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**Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**  
**International Bar Association**  
**and**  
**British Institute of International and Comparative Law**

jointly present a Seminar on

## **HUMAN RIGHTS FACT FINDING MISSIONS**

1-2 June 2009

at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law  
London

### **Programme**

**DAY 1**  
**Monday 1 June 2009**

**9.00 – 9.30 Registration and Coffee**

**9.30 – 9.45 Welcoming Remarks in the presence of the Ambassador of Sweden, HE Mr Staffan Carlsson**  
Speaker: **Professor Robert McCorquodale**, Director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

**9.45 – 11.00 Keynote Address**  
Speaker: **Geoffrey Robertson QC**, Head of Doughty Street Chambers; UN Internal Justice Council

**11.00 – 11.30 Tea/Coffee**

**11.30 – 13.00 What is Fact Finding ?**

Chair: **Sarah Williams**, Dorset Fellow in Public International Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Speakers: **The Hon Justice Robert J Sharpe**, Court of Appeal, Ontario  
**Wilder Tayler**, Acting Secretary-General, International Commission of Jurists  
**Christian Åhlund**, Executive Director, ILAC  
**Prof Charles Garraway**, UK Representative, International Humanitarian Fact Finding Commission; British Red Cross, Legal Adviser on International Humanitarian Law

**13.00 – 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 – 15.30 Interviewing Vulnerable Groups**

Chair: **Dr Louise Arimatsu**, International Humanitarian Law Project, London School of Economics

Speakers **Mona Rishmawi**, Legal Adviser and Coordinator of the Rule of Law and Democracy Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights  
**Graham Dossett**, Fellow, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex  
**Carla Ferstman**, Director, Redress

**15.30 – 16.00 Tea/Coffee**

**16.00 – 17.30 Practical Issues**

Chair: **Alan Stephens**, Director of Research, Clemens Nathan Research Centre  
Speakers: **Andrew Mawson**, Deputy Program Director, Human Rights Watch London Office  
**Purna Sen**, Head of Human Rights, Commonwealth Secretariat

**18.00 – 18.30 Drinks Reception**

**DAY 2**  
**Tuesday 2 June 2009**

**9.30 – 11.00 Effectiveness of the Mission**

Chair: **Prof Sir Nigel Rodley** KBE, Chair, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex; UN Special Rapporteur on Torture from 1993-2001; Member, UN Human Rights Committee

Speakers: **Dan Saxon**, Senior Prosecuting Trial Attorney, Office of the Prosecutor, ICTY  
**Philip Leach**, Professor and Director of the Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute and the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre at London Metropolitan University

**11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break**

**11.30 – 12.30 Fact Finding Guidelines: Launch and Commentary on the Guidelines – Open Session**

Chair: **Dr Phillip Tahmindjis**, International Bar Association

**12.30 – 12.45 Concluding Remarks**

Speaker: **Leif Holmström**, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law