



**The 2012
British Institute of International and Comparative Law
Annual Conference and Grotius Lecture**

Thursday 25 October

At BMA House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JP



**British Institute of
International and
Comparative Law**

Annual Conference

International Law, the Rule of Law and Constitutional Change

The conference will consider the impact of 'Arab Spring' through three panels addressing Rule of Law, Public International Law, and International Investment Law

12.30 - 13.00 **Registration**

13.00 - 13.05 **Welcome Address**

Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE QC

President and Chairman, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

13.05 - 14.30 **Panel One: Rule of Law**

Chair: Elizabeth Wilmshurst, Fellow of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House and Visiting Professor, University College London

Speakers:

Dr Tariq Ali Baloch, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Lawyering in the Arab Spring: Insights on the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry

Naina Patel, Blackstone Chambers and Visiting Fellow, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law

The Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States

Professor Marc Weller, Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (tbc)

Transitions of the Arab Spring - International Mediation Perspective

14.30 - 14.40 **Short Break**

14.40 - 16.10 **Panel Two: Public International Law**

Chair: Alice Lacourt, Legal Counsellor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Speakers:

Professor Shaheen Sardar Ali, University of Warwick

Islamic Tradition and Universality of Human Rights

Professor Dino Kritsiotis, University of Nottingham

Massive Violations of Human Rights and the Use of Force

Professor Nick Grief, University of Kent and Doughty Street Chambers

Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East and North Africa

16.10 - 16.30 **Tea Break**

16.30 - 18.00 **Panel Three: International Investment Law**

Chair: N. Jansen Calamita, Senior Research Fellow in International Trade and Investment Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Speakers:

Anthony Sinclair, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP

The Feasibility of Re-structuring of Investments in the Region to Maximize Legal Protection under International Investment Treaties

Carol Searle, Ince & Co. (tbc)

The Challenges of Working with Transitional Regimes and the Risks for Investors Created by the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the UK Bribery Act

Dr Charles Gurdon, Menas Associates

The Implications of the Upheaval of the Arab Spring and the Imposition of International Sanctions on Certain Countries for Political Risk Insurance Coverage

Annual Grotius Lecture

The Arab Spring, the Arab Awakening or the Ongoing Arab Revolution?

A lecture by

Professor Cherif Bassiouni
Emeritus Professor of Law at DePaul University

18.30 - 19.00 **Registration**

19.00 - 20.00 **Grotius Lecture**

Introduction by:

Professor Robert McCorquodale

Director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Professor Cherif Bassiouni, Emeritus Professor of Law at DePaul University
The Arab Spring, the Arab Awakening or the Ongoing Arab Revolution?

20.15 - 20.30 **Registration**

20.30 - 23.00 **Grotius Dinner**

After dinner speaker:

Sir Franklin Berman KCMG QC

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