the years for his work and is ranked tier 1 in Chambers, the 'Hall of Fame' in Legal 500 and a is listed as a 'Top Recommended' Family Lawyer in the Spear's 500 2020.

He is the joint author with Sarah Higgins of Family Breakdown and Trusts for Butterworths and he is a past president of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) for which he organised a conference in New Delhi in September 2016. William is extremely well connected through IAFL. One peer says as "William Longrigg has superb judgment and always looks to find a pragmatic solution without rushing into litigation unless that is what is required. His expertise in international disputes is second to none".

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Topic - Globalisation and Citizenship

LECTURE - IX





DR. MARTINS PAPARINSKIS

Topic - A Case against Crippling Compensation in International Law of State Responsibility

Dr. Martins Paparinskis is Reader (Associate Professor) in Public International Law at University College London. He is a generalist public international lawyer with a variety of specialist interests. Martins has published with the American Journal of International Law, the British Year Book of International Law, the European Journal of International Law, and the Modern Law Review, for his monograph with Oxford Monograph Series in International Law, and is the author on State responsibility in the forthcoming 10th edition of Oppenheim: Peace. His work is regularly cited by international tribunals and domestic courts on issues of international law. Martins is the book review editor of the Journal of World Investment and Trade, a co-editor of Current Legal Problems, and a member of the editorial board of UCL Press. He is also a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, a conciliator of the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and a member of ICSID panels of arbitrators and of conciliators.

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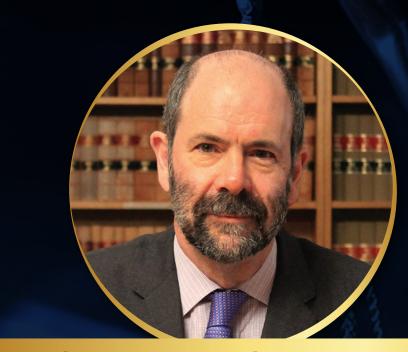
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Topic - State Responsibility, COVID-19 and China

LECTURE - X





DONALD ROTHWELL

Topic - International Polar Law

Donald R Rothwell is Professor of International Law at the ANU College of Law, Australian National University where he has taught since July 2006. His research has a specific focus on law of the sea, international polar law, and implementation of international law within Australia as reflected in 26 books, and over 200 articles, book chapters and notes in international and Australian publications. Rothwell's recent authored, co-authored or edited books include The Law of the Sea in South East Asia (Routledge, 2019) edited with Letts; International Law in Australia 3rd (Thomson Reuters, 2017) edited with Crawford; and The International Law of the Sea 2nd (Bloomsbury, 2016) with Stephens. Major career works include The Polar Regions and the Development of International Law (CUP, 1996), and International Law: Cases and Materials with Australian Perspectives 3rd (CUP, 2018) with Kaye, Akhtar-Khavari, Davis and Saunders. Rothwell is also General Editor of the Australian Year Book of International Law and Editor-in-Chief of the Brill Research Perspectives in Law of the Sea. From 2012-18 he was Rapporteur of the International Law Association (ILA) Committee on 'Baselines under the International Law of the Sea'. He has taught a range of courses including Law of the Sea, International Dispute Resolution, International Law and Use of Armed Force, International Humanitarian Law, Military Operations Law, and Public International Law. Rothwell was previously Challis Professor of International Law and Director of the Sydney Centre for International and Global Law, University of Sydney (2004-2006), where he had taught since 1988.

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Topic - Critiquing International Polar Law

LECTURE - XI





Topic - The South China Sea Disputes: Does International Law Matter?

Dr. Tara Davenport is Deputy Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS) and a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Law (CIL) at NUS. She has an LLB from the London School of Economics, an LLM in Maritime Law from NUS, an LLM and JSD from Yale Law School.

She received a Fulbright Scholarship in 2013 and the NUS Overseas Graduate Scholarship in 2014. She is a qualified Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore. Her current research interests are public international law, law of the sea and international dispute settlement. She has written on the South China Sea disputes, submarine cables and deep seabed mining. She is a member of the Legal Working Group on Liability for Environmental Harm from Activities in the Area convened by the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority. She is also the Rapporteur for the International Law Association Study Committee on Submarine Cables and Pipelines.

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Topic - Hegemony and International Law

LECTURE - XIII





Topic - Re-imagining International law with a proper system of Enforcement

John Dugard is a South African living in the Netherlands. He holds the BA and LLB degrees from the University of Stellenbosch and the LLB and LLD degrees from the University of Cambridge. In South Africa he was a professor of law at the University of the Witwatersrand and Director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies, a unit engaged in research, advocacy and litigation for human rights. From 1995 to 1997 he was Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge. Later he was appointed as Professor of International Law at the University of Leiden.

He served as a member of the UN International Law Commission from 1997 to 2011, during which time he was Rapporteur on Diplomatic Protection. From 2001 to 2007 he was UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in occupied Palestine. He served irregularly as judge ad hoc on the International Court of Justice from 2000 to 2018. His publications include The South West Africa/Namibia Dispute (1974), Human Rights and the South African Legal Order(1978), The Secession and Recognition of States (2013) and Dugard's International Law: A South African Perspective, 5th ed (2018). He is a Senior Counsel of the High Court of South Africa and member of the Institute of International Law.

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Topic - Realpolitik and International Law

LECTURE - XIII





Topic - The Coming Conflict Between Cybersecurity and Commerce

Prof. Trachtman has been a professor of international law at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University since 1989. A 1980 graduate of Harvard Law School, where he served as editor in chief of the Harvard International Law Journal, he practiced law in New York and Hong Kong for 9 years before entering academia. From 1998 to 2001, he was Academic Dean of the Fletcher School, and during 2000 and 2001, he served as Dean ad interim. Prof. Trachtman teaches courses in commercial law, including international business law, international financial law, and international trade law. He also serves as Director of Fletcher's LL.M. Program in International Law, and as Co-Director of the Center for International Law and Governance.

Prof. Trachtman is a world-renowned authority on international trade law, and has pioneered the application of economic analysis of law to international law. The author of over a hundred scholarly articles and chapters, he has published 10 books, including with publishers such as Harvard, Oxford, and Cambridge University presses. He has served as a member of the boards of the leading journals in international law, including the American Journal of International law, the European Journal of International Law, the Journal of International Economic Law, and the Singapore Yearbook of International Law. He has consulted for a number of governments and international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Bank, and the OECD. He has been a visiting professor at Basel, Hamburg, Harvard, Hong Kong, MGIMO, Pretoria, Swansea, and Hebrew University, and has lectured at other leading universities around the world. He frequently comments in the media on current international commercial law issues.

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Topic - International Law and Cybersecurity and Commerce

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GENTIAN ZYBERI

Topic - The Role And Contribution Of The International Court Of Justice In Developing International Human Rights Law

Gentian Zyberi is a Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo and currently head of department. In his career, he has combined effectively academic work and the practice of international law. Professor Zyberi has been involved in a case before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and has worked for the Defence at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in two cases with multiple defendants. Currently he is a member of the UN Human Rights Committee (2019-2022). During the last 17 years, Professor Zyberi has researched, published and taught on various areas of public international law and has written extensively on the practice of the ICJ.

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Topic - Applying International Law to Warzones During COVID-19