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## Participant Biography

### Professor Malcolm D Evans, OBE

Malcolm Evans is Professor of Public International Law at the University of Bristol where he has taught since 1988 and has served as Head of the School of Law (2003-5) and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law (2005-9). His areas of specialism include the international law of the sea and international human rights protection. His particular interests concern torture and torture prevention and the protection of religious liberty under international law, on both of which he was written extensively. Major published works include: *Religious Liberty and International Law in Europe* (CUP, 1997), *Preventing Torture* (OUP, 1998), *Protecting Prisoners* (ed) (OUP, 1999), *Combating Torture in Europe* (Council of Europe, 2002), *Manual on the Wearing of Religious Symbols in Public Areas* (Council of Europe/Brill, 2009), *The Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture* (OUP, 2011).

He is a member, and since 2011, Chair, of the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (the SPT). He is also a member of the OSCE ODIHR Advisory Council on the Freedom of Religion or Belief, and has worked extensively with numerous international organisations on a broad range of human rights issues. In 2010 he also became a member of the Foreign Secretary's Human Rights Advisory Group. With Professor Rachel Murray, he has published on the protection of human rights in Africa. He is also editor of the work, *International Law* (OUP, 3rd ed, 2010) and of Blackstones' *International Law Documents* (OUP, 10th ed, 2011). He is a General Editor of the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly,* and Co-Editor in Chief of the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*.

He is also Chair of the Academic Consultative Committee of Cumberland Lodge, and Chair of the Governing Body of Regent's Park College, Oxford.