

**DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND REGIONAL SECURITY:
Constitutional Status and Framework of the Tribal Areas in Pakistan and
Afghanistan**

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STUDIES**

9.00: Registration with Tea/Coffee

**9.30: Welcome Speech: Professor Robert McCorquodale (Director, British Institute
of International and Comparative Law)**

**CHAIR: Professor Sandy Gandhi (Professor of International Human Rights Law,
Reading University, UK)**

**9.40-9.50: Sir Hilary Synnott KCMG (Consulting Senior Fellow at the IISS and a
former British High Commissioner in Pakistan)**

The implications of recent political developments in Pakistan

**SESSION I
10.00–11.45: INTERNATIONAL LAW REGIONAL SECURITY AND ISSUES OF
TERRORISM**

**CHAIR: Elizabeth Wilmshurst (Fellow of the Royal Institute of International Affairs at
Chatham House and Professor of International Law, University College London)**

SPEAKERS:

Professor Nigel White (Professor of International Law, Sheffield University)

The UN's Response to Terrorism: The Development or Erosion of International Law?

Professor John Packer, (Director Human Rights Centre, Essex University)

International Law, Human Rights, and Regional Security

Dr Matthew Happold, (Reader in Law, University of Hull)

The Security Council and International Terrorism

Katja Samuel, University of Sheffield

Responding to 'Regional' Security Issues: What Role for the Organisation of Islamic
Conference?

11.45-12.00: Tea/Coffee break

<p>SESSION II: 12.00– 13.00: DEFINING THE FRAMEWORK–TRIBAL AREAS IN LEGAL CONTEXT</p>

CHAIR: Dr Alexandra Xanthaki (Senior Lecturer, Brunel Law School, Brunel University)

SPEAKERS:

Afrasiab Khattak, (Human Rights Activist (Pakistan and Afghanistan), President Awami National Party (Pakistan)

The Great Game: Tribal Areas and their Governance in Historical Perspective

Kamran Arif, Advocate (Pakistan)

Tribal Areas Today: 'Legal Black-hole' and Talibanistan in the Tribal Areas

13.00–13.45: Lunch

<p>SESSION III: 13.45–15.45: TRIBAL AREAS INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND THE THREAT FROM BRITISH ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS</p>

CHAIR: Sir Michael Wood (Member of the UN International Law Commission, Senior Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge and Barrister at 20 Essex Street Chambers)

SPEAKERS:

Professor Javaid Rehman, (Professor of International Law and Islamic Law. Brunel University, UK)

Bin Laden's homelands: Tribal Areas, International Terrorism and the threat from British Islamic fundamentalists

Kaiyan Homi Kaikobad, (Professor of International Law, Brunel University, UK)

Tribalism, Terrorism and the Rule of International Law

Nigel Inkster CMG, (Director of Transnational Threats and Political Risk at IISS)

Global jihad and the tribal areas

Colonel Christopher Langton, (Senior Fellow for Conflict & Defence Diplomacy at IISS) Relations with Afghanistan, the Taleban insurgency and NATO

15.45–16.00: Tea/Coffee break



SESSION IV: SPONSORED BY EURASIA-NET

**16.00–18.00: WOMEN'S RIGHTS RELIGIOUS AND
CULTURAL INTOLERANCE AND TRIBAL AREAS OF
AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN**

CHAIR: Professor Ben Chigara (Research Professor, Brunel Law School)

SPEAKERS:

Professor Rebecca Wallace (Professor of International Human Rights Law Robert Gordon University, UK)

Women's Rights: International Law - Asylum and Refugee Issues

Dr Siobhan Mullally, (Director Senior Lecturer, Co-Director Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights University College Cork)

CEDAW: Promoting Gender Equality, Negotiating Difference

Tanveer Jahan (DCHD, Democratic Commission on Human Development, Pakistan)

Vulnerable Groups in Tribal Areas: Women, Children and Religious Minorities

Dr Niaz Shah, (Lecturer, University of Hull)

Women's Rights and International Law