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26th Annual SLS/BIICL Conference on Theory in International Law

'Inside the mind of international decision-makers'

3rd May 2017, 14:00-19:00

**British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Charles Clore House, 17
Russell Square, London WC1B 5JP**

2:00 Registration

2:15-3pm Keynote Address by Professor Anne Van Aaken, University of St. Gallen : *Inside the Arbitrator's Mind*

Chair: Dr Philippa Webb, Co-convenor of the SLS International Law Section, King's College London, 20 Essex Street

3:00pm-4:30pm Panel 1: *Inside the Judge's mind*

Chair: The Rt Hon the Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers KG PC, President of BIICL

Dr Angela Zhang, King's College London: *Judging in Europe: Do Legal Traditions Matter?*

Ms Elena Abrusci, University of Nottingham: *Inside human rights adjudication: The impact of the educational and work background of judges and members of human rights bodies on judicial convergence and fragmentation*

Ms Katrin Fenrich, Institute for the Law of Peace and Armed Conflict Ruhr University: *The Interdependency of International Decision-Makers or The Power of Consent*

4:30-4:45pm Coffee break

4:45-6:15pm Panel 2: *Inside the State decision-maker's mind*

Chair: Professor Matthew Happold, University of Luxembourg

Mr Manu Misra, Bocconi University: *State Compliance with Investment Treaty Arbitration Awards: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)*

Ms Alexandra Hofer, Ghent University: *The power of emotions and subjective beliefs in foreign policy decision-making and their influence on international law*

Dr Maria Varaki, Erik Castren Institute of International Law and Human Rights in Helsinki: *From expertise and techniques to virtues*

6:15-7pm Closing Address and Discussion: Dr Charlotte Peevers, University of Glasgow: *Prospects of truth seeking: the Chilcot Inquiry and the decision to go to war*